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And the changes start...

First step of construction and renovation begins, natural field to be replaced with an artificial one and new plaza to be created

Photo by Ben Jarrett

For the remainder of the school year, construction will line the football field and its surrounding area as the college begins the four steps for its renovation.

By Danielle McCullough
A&E Writer

On Monday, Jan. 21, construction began on and around the football field.

The removal of grass on the football field is the first of a four-step project to renovate Burry Stadium.

The four steps include: installation of an artificial surface on the playing field, additional exterior lighting, improvements to the bleachers, and the construction of the plaza.

The plaza will be named the Joe Fusco Plaza, after former football standout, football coach and athletic director Joe Fusco. Fusco served as athletic director from 1985-1999.

As stated in an email sent to campus by Physical Plant Director Owen Wagner, the use of the track during the first step of construction will be prohibited.

According to the email, this step should last for four to six weeks and, according to Wagner, will be ready by the beginning of track season.

Questions have arisen as to why this process did not occur during the five week winter break when students were not on campus.

Wagner provided several reasons for the timing for the beginning of the four step project.

Funding and the budget for the project are one of the main reasons for the January start date. The project is "dependent on funding," Wagner said.

While some people think that the current projects are hindering athletic practices and college activities, borough residents are more inconvenienced.

Wagner pointed out that stripping the field and prohibiting the use of the track in January and February is more of an inconvenience to New Wilmington community members who exercise by walking the track than the track and field team.

Wagner also said that that the athletic department and physical plant agreed that this was a good time to begin construction.

If construction did not begin until May, when students leave campus for summer vacation, the chance of an functional field for football season would be questionable.

"If we waited until May, it would have backed us up," Wagner said.

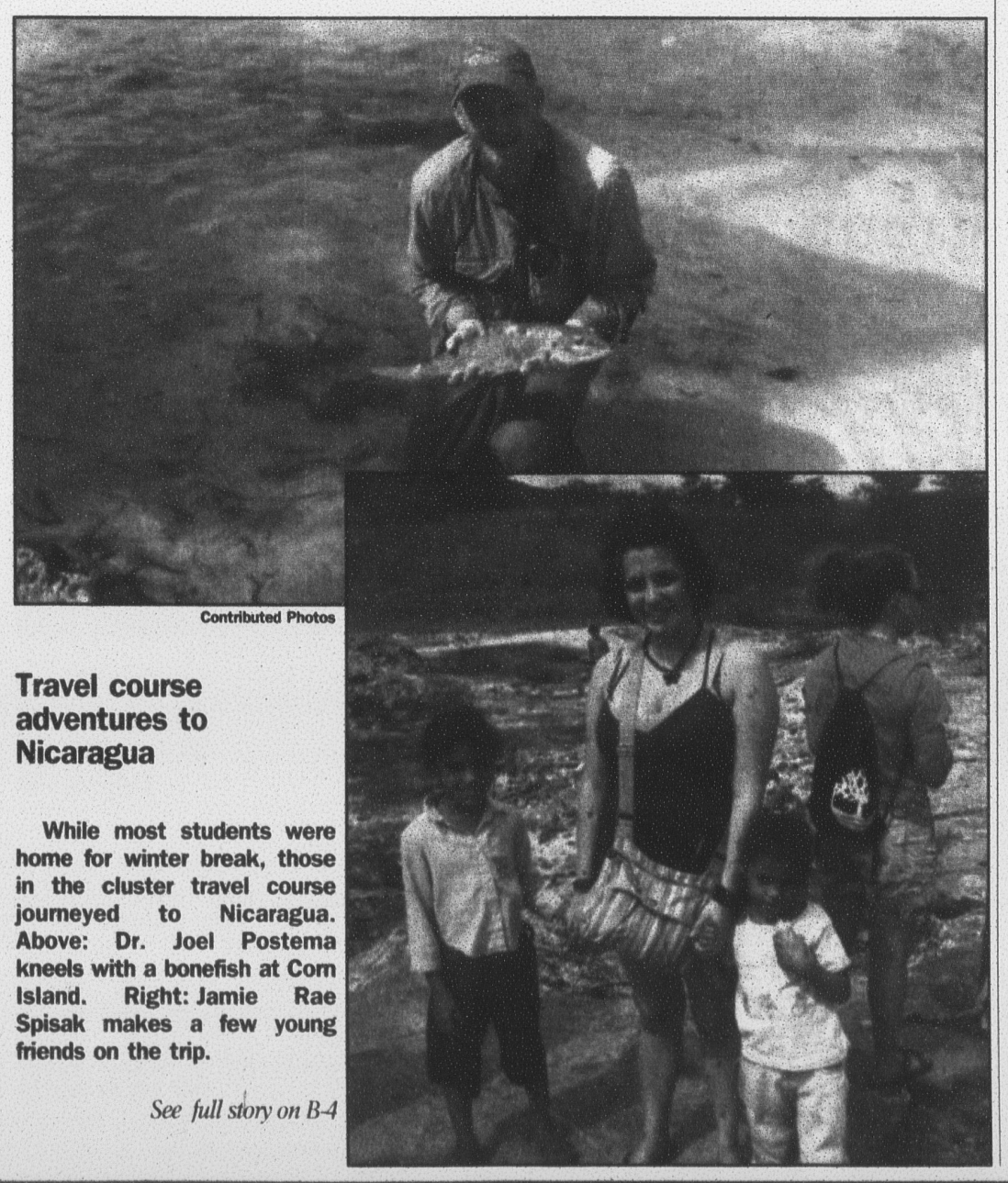
An unfinished field during football season would cause severe problems.

The project must be finished before August when the football team returns to school to gear up for the season. Additionally, other sports teams and activities, such as the marching band, use the field during activities.

Additionally, the project is weather dependent. Construction is hindered by heavy snowfall and other inclement weather.

Essentially, the bulk of the work will be completed during the summer months when it will not hinder school athletic teams.

No snow in sunny and warm Nicaragua!



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Travel course adventures to Nicaragua

While most students were home for winter break, those in the cluster travel course journeyed to Nicaragua. Above: Dr. Joel Postema kneels with a bonefish at Corn Island. Right: Jamie Rae Spisak makes a few young friends on the trip.

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New resident assistants to be selected

Resident Life to select students to fill RA positions

By Laura Henry
Staff Writer

The Resident Assistant selection process is underway and soon approaching its final stages.

Resident Life will need to replace half of last year's staff who is no longer employed, to obtain the 40 needed RA positions. Before the positions are chosen, students interested in obtaining an RA position on the 2008-2009 Residence Life staff must first complete several requirements and activities.

The only activities that were not required to attend were the three RA Cafés. During the informational sessions questions were answered and students were able to voice their concerns.

Continuing the process, students must complete the Resident Assistant application, due Friday Feb. 15. Along with the application, students are responsible for submitting a short resumé, a financial aid review, a current RA reference form, and a priority list of anticipated activities. Once applications have been collected, interviews will take place Feb. 25 through the 29.

Next, potential RAs are required to attend the RA Meet N' Greet and Group Process on Saturday Mar. 1. During the event, Resident Life will evaluate students on personal skills and the interaction with others.

After reviewing the actions, characteristics, and qualities students have portrayed, the chosen 2008-2009 RAs will be publicized as students receive confirmation letters in their mailboxes Friday, Mar. 14.

Galbreath Hall Resident Director Tara Bittner feels that becoming an RA is a wonderful opportunity.

"Becoming an RA is a chance to build relationships and it is a great experience."

-Tara Bittner

"It [an RA position] is a win-win situation. The students are there for Westminster and Westminster is there for the students. Students become a foundation for Resident Life. At a liberal arts college learning doesn't stop in the classroom."

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Opinion

RANT & RAVE

The Plague!

I want a cookie.

I need a fork.

How 'bout them cowgirls?

Save the greenbacks!

Take me to the big rock.

Yay IM Soccer!

Please, don't meow at me.

The TUB is always packed.

No snow, No sledding.

Come see the Jazz Ensemble!

That sidewalk is out to get me.

weird.

What really happened to Abe?

Canadian, eh?

Mardi Gras beads?

oh disappointment box.

The sewers are billowing.

They gave me the whole fish.

I like your color weave.

Thanks for coming.

Thanks for stopping by.

It's like pompeii

Need sleepy.

Fermata.

It's like an inferno down here.

Is it Spring break yet?

She's pocket sized.

No.

It's cold again

You sound like death.

crash.

American Gladiators!

No, I want water flavored water.

Want to Rant & Rave? Email *The Holcad* with RNR as the subject.

The weekly glip: Informed

Anthony Colwell
Weekly Glipper

I spoke in last week's article about voting and mentioned that we as Americans should all be informed on the issues. I also wrote last semester after Mock Convention about people making sure that they do research before believing every rumor that they hear Apparently, this advice was not taken seriously by everyone.

I was sitting at lunch the other day and I had the privilege of hearing one of America's fine scholars talk about their opinion of Barack Obama. I thought perhaps this person may have taken my advice before speaking about such things but I was sadly mistaken.

Among many things that were said, my favorite quote was the following: "If that Muslim is elected president, I am moving to Europe." Now this made me sad,, but also made me laugh at the person, because they are obviously uninformed. I researched the subject for all of five minutes and this is what I discovered about Barack Obama.

First, Obama is a Kenyan name, not a Muslim name and the middle name of Osama that he possesses is a family name that has nothing to do with Bin Laden. I know this seems obvious to most but I have to mention it to clarify for others.

Why does he possess this family name? His father was from a Muslim family I say it in that fashion because by the time his father and mother met, his father was already a confirmed atheist. Considering his mother was a WASP, it seems that Obama would have had a single Muslim influence on him in his entire life. So that argument is out the window.

Addressing Obama's religion, he was baptized at the United church of Christ and has been a very active member for the past 20 years. It seems that five minutes of research on a subject can really facilitate the true understanding of it. It can also prevent you from sounding completely unintelligent when you talk about it.

So with less than five minutes of research I was able to find all of this information about Obama. I had no knowledge of his background before this, considering one's religion should have nothing to do with whether you vote for him, but I found it easy to take the time to do so.

The worst part of this situation is that people who absolutely need to be informed also find themselves making comments that could seriously incriminate them. My favorite example of this is Mitt Romney.

In a recent Republican debate, Romney stated that he knew that all of the candidates were against blanket amnesty for illegal immigrants with the exception of Ron Paul. He was promptly booed by the audience and corrected by Ron Paul who said that he too was against the blanket amnesty.

Take heart in knowing that even a presidential candidate can speak without thinking or not do his research. This of course is no excuse. Many websites exist that a student can easily access to be informed on the issues.

A couple of these websites include CNN.com, FoxNews.com, news.google.com, and many others. Taking a couple minutes even once every other day can keep us informed about what is going on in our country.

With all of this said, I believe that it is our responsibility to stay on top of what is going on. If we do not know the issues, how are we supposed to know who would best represent us? After all, without knowing the issues, many republicans might end up voting for a democratic-minded senator from Arizona who just happens to be running with an (R) next to his name.

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How To Make America Energy Independent

Let's Talk About: Fairness

Allison Houser
Discussion Leader

I am a senior. Yes, in just three and a half months, I will become an alumna of this fine institution called Westminster. Soon, not only will I continue to pay for my education, but I will also be asked to donate more money back to the school I have called home for four years.

And I'm okay with this. My education has been worth every single penny (although I ask the administration to not get any ideas and raise tuition again), and I believe I have received a great one. I do, however, ask that I, along with my fellow seniors and those that follow, be treated with respect while here. Not only is that the right thing to do (since in just fourteen weeks, you will be asking us for money), but we deserve it.

And this is where I bring up the situation in which I believe we have been treated unfairly. The parking situation on this campus leaves much to be desired. I live in Thompson House, but, due to library renovations, I was unable to receive a parking pass for the physical plant lot. Instead, I, in addition to many other upper class students, received a yellow decal and must park, more often than not, near the field house or behind the football field.

Yes, decals were sold at the end of last school year and I missed it. I'm not trying to make excuses, but I had a good reason: I simply couldn't afford it. I lived in Washington, DC (to complete an internship which was mandatory for my major) over the summer and had to save as much money as possible. Thus, when I returned to campus in the fall, all that remained were yellow decals.

I also hold a job at the outlets, and sometimes I work late nights. And, I'll admit it; the thought of walking to my house from an abandoned parking lot in the middle of the night gives me the heebie jeebies. So I usually call security and ask them to give me a ride so I don't have to walk by myself in the dead of night. Unfortunately, it sometimes takes them awhile to get to me. So, one night, I parked next to my house instead because it was 1 a.m., and I didn't want to sit in a deserted lot for half an hour.

Of course, I got a ticket, which I appealed with the explanation I detailed above. My appeal was denied with no reason given. In response, I contacted the highest authority (whom shall remain nameless) I knew about the situation.

I repeated my appeal and explained that I completely understood if my appeal was denied, but I would appreciate an explanation. My e-mail was read, but ignored.

I believe that this is an injustice. When those who break the law are sent to jail, they're at least told what their crime is. When I have to pay $10 just to park near my house, I would like to know why. I would also like to point out that each day there are multiple empty parking spots in the physical plant lot, leaving enough room for many other students to park there. As a senior, I feel it is only fair for me, along with the rest of the class of 2008, to park wherever we choose without fear of being ticketed.

So in a few months when I am asked to donate money to Westminster, I will. But I would have been able to donate ten more dollars if I were allowed to park near where I live. Just an FYI.

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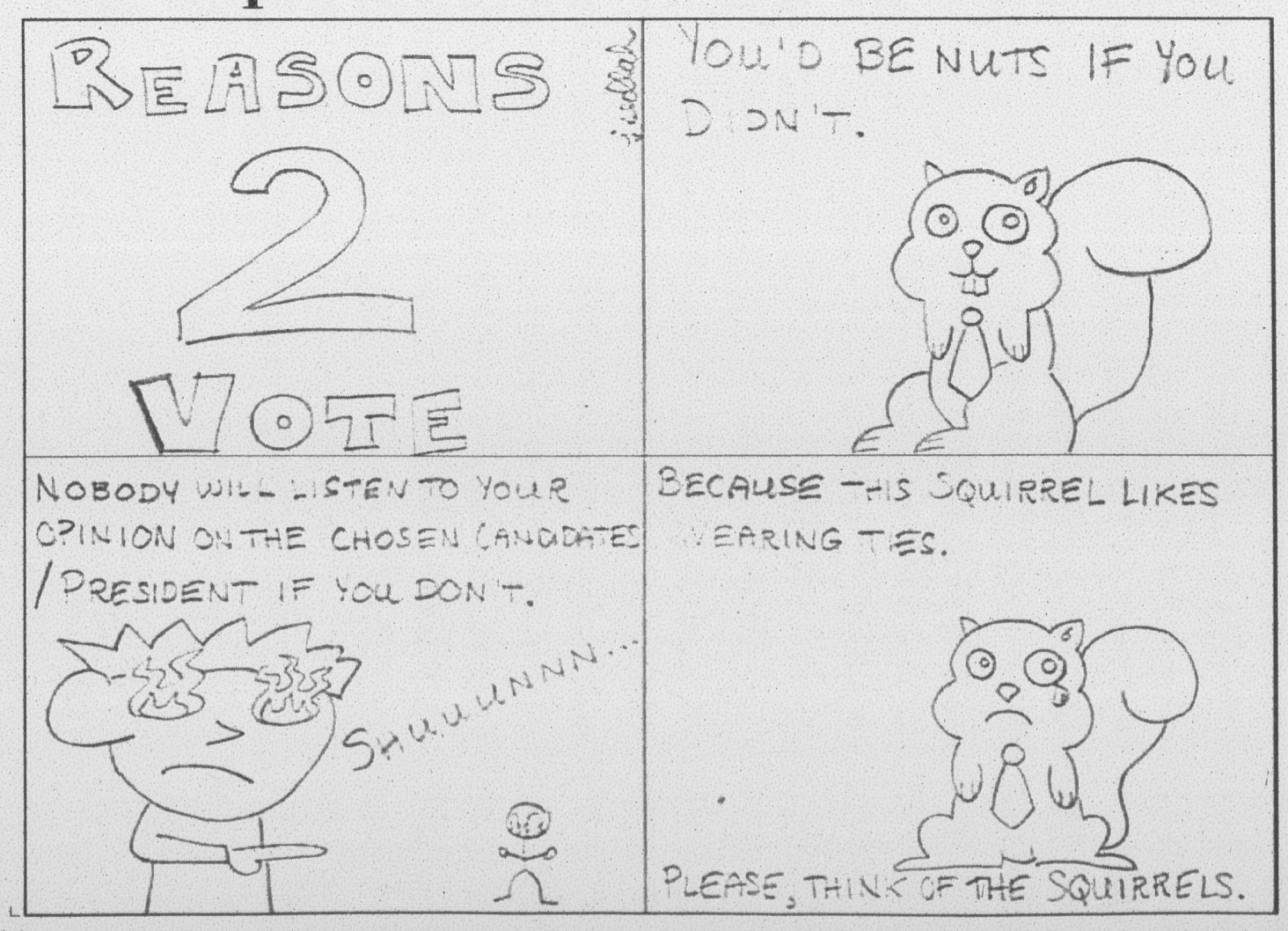

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Outside the Bubble

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REGIONAL

Pa. man accused of road rage gunfire with child in car

NEW HOPE, Pa. (AP) -A Bucks County man is accused of a road rage incident culminating in gunfire while his 8-year-old son was in the car.

Police say charges against 29-year-old John Carrothers, of Newtown Township, include a first-degree felony count of aggravated assault, and endangering the welfare of a child.

District Judge Robert Wagner Jr. ordered Carrothers held in lieu of $500,000 bail. It wasn't immediately known if he has an attorney. A hearing is scheduled Monday.

Police say a motorist driving through Lower Makefield Township on Saturday night called to report a possible drunken driver. The man said the vehicle then followed him, tailgating with high beams on.

The motorist said he pulled over to let the vehicle pass, but the other driver also stopped and got out. He told police he thought he heard a gunshot as he pulled away. Police found a .40-caliber shell casing at the scene of the crime.

Fayette Co. man given life sentence in beating death

UNIONTOWN, Pa. (AP) - A Fayette County man has been convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison for beating his girlfriend to death with a microwave oven.

Sixty-year-old Walter Fordyce of Uniontown testified Tuesday that he stomped on 54-year-old Mary McCann after hitting her with the microwave at their home in April 2006.

He also said he slammed McCann's head on the floor and set her in a living room chair before drinking a beer and falling asleep.

Jurors deliberated for 30 minutes before finding him guilty of first-degree murder. Fordyce was immediately sentenced to life in prison. His attorney says he signed a waiver of appeal.

Rendell proposes major funding boost for Pa. public schools

HARRISBURG, Pa, (AP) - Rewriting Pennsylvania's education funding formula to give needy school districts more money has always been a politically thorny proposition, yet that is what Gov. Ed Rendell hopes to accomplish over six years, starting with his 2008-09 state budget.

The spending plan Rendell presented to lawmakers on Tuesday calls for basic education subsidies to grow by nearly 6 percent, or $291 million. That would be the largest one-year increase in more than two decades, the governor said.

The increase is part of a six-year plan to give schools a $2.6 billion infusion of state money that would partially fill a $4 billion education spending gap identified by a "costing out" study ordered by the Legislature and released last fall.

And the administration is promising that the plan will not require a tax increase.

"This budget begins the process of building a new school funding formula that will finally provide all Pennsylvania public schools with the resources they need to provide a quality education," Rendell said in his budget address.

Republican legislative leaders said Rendell was moving too quickly to implement a new funding formula without allowing the Legislature to evaluate the idea first, however.

The proposed formula would determine an "adequate" funding level for each district – at least $8,355 per student. Districts where local taxpayers assume a higher share of education costs would get more state assistance toward closing the "adequacy gap" between what they currently spend and their ideal spending level. That level would vary based on factors such as cost of living and the number of students who are poor or learning English as a second language.

Ninety-three percent of Pennsylvania's 501 school districts spend less money than they need to ensure that all students are academically proficient, according to the administration.

Districts receiving subsidy increases that exceed a statewide inflationary index would have to spend the excess money on state-sanctioned strategies to promote student achievement, including smaller class sizes; pre-kindergarten and full-day kindergarten; and additional instruction such as tutoring or an extended school day or year.

Additionally, 55 districts that are experiencing the most persistent academic problems would need state approval for their school-improvement plans.

Lawmakers in the House and Senate have proposed establishing a special commission to determine how the state should respond to the study, something that Senate Majority Leader Dominic Pileggi, R-Delaware, said should occur before any funding formula revisions are made.

"The original plan with the costing-out study was to take those results and work through them – before we implement them," Pileggi said. "The governor seems to have leaped over that process to accept the conclusions wholesale."

Education advocates praised governor's proposal, even though he is proposing to spend less in 2008-09 than the $1 billion they had sought.

"More money, without a fix of the funding formula, is not sustainable," said Janis Risch, executive director of Good Schools Pennsylvania.

The state would not require districts to increase the local share of school funding, which typically comes from property taxes, to fill in the remainder of the spending gap calculated by the school-cost study, Education Secretary Gerald Zahorchak said.

"There's no expectation, no mandate – only the will of the local level to make those decisions, one school district at a time," Zahorchak said.

NATIONAL

1864 Abraham Lincoln carriage to return to public display Friday

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) -The carriage that took Abraham Lincoln to Ford's Theatre the night he was assassinated will return to public display Friday at the Studebaker National Museum.

Made in 1864 by Wood Brothers of New York, the black barouche has spent the past year at a Pennsylvania company that specializes in the conservation of historic artifacts.

When it arrived at the workshop, the carriage was in "very poor condition" because of deteriorating wood, leather and fabric, said Brian Howard of B.R. Howard & Associates of Carlisle, Pa., which did the work on Lincoln's vehicle.

The carriage was believed to have been presented to Lincoln as a gift by the Wood family in late 1864, just a few months before the President was fatally shot by John Wilkes Booth during a play at Ford's Theatre in Washington.

After Lincoln's death, the carriage was inherited by his son, Robert Todd Lincoln. It later was sold to a New York physician, F.B. Brewer. Clement Studebaker, one of the founders of the Studebaker carriage company, bought it from Brewer in 1889 and displayed it for many years at the Studebaker Carriage Repository in Chicago.

The carriage eventually was moved to South Bend, where it was displayed at the Studebaker Corp. headquarters and was part of a collection of Studebaker-owned vehicles given to the city in 1969.

The carriage was a very expensive, elegant vehicle for its day, Howard said.

"This was high-end. In the auto world, it would be the Cadillac or the Lexus," he said.

Workers discovered the carriage originally wasn't black, but rather dark green with maroon, gold and white details, Howard said. The conservators also uncovered an elaborate cursive presidential monogram – A.L. – on each door, which had been painted over.

Tornadoes tear across Southern states, killing at least 22 and injuring dozens

ATKINS, Ark. (AP) - Tornadoes across four Southern states tore through homes, ripped the roof off a shopping mall and blew apart warehouses in a rare spasm of violent winter weather that killed at least 22 people and injured dozens more.

The twisters that slammed Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee and Kentucky were part of a line of storms that raged across the nation's midsection at the end of a day of Super Tuesday primaries in several states. Candidates including Hillary Rodham Clinton, Barack Obama and Mike Huckabee even paused their victory speeches to remember the victims.

A spectacular fire erupted at a natural gas pumping station northeast of Nashville that authorities said could have been damaged by the storms, and an undetermined number of people were reported dead.

A couple and their 11-year-old daughter were killed in their home after a tornado touched down near the center of Atkins, a community of 3,000 along the Arkansas River in the central part of the state where authorities searched in the dark for survivors – or more victims.

"This was an extraordinary night," said Gov. Mike Beebe. "When it's compounded by darkness, that makes it that much more difficult."

Emergency crews went door to door Tuesday night seeking other possible victims in Atkins, working amid a heavy scent from splintered pines. Power lines snaked along a street, and a deep-orange pickup truck rested on its side. A navy blue Mustang with a demolished front end was marked with spray paint to show it had been searched.

Outside one damaged home, horses whinnied in the darkness, looking up only when a flashlight reached their eyes. On Southeast Second Street, a ranch home stood unscathed across the street from a concrete slab that had supported the house where three people died.

The storms killed at least 11 people in Arkansas, eight in Tennessee and three in Kentucky, authorities said.

The power was knocked out briefly at a Little Rock convention hall that hosted a watch party for GOP presidential candidate Mike Huckabee, a former Arkansas governor.

"While we hope tonight is a time for us to celebrate election results, we are reminded that nothing is as important as the lives of these fellow Arkansans, and our hearts go out to their families," Huckabee said.

At the W.J. Matthews Civic Center in Atkins, a shelter was empty except for a American Red Cross volunteers and a single touch-screen voting machine. The civic center had hosted an election precinct earlier Tuesday.

Cell phone pictures sent to television stations showed a dark, broad funnel approaching Atkins. Traffic was snarled on nearby Interstate 40, with tractor-trailers on their sides.

At least six tornadoes touched down in the 100 miles between Oxford, Miss., and Jackson, Tenn., according to the National Weather Service in Memphis, where deaths and damage were also reported.

One storm tore a large part of the north wall off Hickory Ridge Mall in Memphis. A few people north of the mall took shelter under a bridge and were washed away, but they were pulled out of the Wolf River with only scrapes, said Steve Cole of the Memphis Police Department.

Later, the storms damaged a dormitory at Union University in Jackson, trapping at least three people who talked by phone to rescuers who were trying to dig them out. A 2003 tornado in Jackson killed 11 people and a 1999 twister killed nine.

In Arkansas, the Baxter County Sheriff's Office said debris, including parts of houses, blocked U.S. Highway 62. The town of Gassville was sealed off because of the possibility of gas leaks resulting in an explosion.

Officials do not know what started a fire at the Columbia Gulf Natural Gas pumping station near Green Grove, about 40 miles from Nashville. The blaze could be seen in the night sky for miles around, with flames shooting "400, 500 feet in the air," said Tennessee Emergency Management spokesman Donnie Smith.

But the storms could have damaged the station, said Tennessee Highway Patrol spokesman Mike Browning.

The three dead at Atkins were family members who died after their home took a direct hit, Pope County Coroner Leonard Krout said.

"Neighbors and friends who were there said, 'There used to be a home there,'" Krout said.

A tornado shredded warehouses in an industrial park in Southaven, in northern Mississippi, said Desoto County Sheriff's Department Cmdr. Steve Atkinson.

"It ripped the warehouses apart. The best way to describe it is it looks like a bomb went off," Atkinson said. "A lot of fire departments are here and we're searching each warehouse to see if there was anybody in there. It's going to be a time consuming thing and we'll probably be searching into the morning."

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

LaGrotta Cops A Plea & Gets House Arrest

A former state lawmaker from Lawrence County is now under six months of house arrest after admitting he placed his sister and niece in state jobs that reaped them thousands of dollars for little or no work. 49-year old Frank LaGrotta, a Lawrence County native and ex-Democratic state representative who has taught part-time at Westminster, was sentenced to probation and community service in a Harrisburg courtroom on Monday. The judge also ordered him to pay a fine and restitution after pleading guilty to two felony conflict-of-interest charges. His sister Ann Bartolomeo and Bartolomeo's daughter, Alissa Lemmon, pleaded no contest to lying to a grand jury and received probation and fines. LaGrotta apologized to his family, former constituents and state residents "for the trauma that this has caused."

investigators are keeping tight lipped to whether LaGrotta had testified before the grand jury that is investigating millions in bonuses given to legislative staff members. The state attorney general is looking into whether the bonuses paid by Democratic and Republican leaders in the House and Senate were illegally tied to work performed on political campaigns. If LaGrotta would have gone to trial and was convicted, he could have faced a maximum sentence of five years in prison.

INTERNATIONAL

Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, who taught Beatles meditation, dies

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) -Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, a guru to the Beatles who introduced the West to transcendental meditation, died Tuesday at his home in the Dutch town of Vlodrop, a spokesman said. He was thought to be 91 years old.

"He died peacefully at about 7 p.m.," said Bob Roth, a spokesman for the Transcendental Meditation movement that Maharishi founded. He said his death appeared to be due to "natural causes, his age."

Once dismissed as hippie mysticism, the Hindu practice of mind control known as transcendental meditation gradually gained medical respectability.

He began teaching TM in 1955 and brought the technique to the United States in 1959. But the movement really took off after the Beatles attended one of his lectures in 1967.

Maharishi retreated last month into silence at his home on the grounds of a former Franciscan monastery, saying he wanted to dedicate his remaining days to studying the ancient Indian texts that underpin his movement.

"He had been saying he had done what he set out to do," Roth said late Tuesday.

With the help of celebrity endorsements, Maharishi – a Hindi-language title for Great Seer – parlayed his interpretations of ancient scripture into a multi-million-dollar global empire. His roster of famous meditators ran from Mike Love of the Beach Boys to Clint Eastwood and Deepak Chopra, a new age preacher.

After 50 years of teaching, Maharishi turned to larger themes, with grand designs to harness the power of group meditation to create world peace and to mobilize his devotees to banish poverty from the earth.

His rise to fame came with his association with the Beatles, who first attended one of his lectures in August 1967 in Wales as they looked for a way of attaining higher consciousness in the aftermath of that year's Summer of Love.

The Beatles were so charmed by the self-effacing guru that they agreed to stay with at his India compound, starting in February 1968, an astonishing choice for what was then the world's most celebrated music group.

But once there, Maharishi had a falling out with the rock stars after rumors emerged that he was making inappropriate advances on attendee Mia Farrow. John Lennon was so angry he wrote a bitter satire, "Sexy Sadie," in which he vowed that Maharishi would "get yours yet."

Maharishi insisted he had done nothing wrong and years later McCartney agreed with him. Deepak Chopra, a disciple of Maharishi's and a friend of George Harrison's, has disputed the Farrow story, saying instead that Maharishi had become unhappy with the Beatles because they were using drugs.

Director David Lynch, creator of dark and violent films, lectured at college campuses about the "ocean of tranquility" he found in more than 30 years of practicing TM.

In a telephone interview with The Associated Press, Lynch said it has aided him "in every aspect of life."

He said he believed Maharishi has laid the groundwork for world peace, even if that was not immediately apparent from world affairs.

"The world appears in bad shape on the surface, but I compare it to a tree: there are yellow sickly leaves dropping off but Maharishi has brought nourishment to the roots. Hang on for a little while longer, it's coming."

His followers say that some 5 million people devoted 20 minutes every morning and evening reciting a simple sound, or mantra, and delving into their consciousness.

"Don't fight darkness. Bring the light, and darkness will disappear," Maharishi said in a 2006 interview, repeating one of his own mantras.

Donations and the $2,500 fee to learn TM financed the construction of Peace Palaces, or meditation centers, in dozens of cities around the world. It paid for hundreds of new schools in India.

In 1974, Maharishi founded a university in Fairfield, Iowa, that taught meditation alongside the arts and sciences to 700 students and served organic vegetarian food in its cafeterias.

In 2001, his followers founded Maharishi Vedic City, a town of about 200 people a few miles north of Fairfield. The city requires the construction of buildings according to design principles set by Maharishi for harmony with nature.

Ed Malloy, a TM practitioner and mayor of Fairfield, said Maharishi's followers in Iowa were spending Tuesday evening meditating and holding a "celebration of gratitude for everything he's given."

Supporters pointed to hundreds of scientific studies showing that meditation reduces stress, lowers blood pressure, improves concentration and raises results for students and businessmen.

Skeptics ridiculed his plan to raise $10 trillion to end poverty by sponsoring organic farming in the world's poorest countries. They scoffed at his notion that meditation groups, acting like psychic shock troops, can end conflict.

"To resolve problems through negotiation is a very childish approach," he said.

Over the years, Maharishi also was accused of fraud by former pupils who claim he failed to teach them to fly. "Yogic flying," showcased as the ultimate level of transcendence, was never witnessed as anything more than TM followers sitting in the cross-legged lotus position and bouncing across spongy mats.

Maharishi was born Mahesh Srivastava in central India, reportedly on Jan. 12, 1917 – though he refused to confirm the date or discuss his early life.

Campus News

Super Tuesday draws Americans to the polls

Voters stop at nothing to support their candidate and make an impact on the next presidential election

By Erin McClam
National Associated Press Writer

She had a 13-hour window to vote in the Arizona presidential primary, but Mona Reese decided she couldn't wait. She didn't even brush her teeth or change out of her pajamas before leaving home.

She found herself in line before dawn at the fellowship hall of a Methodist church in Phoenix, excitedly waiting to cast a ballot for Sen. Barack Obama. Later she clutched her "I Voted Today" sticker as if it were a winning lottery ticket.

"I literally just woke up," she said, apologizing for tousled hair and a makeup-free face. "I'm so sorry. It's that important. To wake up at 5:45 in the morning to get down here and vote."

The enthusiasm was not uncommon on a day like no other in American politics, a scramble of primaries and caucuses that went coast-to-coast – and beyond, to the South Pacific island of American Samoa.

This Tuesday was more than Super. It was a day in which more people than ever before had a say in who would be left standing to wage the long campaign for the presidency.

And it produced democracy in some of its most dramatic forms.

In Alaska, battered by some of the most brutal cold of the winter, voters trudged through a foot of new snow in some places to get to caucuses at convention centers, middle schools, a radio station – and at least one Chinese restaurant.

In lower Manhattan, voters in the New York primary elbowed their way past euphoric New York Giants fans, through tons of fluttering confetti, to get to polling places close to the Super Bowl victory parade.

In Virginia, voters were so eager they turned up at polling places across the state and deluged the Board of Elections with phone calls – and the Virginia primary isn't for another week.

In Florida, election officials across the state fielded hundreds of phone calls from confused voters asking where they could vote Tuesday, apparently unaware that Florida's presidential primary was last week.

It was the apex – so far – of an election season in which unusually wide-open party races, markedly increased voter interest, and the most diverse set of finalists ever have all converged.

Or in the words of Jessica Pomey, a 29-year-old Obama voter from Oakland, Calif.: "Politics used to be something you didn't talk about. Now it's everywhere, in hair salons, everywhere. It's part of the conversation."

The geographic scale was unprecedented for a primary season – and, in a way, bigger than most general elections, which are fought mostly in a few battleground states.

Voters found themselves in lines all over the country thinking about the intricate details of health care proposals, or the delicate state of Iraq, or which Republican matched up best against which Democrat, or the other way around.

"I've been voting since I was 18, but this vote is one of the more important ones because of the impact it will have on a national level," said Tessica Mitchell, 23, who voted on an enclosed porch at a family farm in Meridian, Okla. "I just think it's my responsibility to get out and vote."

In what amounted to a national primary – or maybe a national semifinal – 24 states held primaries or caucuses, the Republicans with 1,023 delegates at stake in 21 contests and the Democrats with 1,681 at stake in 22, plus American Samoa.

And the candidates themselves made for a remarkable tableau: The last standing included a woman, a black man, a Mormon, a one-time prisoner of war and a Baptist minister.

On the Democratic side, Obama competed with Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton. For the Republicans, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney did battle with Arizona Sen. John McCain and former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee.

For remarkable scenes, it was also hard to beat U Lucky Dawg in Chicago – a hot dog joint that doubles as a touch-screen polling place.

Voters there were undeterred by both a technical glitch that left just one touch-screen machine working or the 6-foot frankfurter draped in an American flag that loomed nearby.

"I just feel we live in this country, we should exercise our rights, you know?" said David Turow, an accountant who has served as an election judge since he was 18. As voters left the restaurant, he called after them cheerily: "See you in November."

In Fayetteville, N.Y., 54-year-old sales representative Walt Klingerman, a disappointed former supporter of former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, went with McCain.

"I think he also has a better sense of what war is about than the other candidates," he said. "I think he can make the tough decisions about Iraq, and I think he will know how to work with Congress."

The open field – the first since 1952 in which the ballots were missing a sitting president or vice president – had voters plotting some mindbending hypothetical strategies.

In Grayslake, Ill., where voting took place in a restored barn, Steve Greenberg couldn't decide between Obama and Clinton – so he went with McCain.

"If the Democrats lost, I'd be more comfortable with him," he said.

For Jamelle Chadwick, a stay-at-home mother in Sandy, Utah, Romney's Mormonism made the difference.

"The standards are important in leadership, like integrity, honesty and hard work," she said, adding that Romney's experience is another plus. "He knows how to solve problems."

And others were conflicted mere minutes before they cast their ballots.

Outside a public school in Brooklyn, Carolyn Grant knew she wanted a Democrat to "clean up the mess" left by President Bush but could not decide which one. She sipped coffee and said her head ached. Ultimately, she went with Obama.

"Hillary is probably politics as usual," she concluded. "I think Obama will do things differently."

Daniel Schereck, a 33-year-old project manager discussing the election at a San Francisco playground named for Joe DiMaggio, said he opted for Clinton because his key issue was universal health insurance.

Plus, "I know where she stands on the issues," he said. "I would happily have voted for Obama if I knew what he stood for other than change."

Change – it had long since become the buzzword, used by candidates on both sides, for a contest to decide who should follow Bush's eight years in office.

And it was not lost on Gina Nunez, who has never missed an election, primary or general, and found herself at that same Methodist church in Phoenix on Tuesday to vote before anyone else in her precinct – even before Mona Reese.

Nunez, an Obama supporter, is 43 years old and knows the routine. Still, she said she could not wait to vote this time.

"It just feels like something new's going to happen," she said. "Something different's going to happen with whoever we get."

RA selection

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The selection process has under-went several changes since previous years. Forming an RA Committee has had the largest impact to the process as a whole. RAs have gotten more involved in campus marketing and spreading the word about the positives and negatives of becoming an RA. Not only has the awareness of RA positions increased, but so has the interest of students in becoming RAs. The RA Cafés received 40 students in attendance this year, where as last year there were only 10 to 20.

Other changes include the written portion of the application. This year, instead of submitting an essay, students were required to submit a short résumé along with the other written documents.

In addition, the interview process of previous years had been conducted in one day. This year it will be spread out, allowing the resident directors to become better acquainted with the future employees.

According to members of Resident Life a quality RA has many valuable characteristics. One such member, Russell Hall Resident Director Justin Jeffery feels that a good RA is someone who is confident in him or herself, but also confident in taking on a leadership role with peers. Jeffery continued, expressing an RA should be creative, dedicated, and love what he or she does.

"An RA position is a great leadership experience" said Jeffery. "Students are able to become part of a team. Students are able to develop close friendships, a family support system, and programming skills. It [an RA position] is a well rounded experience and it pays."

Assistant Director of Resident Life Matt Shafer also has a personal view on what makes a quality RA.

"Students need to be able to work well with and team and work well independently, but above all they must be trainable" said Shaffer.

"By becoming involved with Res Life students are able to develop closeness. Res Life is like a family" said Jeffery. "It [Resident Life] is there to help students outside class and help to get students to become better people."

History professor published in journal

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa. - The Winter 2008 issue of the Journal of Medieval and Early Modern Studies includes the article "Gifts for the Bride: Dowries, Diplomacy, and Marriage Politics in Muscovy" written by Dr. Russell Martin, Westminster College associate professor of history.

The article is an analysis of three previously unstudied, and largely unknown, dowry inventories for three weddings in the Muscovite dynasty between 1495 and 1506: one, a traditional alliance with a foreign dynasty; the second, with a converted Tatar Chinghisid residing in Muscovy; and the third, a domestic match between two Muscovite dynasts. The study looks comparatively at the role of dynastic marriage both in terms of foreign policy and domestic/court politics.

"In it, I argue that the religious and financial costs and complications of foreign matches were so exorbitantly high that Muscovites demurred from them for the next century and a half," Martin said. "The marriage in 1495, especially, of Grand Princess Elena (daughter of Ivan III the Great) with Alexander, the Grand Duke of Lithuania, was so expensive and such a political failure that Muscovites devised the bride show--a parade before the ruler of young virgins from across the realm--as a way of avoiding complicated foreign matches while, at the same time, finding a bride from outside the inner circle of the court. This also allowed the Muscovites to avoid intermarriages with non-Orthodox dynasties, which proved to be overly complicated and nearly impossible to negotiate."

"This study emerged from a Faculty Forum I delivered here at Westminster in October 2006," he continued. "That presentation gave me an opportunity to take some of my ideas 'out for a spin,' so to speak, and to get feedback from my colleagues. And I have to say that it helped tremendously. Questions from [faculty members] were particularly insightful and got me thinking about issues that ended up in the final version of the article."

"This is why I'm so grateful to [Dr.] Sandra Webster [Westminster College professor of psychology and faculty development officer], who has transformed Forum into a real outlet for faculty research. I remain enormously grateful to, and enormously respectful of, my faculty colleagues on this campus."

Martin, who has been with Westminster since 1996, earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Pittsburgh and a master's and Ph.D. from Harvard University.

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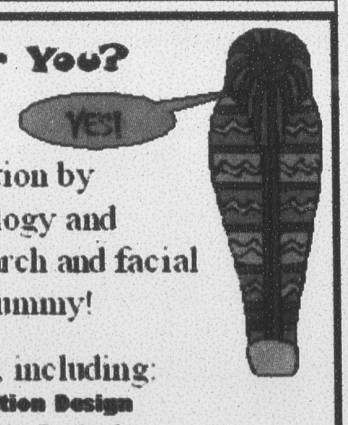

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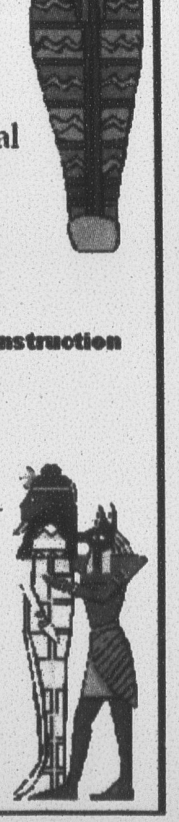
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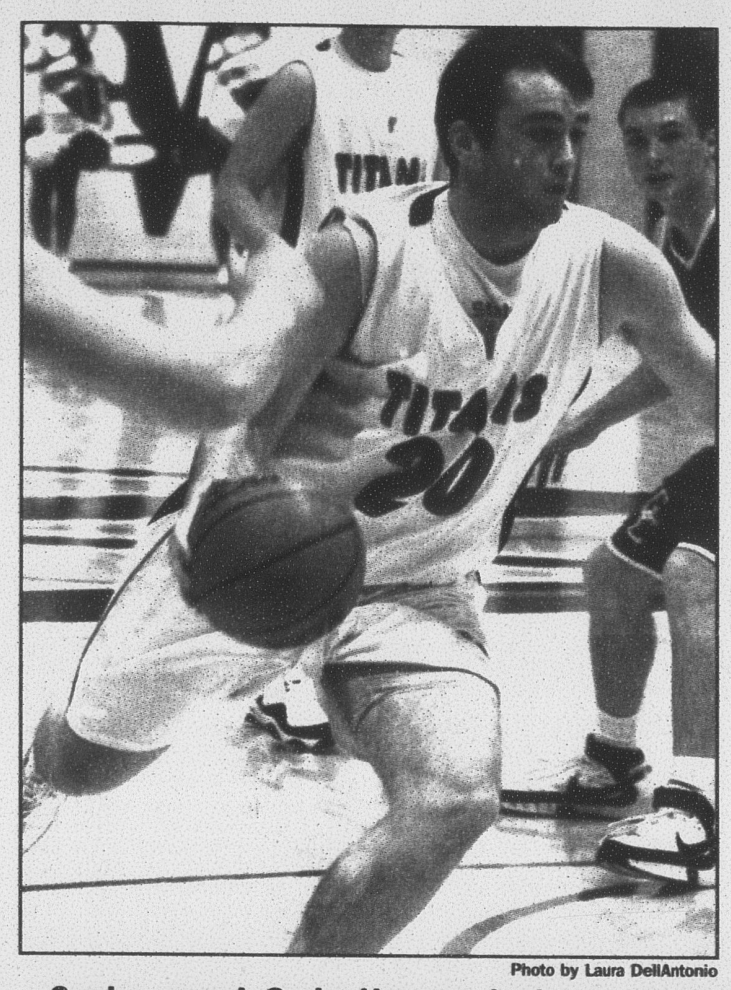

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Senior guard Craig Hannon looks to score during the game against Grove City on January 30. The Titans went on to win the game 82-60.

Men's basketball splits with Washington & Jefferson, Waynesburg

By Andrew Kubincanek
Sports Writer

The Westminster Men's basketball team triumphed over Thomas More 89-80 on Saturday but lost at W&J 65-56 in overtime on Wednesday.

Wednesday's game left the Titans at 5-16 overall and 3-6 in the Presidents' Athletic Conference. The loss came after two straight Westminster victories against Grove City on January 30 and Thomas More last Saturday.

Despite an early lead by as many as 14 points on several occasions Wednesday night, the Titans experienced problems in the second half when W&J scored 12 points. The Titans left 10 unanswered and the game was tied 49-49 by the end of regulation. W&J outscored the Titans 16-7 in overtime to claim victory and advance to 8-12 overall while evening their PAC record at 4-4.

"Turnovers hurt us," said senior forward Chauncey Whitlow.

Sophomore forward Ryne Murray did achieve his 10th double-double of the season with 16 points and 13 rebounds. Though he was outscored by W&J's Albert Varacallo, Murray took the game-high for rebounds.

The second meeting of Westminster and Thomas More was a better night for the Titans. It was an especially good night for Senior guard Craig Hannon. For the fifth time, Hannon scored over 30 points in a game by running up 31 against Thomas More. Hannon climbed to number three on Westminster's overall scoring list with 1,608 points.

During Saturday's game he passed Henry Klinar and Ron Galbreath who had 1,581 and 1,586 points, respectively. Galbreath's record goes back to the 1958-1962 seasons. Unfortunately, Hannon was held to only 7 points against W&J. He can tie Mike Douds for all-time Westminster top scorer with 14 more points.

The game remained close in the first half with the Titans ahead by as many as eight or behind by as many as six. The team took a decisive lead in the second half that Thomas More could not cut to less than eight points.

Westminster lost to both Thomas More and W&J earlier in the season. The men's team has drawn with conference rival Grove City and Thomas More this season. A 6-6 record in the PAC is not out of the question. The team still has PAC games to play against Bethany (8-1), Thiel (4-5) and Waynesburg.

The men's basketball team will travel to Waynesburg on 9 February for a 7:30 game against another PAC rival. Westminster's last meeting with Waynesburg resulted in an 86-77 win for the team. Waynesburg is currently in last place in the PAC with a 1-8 record but maintains a 7-13 record overall.

"We have a lot of improving to do but we're pretty confident in that game," Whitlow said.

Super Bowl Blues

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

Wrong. That's right, my Super Bowl prediction could not have been more wrong.

I thought when Plaxico Burress predicted the Patriots would score only 17 points that he should think about psychiatric evaluation. At the time of the prediction, the New England Patriots lowest output of the season was 20 points. It turns out Burress' prediction was wrong too, the Patriots did not score 17 points. In fact, the most prolific scoring offense of all time managed to tally only 14.

Aside from the actual play on the field, which by the way was lolling me into a snooze through three quarters, there were plenty of peculiar points about Super Bowl XLII. As terrible as the first three quarters were for all fans, they were even worse if you had partaken in "squares." If you had uncommon numbered squares such as two or eight there was not much hope of winning.

What about the great filming by Fox? Peyton is in the luxury box and still manages to get more camera time than little brother Eli. The Super Bowl XLII commercials may have reached an all time low. Sans Will Ferrell and a couple of Bud Light commercials and I don't believe that even so much as a chuckle would have been heard from me.

A highpoint of Super Bowl XLII was the halftime show. No wardrobe malfunctions this year led to a stellar performance from Tom Petty. As for the commentary of Joe Buck and Troy Aikman, I'll just say that I am a diehard Dallas fan and Troy Aikman is Troy Aikman and thus was great.

There is still one important moment worthy of discussion. That is the Bill Belichick early exit. As Eli Manning told David Letterman, maybe he was just trying to beat the traffic. My initial reaction when I heard analysts questioning another aspect of Belichick's antics was to lay off him. I mean really, he probably just had to go to the bathroom real bad.

As exciting as the Super Bowl is, I would be remiss if did not mention the other paramount event that happened in the wide world of sports this past week. Bob Knight, who has won the most games in NCAA Division I basketball history, has stepped away from the game with 902 career victories and handed the reigns to his son, Pat.

Often the center of controversy, Knight never had a recruiting violation in his career and placed a high priority on academics as evidenced by his graduation rate. With all that Knight did do right, his legacy may be remembered by his behavior towards players, officials, and most notably the media.

Images of Knight's "game face" and motivational device, otherwise known as whip, will certainly follow him wherever he goes. But, when his time on earth has passed and he is buried upside down, it may just be the chair flying across the gym floor that marks the persona of one Bobby Knight.

Have an opinion on Bob Knight? Let Brandon know what you think by e-mailing him at holcad@westminster.edu and you just might be a part of his next column.

Brandon is a junior mathematics major and an education minor. He is also the voice of Titan Basketball and Greyhound Football on Titan Radio.

Lady Titans look to improve from tough PAC losses

By Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

With only five games remaining in the regular season, the women's basketball team continues to search for a win to put an end to their six-game losing streak.

The Titans record falls to 11-9 overall and 4-6 in the PAC after suffering losses to conference opponents No. 5 Thomas More and Washington & Jefferson.

"The last two games have been tough losses, but we have improved since our last meetings with Thomas More and W&J," sophomore Jessica Mueseler said. "Unfortunately both teams hit big shots toward the end to win."

Nationally ranked Thomas More stepped on to Westminster territory Saturday, Feb. 2 where both teams fought a tough battle that resulted in a Saints victory.

During the first half the Titans gained the lead only twice, initially by two points and later by one point. The half ended with the Saints leading 30-25.

With just under 18 minutes left in the second half, the Titans were within five points of Thomas More and held on to a margin of five points or less until the fourth minute. The Saints then went on a 14-4 run, winning the game with a score of 56-69.

Senior Emilee Ackerman scored 17 points and captured 10 rebounds, while junior Gina Brunetti added 14 points and seven rebounds. The duo led the team in points and rebounds, as well as assists with three apiece.

"I'm confident that our hustle and hard work will lead us to a win."

Sophomore Jessica Mueseler

The Saints boasted four players scoring in double figures. Tandrea Sellers bucketed 15 points, followed by Gabby Johnson with 13, Nicole Dickman with 12 and Jayme Thiem with 11.

The Titans traveled to W&J Wednesday, Feb. 6 where the Presidents defended their second place position in the PAC with a 77-65 win.

Stephanie Smith and Kennan Killeen led the Presidents with a game-high 17 points apiece.

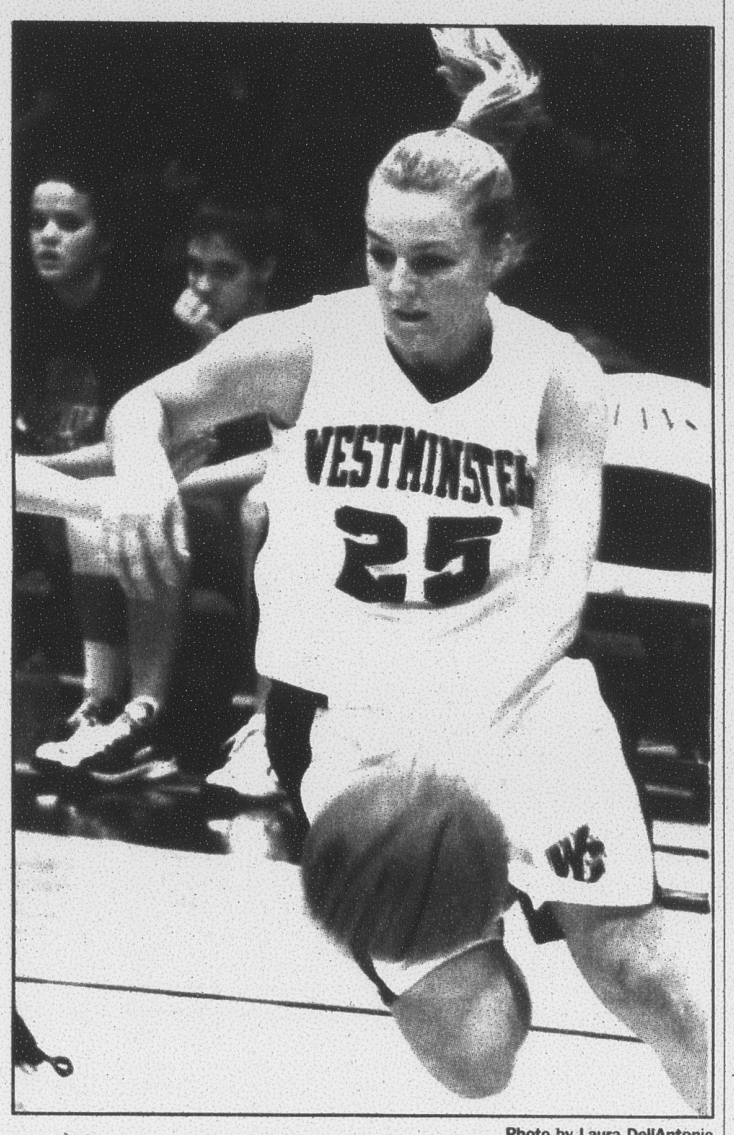
Four Titans scored in the double figures during the match up. Senior Terese Marszalek led with 14 points to pair with seven rebounds. Mueseler added a career-high 13 points followed by Brunetti with 13 and Ackerman with 12.

A three-point shot by Mueseler in the first half brought the Titans within two points of the Presidents before the opposition went on a 14-4 run and ended the half with a 35-23 lead.

With two minutes remaining in the game Marszalek brought the Titans within 10 points after sinking a jump shot. A three-point shot by Brunetti reduced the Presidents' lead to just five points with 40 seconds on the clock, but W&J accomplished a win.

The Titans travel to Waynesburg Saturday, Feb. 9 to compete in another PAC contest. Waynesburg is 0-10 in the conference and 1-19 overall.

"The game against Waynesburg will be a good opportunity to improve on our weaknesses, including communication and awareness during the game," Mueseler said. "I'm confident that our hustle and hard work will lead us to a win."



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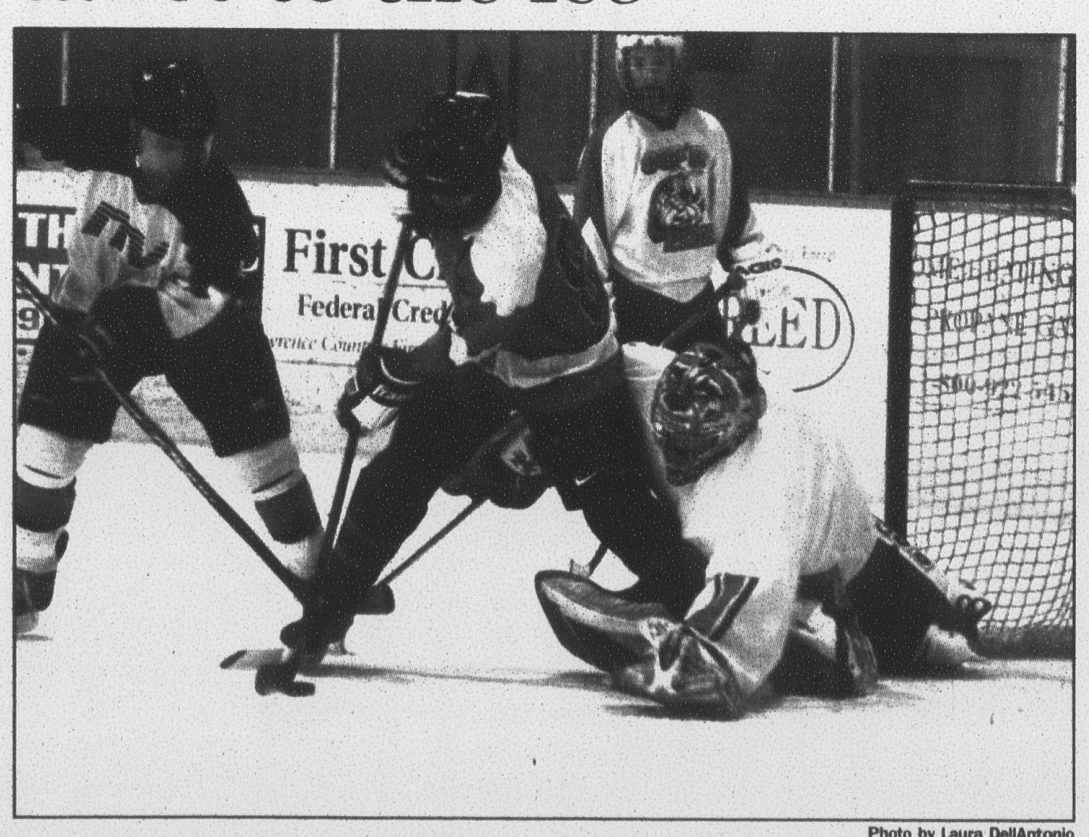
Sophomore guard Lynn Riley drives the ball past her opponent during the game against Washington and Jefferson on Wednesday.

The club hockey team takes to the ice



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A Titan hockey player takes a shot against ITV during their game at Hess ice rink on Wednesday. The team's next game is Sunday, Feb. 10 at the Chevrolet Center in Youngstown, Oh. The next home game is Wednesday Feb. 13 against Pusateri Excavating.

Swimming teams round out regular season with victory over St. Vincent

By Staci McGill
Sports Writer

The men's and women's swimming teams posted non-conference wins at Saint Vincent Saturday, February 2. The Titan men (8-2), ranked No. 25 in the country, won 151-92 and the Titan women (7-4) won 148-78, as each Westminster team finished first in 12 events.

Freshman Aaron Whisman contributed on four events wins (two individuals), including first-place times in the 100-yard backstroke (55.88), 500 freestyle (5:08.10), while swimming legs of the winning 200 medley and 200 freestyle relay teams.

Sophomore Ben Gutmann was the other Titan male swimming to win two individual events by touching first in the 100 breaststroke (1:00.16) and the 400 IM (4:29.54).

Other multiple winners included junior Conor Simpson winning the 200 butterfly (2:03.66) and swimming on the 200 medley and 200 freestyle relay teams. Junior Stephen Burns swam on both relay teams, while junior Chris Lehberger swam on the 200 medley relay while also winning the 200 breaststroke (2:12.69).

On the women's side, junior Megan Mier helped win three events as she won the 100 backstroke (1:03.40) and the 100 fly (1:02.46) while swimming a leg on the 200 freestyle relay team.

Senior Ashley Linnelli won the 200 free (2:04.29) and the 400 IM (4:57.03) making two Titan women who won multiple individual events.

Freshman Amy Buxton and sophomore Emily Dressler swam on both the winning 200 free and 200 medley relay teams with Dressler also winning the 500 free (5:18.05). Freshman Courtney Herdt won the 1,000 free (11:45.46) while also contributing on the 200 medley relay team.

The Westminster swim teams will now prepare to defend each of their PAC titles as the PAC Championships will be held at Grove City College on February 14-16.

Arts & Entertainment

Bedlam inspired by higher powers

Chris Lehberger
A&E Editor

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If I were Omar Rodriguez-Lopez, the guitarist/composer for the progressive outfit The Mars Volta, I probably would have consulted my Ouija board before writing this album review.

Luckily for me, however, I've never dabbled in the occult. But then again, I took no part in the writing of the fantastical *The Bedlam in Goliath*, either. In fact, when it comes to it, my name should not even be mentioned in the same paragraph as his.

To say the least, the record is far-reaching and canvasses almost an entire musical spectrum, from latin-infused jazz to technical guitar riffing.

Most importantly, however, *The Bedlam in Goliath* was inspired by Omar-Rodriguez and vocalist Cedric Bixler-Zavala's experience with a Ouija board. However, the details of the situation are irrelevant, as is the cause. Regardless of how it happened, it did happen, and that's all that matters.

"Aberinkula" lacks anything that resembles pop music. Atop groovy drum beats, psychedelic guitar work and hallucinatory electronics, Bixler-Zavala's vocals burst through with blessed clarity.

Attributed chiefly to his often shrill, falsetto tinged vocals, his voice is as distinct as they come. "Metatron" highlights Bixler-Zavala's voice even more thoroughly, and despite the fast pace, it slightly reminds me of Rage Against The Machine.

However, as will be the case on most of the album, I cannot decide what blows my mind more: the drumming or the guitar work. "Ilyena" finds Rodriguez-Lopez's vocals masked behind a shroud of eerie effects – not graveyard eerie, but more like a magnetic-anomaly-that-turns-the-sky-purple-eerie. "Wax Simulcra" underscores the band's heavier punk influence and is brief by The Mars Volta standards, unlike the album's literal giant of a song, "Goliath."

This tune boasts a seemingly relaxed introduction before breaking out into a series of nervous verses, choruses and solos before entering pure a controlled musical chaos, which has Rodriguez-Lopez haranguing the audience with the discourse of a doomsday preacher. "Tourniquet Man" acts as a spooky buffer before entering into the nine-plus minute long "Cavalettas," pinned with stops and fades while shifting from movement to movement.

"Agadez" brought me back to *De-Loused In The Comatorium* with the catchier verse and latin-oriented interlude, whereas "Askepious" often sounds like the climax to a science fiction movie while Mars burns to a crisp in the background.

"Ourborous" offers much in the theatre of heaviness with its driving guitars and bass lines, and "Soothsayer" adds sprinkles of Arabic influence and purges some of the best lyrics of the album, in addition to providing the audience with a nearly two-minute long closing of a church chorus singing hymns.

Finally, the album breaths its last with "Conjugal Burns," featuring disturbingly distorted vocals from some dead and bothered spirit before Rodriguez-Lopez takes the lead, closing "you'll wear those healing damns down to a plug."

Abstract and forward-thinking, *The Bedlam in Goliath* is as good as they come. Even the scoffers can't help but to appreciate the technicality and sheer creativity with which the band operates.

Although brevity may not be the band's strong point (ten of the twelve songs are five minutes or longer), and some songs may reach ennui, they are able to pull it off with upstanding originality and musicianship, exacting their craft with each note and furthering my belief that if one band was to create a literal music explosion, it would be The Mars Volta.

Chris is a junior public relations major who's addicted to *LOST* and *the Office*, and despite being a writing minor, can't finish books. Or sing. At all.

Photo from myspace.com

Chris' Rating: ★★★★★

Fortress metal fan's fantasy

Technically strong, vocals leave something to be desired

By Max Muska
A&E Writer

Photo from exclaim.com

The Lineup
Rody Walker - vocals
Tim Millar - guitar, backup vocals
Luke Hoskin- guitar, backup vocals, piano
Morgan "Moe" Carlson - drums
Arif Mirabdolbaghi - bass, backup vocals

Protest The Hero's *Fortress* displays a level of musicianship that far surpasses the ability of what is expected of most college-aged bands.

The album is full of everything a metal fan is looking for. Guitars play scales at ridiculously fast tempos with time changes every few measures, low, chugging bass lines and a surprisingly diverse blend of hardcore-influenced screaming with Avenged Sevenfold-style singing.

The record's opening track caught me off guard; the chaotic death metal guitars and drums made me expect the album to be more on that end of the metal spectrum. Then, the vocals came in with progressive metal singing, followed by screechy screaming and even some high-pitched emo singing.

The remainder of the songs has a much more pro-metal feel, using formulaic chord progressions and vocal melodies reminiscent of Dragonforce or a less chaotic version of Between the Buried and Me. Some parts of the album, especially the melodies and drum parts on "Bone Marrow," remind me of The Mars Volta.

That song, the third on the album, is by far the record's high point. The opening guitar riff is very appealing, and the song has an overall catchy groove. This song displays all of the band members' talents being utilized to their full potential while keeping the listener entertained.

Guitarists Tim Millar and Luke Hoskin play with such precision that it sounds like they have been playing since they were born. Drummer Morgan Carlson plays the drum parts with the same level of musicianship as his band mates.

Unfortunately, the same cannot be said of Rody Walker's vocals. I had to listen to the album a few times before I could handle hearing his voice. Something about it just irritated me.

I have grown to tolerate it enough to appreciate his talents, but I would definitely not put him on the same level of ability as the rest of the band. A lot of the singing parts are slightly off-key, meaning that he has not gone through much, if any, formal training, but the fact that he can keep up with the complexity of the music is very impressive.

There are not many parts of the album worth noting. You will either like or hate the entire album, because every song is similar in structure. Some parts caught my attention though. "Palms Read" has an instrumental interlude at the end which includes a four bar section. It sounds like carnival music, which was unexpected, and the final song, "Goddess Gagged," has a triumphant sound to it, unlike the negative tone of the rest of the record.

While I enjoy the technicality and sheer talent of this band, I have a hard time recommending *Fortress* to a general audience. I have friends who are metal-heads and other friends who are music majors that will really like this album. But if metal is not your favorite style of music, you will not find much to like except for some of the vocal melodies.

The reason music such as this is not heard often on mainstream radio is that it has a very low sing-along factor. The musicians are talented, the song-writing is incredibly well-structured, but the complexity of the music makes it far less catchy than the simpler styles of music that appeal to a wider audience.

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Max's Rating: ★★★☆☆

Boxer euphoric disconnection

By Ben Portz
A&E Writer

Photo from myspace.com

The Lineup
Matt Berninger - vocals
Aaron Dessner - guitar, bass, piano
Bryce Dessner - guitar
Bryan Devendorf - drums
Scott Devendor - bass, guitar

The National recently came out with a new album in May. The album entitled *Boxer* is their fourth album as a band, and second album produced on a main record label. Since the group's formation in 1999, these guys have definitely lived the typical "band" life.

Through trials of quitting jobs and not knowing in which direction to go, they have finally made it. The first two albums were produced on their own independent label, but unfortunately did not get the national hype.

Then, however, they were signed onto a major English label, Beggars Banquet Records, who have been known to producing big names such as The Rolling Stones and The Strokes. So as of now, things are looking up for this Brooklyn-based indie rock band.

To a typical ear, The National's sound would seem much acquired. According to their myspace, when the band was asked how to describe *Boxer*, they called it a "a euphoric disconnection," or in other words, "the lovely delusion that sets in after too much dulling reality, too much time away and losing touch with friends."

Many bands tend to go with a flashy vocalist who can sing higher than the normal persons range, but the vocals of Matt Berninger are quite low and just as haunting as The Killers vocalist Brandon Flowers. Furthermore, the lyrics tend to be quite depressing and sad. This combination of musical elements is not for every person. To me, it is great to drive to the pulsing beat of each song by The National.

At the same time, some of the songs are extremely serene and relaxing. That is the great thing about this album – that each track is different. The instrumentation is quite varying. Many times the guitars use a great deal of distortion throughout the tracks.

The outstanding tracks on the album include "Mistaken for Strangers," "Fake Empire" and "Slow Show." You may have heard some of these songs on NBC's show "Chuck" or "One Tree Hill."

For the future, The National will be doing a summer tour with Modest Mouse and R.E.M. to support R.E.M.'s new album *Accelerate*.

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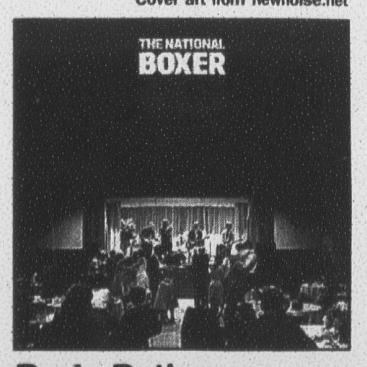


Ben's Rating: ★★★☆☆

Cloverfield unexpectedly, jarring point of view

By Chris Lehberger
A&E Editor

Produced by J.J. Abrams, *Cloverfield* marks the release of the first major American monster film.

The preview for the film was first shown prior to *Transformers* in July, under the title 1-18-08. Since the monster was not present in the preview, and those involved with the film kept very quiet, much wild speculation surrounded the identity of the creature up until the film's release.

Internet chat rooms and forums had rumors about the monster ranging from Godzilla to Hillary Clinton. Unfortunately, New York already has the latter monster for a senator, and I will not be revealing the monster's identity either; you'll just have to see the movie.

The movie is filmed from the perspective of a large group's video camera. Thus all of the footage is a shaky handheld shot, probably one of my only complaints about the movie.

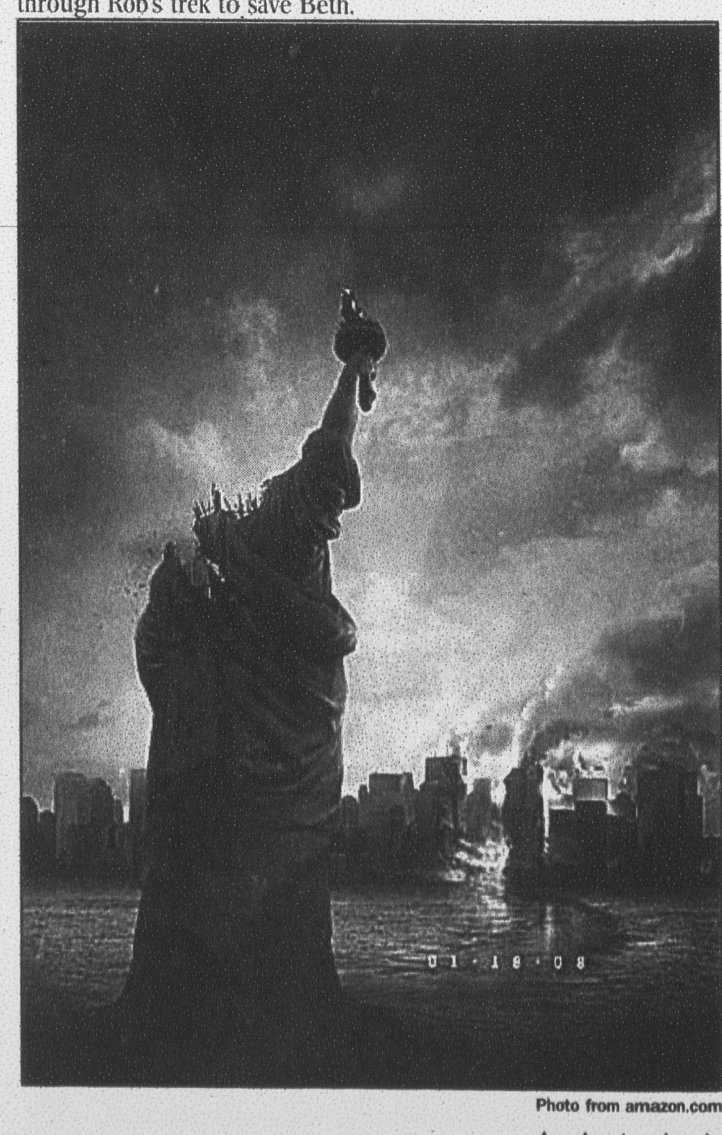
The footage is mostly filmed by Hud Platt (T.J. Miller) who is tasked with filming his best friend Rob Haskin's (Michael Stahl-David) going away party. During the middle of the party, a large explosion is heard and all the guests go to the top of the high rise see a huge fireball in the middle of the city. When debris from the explosion begins raining down on the building, Rob, Hud, Marlena (Lizzy Caplan), Rob's brother Jason (Mike Vogel) and Jason's girlfriend Lily(Jessica Lucas) take to the streets to escape.

Rob receives a call from his love interest Beth (Odette Yustman), with whom he had argued earlier at the party. Desperate to make sure she is alive, Rob sets off to her rescue and the others follow.

En route to Beth's apartment, the group discovers that the monster was the source of the explosion. The story of the monster's attack is then revealed through Rob's trek to save Beth.

Cloverfield is a refreshing look at a science fiction movie, as it tells the story from the point of view of "normal" people. There is no hero at the center of attention trying to thwart the monster, just a group of friends trying to save someone.

It was fun to see the story from this position, and pleasant to finally see a true American giant monster film. Go see it.



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Chris' Rating: ★★★★☆

CALENDAR

Friday, February 8, 2008

Board of Trustees Meetings

RA APPRECIATION WEEK

TBA Women's Track & Field @ Baldwin-Wallace Mid-February Invitational (Indoor)

11:30 AM Career Center Guest Speaker: Dr. Jonathan Elias, Director of the Akhmim Mummy Studies Consortium (MCC Mueller Theater)

11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

4:30 PM Berlin Village Applications Deadline (Student Affairs Office)

7:00 PM Black History Month Celebration: Gospel Explostion (Music, Reflections, Tributes) (Orr Auditorium)

7:30 PM Jazz Ensemble Concert (MCC Berlin Lounge)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Beowulf (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: American Gangster (MCC Mueller Theater)

Saturday, February 9, 2008

Board of Trustees Meetings

TBA Men's Track & Field @ Mount Union Invitational (Indoor)

TBA Women's Track & Field @ Mount Union Invitational (Indoor)

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM Science in Motion Workshop (Hoyt 228)

5:30 PM Women's Basketball @ Waynesburg*

7:00 PM Mass (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

7:30 PM Men's Basketball @ Waynesburg*

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: American Gangster (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Beowulf (MCC Mueller Theater)

Sunday, February 10, 2008

11:30 AM Ice Hockey Club vs. Petrox (Chevrolet Center in Youngstown)

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM Zeta Tau Alpha Family Day (MCC Berlin Lounge and Witherspoon Lakeview)

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: American Gangster (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:00 PM Vespers (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Beowulf (MCC Mueller Theater)

Monday, February 11, 2008

11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

5:00 PM PRSSA Recruitment Event (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

12:35 PM Med PAC Meeting (Hoyt 228)

5:30 PM College Democrats Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

6:00 PM SGA Debate (MCC Berlin Lounge)

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Thompson House Open House

6:30 PM Japanese Anime Club (TC 210)

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Alumni Connections in Science (MCC Witherspoon Rooms)

7:00 PM Jacob Erhardt International Film Festival (MCC Mueller Theater)

9:30 PM Newman Club (MCC Weisel Room 255)

9:40 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting (TC 314)

Wednesday, February 13, 2008

6:00 AM Titan Traverse Meeting (MCC Berlin Lounge)

11:45 AM Faires Faculty Forum: Bryan Rennie, Mircea Eliade and the Perception of the Sacred in the Profane: Intention, Reduction, and Cognitive Theory (MCC Mueller Theater)

12:00 PM Holcad Staff Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

4:00 PM Academic Standards Committee Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

4:30 PM Children's Literature Group Discussion: Twilight by Stephanie Meyer (Mugsies)

5:15 PM CPC Meeting

5:30 PM Career Center's Dine 'n' Shine: Puttin' on the Ritz, "The Finesse of Business Dining" and Fashions for the Workplace (MCC Witherspoon Rooms)

6:45 PM Newman Club Exec Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

7:00 PM Women's Basketball @ Chatham*

7:00 PM SGA Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:30 PM Habitat for Humanity Chapter Meeting (MCC 255)

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8:30 PM Circle K Meeting (PH 112)

8:30 PM Ice Hockey Club vs. Pusateri Excavating (Hess Ice Rink)

9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship (MCC Berlin Lounge)

Thursday, February 14, 2008

VALENTINE'S DAY

TBA Men's Swimming @ PAC Championships (at Grove City)

TBA Women's Swimming @ PAC Championships (at Grove City)

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Physical Plant Training Session (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Health Education Info Table (MCC TUB)

11:00 AM Support Staff Meeting (MCC Club Room)

12:40 PM COC Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

5:00 PM College Republicans Meeting (PH 231)

6:00 PM Psychology Club (Hoyt 152)

7:00 PM Gospel Choir (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

7:00 PM Interfraternity Council Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

7:30 PM College Feminists Present The Vagina Monologues (MCC Club/Lounge)

9:00 PM Amnesty International Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

Friday, February 15, 2008

CCO Jubilee Conference

TBA Men's Track & Field @ Baldwin- Wallace Mid-February Invitational (Indoor)

TBA Women's Track & Field @ Baldwin-Wallace Mid-February Invitational (Indoor)

TBA Men's Swimming @ PAC Championships (at Grove City)

TBA Women's Swimming @ PAC Championships (at Grove City)

7:30 AM College Feminists Meeting (Berlin Student Lounge)

11:40 AM Biology Lunch Seminar (Phillips Lecture Hall)

11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

12:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Exec Meeting (MCC Weisel Conference Room 255)

12:00 PM Berlin Village Housing Assignments Posted (Student Affairs Office)

4:30 PM Squatters Applications Deadline (Student Affairs Office)

6:00 PM Peace Studies Coffeehouse: Jonathan Hutto, U.S. Navy Seaman (Phillips Lecture Hall)

7:30 PM Symphonic Band Concert (Orr Auditorium)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Dan in Real Life (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Into the Wild (MCC Mueller Theater)

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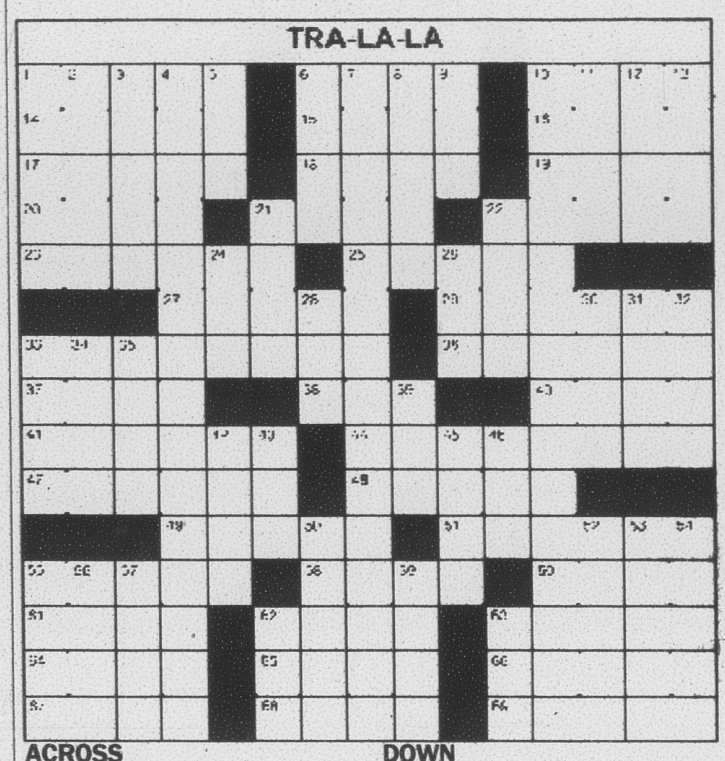

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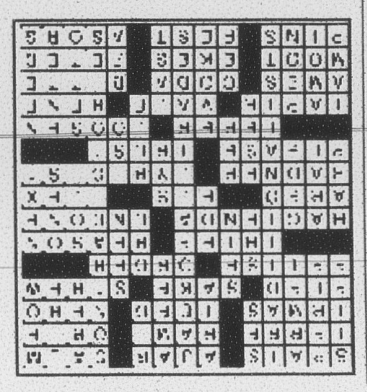

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21 - April 19):

A domestic crisis could interfere with your effectiveness at work. Do your best to separate your feelings and take care of business.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):

Take a moment and examine how well you communicate your ideas. Record your weaknesses and strive to make improvements.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21):

Your mind is occupied with financial matters. Make a decision to streamline your personal budget and place more emphasis on saving.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22):

Let the true nature of your personality shine through this week. Speak up and express yourself without reservation or fear of rejection.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):

Your subconscious is very active and full of valuable information. Record your important dreams in a journal.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):

A valued friendship suffers from manipulation. Take advantage of an opportunity to communicate your feelings, and this time don't withhold your expectations.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23):

Thought, study and soul-searching will bring a career goal into focus for you. Identify the desired destination and stay on the path.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21):

Surround yourself with individuals who are knowledgeable on politics or philosophy. Pay attention and find the answers to your questions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):

Valuable advice or guidance comes from a mentor. Investigate the details and gain understanding about joint finances, taxes, wills or insurance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):

A special relationship is highlighted this week. Make an effort to increase your involvement and an attempt to improve communication.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):

You are assigned and expected to perform an assortment of difficult duties or challenging tasks. Take a deep breath and proceed with caution.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):

Enjoy a plethora of artistic or social activities this week. Do your best to be flexible and considerate when scheduling meetings with friends.

If your birthday is this week:

Do not allow criticism or negative feedback to discourage you during the coming year. Practice what you preach and deliver on promises made to family members and friends. You are about to undergo a major transformation. Clear out the cobwebs in all aspects of your life, and fill your rafters with hope, light and love.

Also born this week:

Flavor Flav, Vanessa Williams, Bruce Willis, B.F. Skinner, Rosie O'Donnell, Reese Witherspoon and Roger Bannister.

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McKelvey Weekend Entertainment

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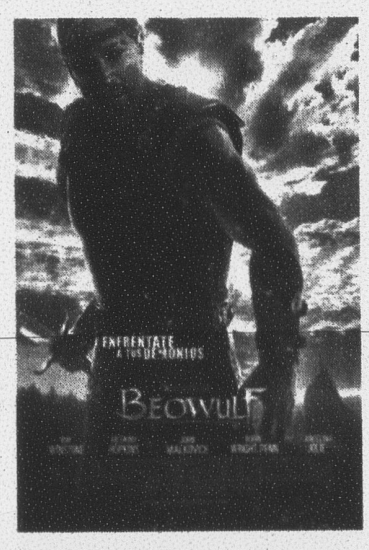
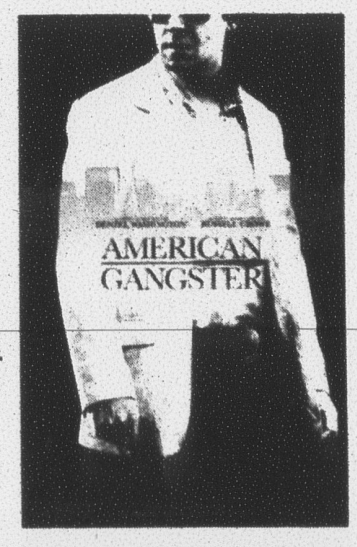


Movies Playing at Mueller Theater



8:00 PM	Friday	10:30 PM
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9:00PM	Sunday	3:00 PM

Movies provided by Club Room
Entertainment provided by CPC
Westminster ID's will be checked at all movies.
ID will admit you and one guest.
There is no charge; it's just for a count.

Late Night in the Club Room
Monday - 8 PM to 1 AM
Tuesday and Thursday - 9 PM to 1 AM

Features

A single soul dwelling in two bodies

Lurene McDonald
Features Editor

The blessed assurance that there is indeed good in the world - that would be part of how I would define the word friendship.

The idea of friendship is not complicated. It happens quite naturally for most people. It is yearned for and desired. However, when it comes down to it, the word itself is rather difficult to define.

Merriam-Webster dictionary defines a friend as "one attached to another by affection or esteem; a favored companion." I think most people would agree with me that friendship is something much stronger, deeper and inexplicable than this definition.

Then, how do you define friendship? An Arab proverb states, "A friend is one to whom one may pour out all the contents of one's heart, chaff and grain together, knowing that the gentlest of hands will take and sift it, keep what is worth keeping and with a breath of kindness blow the rest away." I think that is getting a little bit closer to what I believe friendship truly encompasses.

There are all different kinds of friendships. There is the true-blue best-friends forever friendship. This is the one that you know no matter what you do, that person will be there until you die. While this relationship may lax and then tighten, you will always go back to it because it is your heart's truest equal.

There are kindling friendships. These are beyond common in college. From day one of freshman year students start making new friends. These relationships may last a few months, a semester or a year, or they could last for a lifetime. There is no way to know. Most just know that it is exciting getting to know someone more and more everyday.

Then, there are the friends that you are born with, your family. While not everyone would consider their siblings, parents, or cousins their best friends, there is a definite intimate bond that is unbreakable from birth with your family. Some people get lucky, like me, and can call one of their blood sisters a best friend. However, many of those who cannot, often adopt a "brother" or "sister" to replace that special bond of friendship that occurs between siblings.

Of course there is the friendship one can find in romantic love. It is common thought and my personal belief that the one you truly love will become your best friend. They will not replace you best friends, but they will be your truest friend. Love is supposed to be an evolving friendship that draws you closer everyday.

A type of friendship fairly popular on our campus is that of the brothers and sisters of Greek Life. Some claim that this is buying your friends. Whoever these people are, they are wrong. There is a phrase that goes, "If I paid for my friends, I didn't pay nearly enough." Friendship cannot be bought. I know my sisters are my supporters, my fearless warriors, and my best friends. This is true of every fraternity and sorority for they are organizations that foster friendship, leadership, and a special bond.

I do not think friendship can be defined. I just know that life would be an extremely difficult journey without friends. In fact, the Greek philosopher Aristotle said, "Without friends no one would choose to live, though he had all other goods." We need that intimate bond, that sincere support, that genuine smile that friendship provides to make our lives what they are.

This week, take a long, hard look at your friends. Recognize what they mean to you and what you would be without them. Then, tell them! Let them know how you feel about them. This week is Valentine's Day, a day for expressing love. It is not just for lovers, it's for those who love you best, too - your friends. Take some time and show some love to them!

Lurene is a sophomore public relations major who enjoys a mug of hot chocolate and cozy afternoon naps. She loves being a member of Kappa Delta Sorority and the Admissions Office Staff.

Red, white and black

Barry Unis
Diversity Columnist

I have to admit, at the beginning of this week, I had no idea what Super Tuesday was or why I never heard of this holiday preceding Ash Wednesday. For those of you who (still) don't know, Super Tuesday dealt with the presidential nominations in 24 states.

I've touched on the presidential race before, but it is a very different animal now. Many have dropped out of the race, so a closer look at the remaining candidates is in order.

As of Tuesday, John McCain took the lead in the Republican race, with Mitt Romney, Mike Huckabee, and Ron Paul still struggling for supremacy.

McCain is the typical US President, an older white male. Sorry, John, but you're nothing to write home about.

Although Romney is a white male, his religious views are uncommon to the Presidency. Romney is a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, which many refer to as Mormonism. If I'm not mistaken, Romney would be the first Mormon President.

On the Democratic side, there is Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama. I find this interesting because the Democrats have narrowed their choices down to two minorities to represent them. There is no typical white male. At this point, if a Democrat takes the White House, history will be made.

If Clinton wins the whole shebang, she will be the first female president of the United States. One of my friends pointed out an interesting bit of info. If Hillary wins, the United States will have had a Clinton or Bush as President for the past 24-28 years (depending on reelection).

If Obama wins it all, he would be the first African-American president.

I am interested to see how America would handle a woman or black President. Unfortunately, racism and sexism still exist, and I wonder how far people would go to reestablish the power of the white man.

I also feel bad for Clinton and Obama. If they screw up in any way, some people will attribute it to their gender or race, respectively, thereby possibly hindering future women and blacks from running.

That brings up another thought. What does the future hold? I wouldn't be surprised if Oprah Winfrey ran for President, even though her credentials are less than stellar.

All this talk of change could be for naught, however, if McCain proves victorious.

So what? It seems to me that diversity has touched the road to the White House, finally giving underrepresented people a chance to run the land of the free and the home of the brave, and I'm all for it.

Barry Unis is a senior psychology major and theatre minor. He is all over the place on campus and is unfortunately known as a fictional rapist.

Getting to know all about the Archery Club

By Shannon Bobbert
Features Writer

In the early hours of a Friday evening, twenty-some young adults file into a shop whose wares consist of wooden bows and arrows. Seizing their equipment, they quickly move along. Only moments later, a young woman lines up her bow with her intended target. Carefully focusing on her mark, she noiselessly pulls back the arrow on her bow. With a short "twang," the arrow flies across the room and sinks deep into the target.

If this scene is unfolding before you, you have not entered Middle Earth. You are probably spending a Friday evening with the Archery Club and its president, Danielle McCullough. McCullough shares some information on the club, as well as possible opportunities for those interested in the sport of archery. She reminds us that archery is still a practiced skill.

"It's one of the Olympic sports," McCullough said.

So what exactly does the Archery Club get up to?: "We shoot on Friday nights," McCullough said, "We go and practice shooting once a week for like an hour or two, then we come back to campus"

What if those who want to join have never held a bow and arrow?: "I'll take them and I'll teach them how to shoot–I coach little kids too, so I'm used to complete beginners." McCullough said, "I'm actually a level two coach, and my dad is our head coach, he's a level four. He's actually one of the best coaches in the nation–it's pretty sweet."

What kind of opportunities does the Archery Club offer for interested students?: "There are competitions," McCullough said, "I'm about the only one who does go to competitions right now, because everyone just starting shooting. A lot of people–especially the freshman and sophomores–are really looking to go shooting in the next year or so, or going to competitions with me. They don't have to go to nationals, but there are state or local competitions."

What do you teach your fellow archers during a weekly meeting?: "Everyone just started, so we work on their form, getting them to shoot better, and developing their skills. A lot of the students who just started are doing so well, I'm really proud of them."

How would an interested student get involved in the Archery Club this semester?: "Just e-mail me and let me know if they've ever shot so I know what we can do. Also they can let me know if they have any equipment," McCullough said.

Do you need a bow and arrow to join?: "No," McCulloughsaid "We've set aside some equipment at the shop just for us. You don't have to buy your own equipment. Some kids like to have their own bow and arrow, but I want people to get to know the sport first before they purchase the equipment, because it's really expensive."

Does the Archery Club have any future goals?: "I hope to recruit more people, and I hope that even after I graduate the club is still on campus," McCullough said "I've actually had some people contact me that have applied to Westminster, and I think that's pretty sweet. I hope that people start doing it more."

What can students take away from the experience?: "It's like any other sport–it helps to build confidence," McCullough said, "It's a really fun sport, and it's different from the typical basketball or softball type sports. I say if you want to try something different, then go for it."

"You do get muscles from it," McCullough adds, " you can build them, but it's not intense like weight lifting"

Place to meet: Beeghly Theater (the club then drives to Gold-N Grain Archery)

Time: 5:30-? "It's Friday nights, so it depends on how long everyone wants to stay. It usually lasts about an hour to an hour and a half," McCullough said.

Nicaragua: Land of lakes and volcanoes

By Lurene McDonald
Features Editor

Excitement exploded from the 26 students on the Nicaraguan travel cluster when they walked out of the Augusto C. Sandino International Airport in Managua, Nicaragua.

It was in the high eighties and the balmy breeze blew around them. It was January 2, 2008 and this weather was a vast improvement over the icy, snowy roads they had fought to get to Pittsburgh International Airport that morning.

"A travel course to tropical Nicaragua is a great way to spend a January," senior Jennie Pride said.

The students and two professors, Dr. Ann Throckmorton of the biology department and Dr. Joel Postema of the Spanish Department, traveled to the Central American country to study tropical ecology and Nicaraguan culture and history in a hands-on approach. The trip lasted 18 days, January 2 - 20, and left the travelers with the experience of a lifetime.

"I never thought I would see the types of things that I did on this trip," sophomore Chelsea Logan said. "We explored so many places and did things that I know I probably never will again."

"The class had opportunities that some never will. A favorite adventure of the students was visiting a sea turtle beach near San Juan del Sur which borders the Pacific Ocean. They had the opportunity to see more than fifty recent hatchlings and make a monumental difference in the survival of their lives. Each student had the chance to adopt a baby turtle, give it a name and release it into the Pacific, protecting it from predators."

"The turtle beach was amazing," junior Leah Maxwell said. "The little turtles were very cute and releasing them was a definite favorite memory. My facebook picture is even with my turtle."

Nicaragua is a country of vast geographical differences. One of its greatest ecotourism attractions is its 28 volcanoes, 19 of which are still active. Students had to the opportunity to see both dormant and active volcanoes and climb several more including Madera and Masaya volcanoes. Their steep climb up Madera led them to a massive waterfall which was mentioned as a highlight of the trip.

"Who would have ever thought I would climb a volcano?" Logan said. "It was awesome. Not many people can say they have climbed a volcano."

The students got a real hands-on experience for their tropical ecology lab led by Throckmorton. The biology department has offered a variety of travel courses over the years including one to Kenya last spring. The opportunity to see what they learned in class first-hand is what students cited as both exciting and irreplaceable.

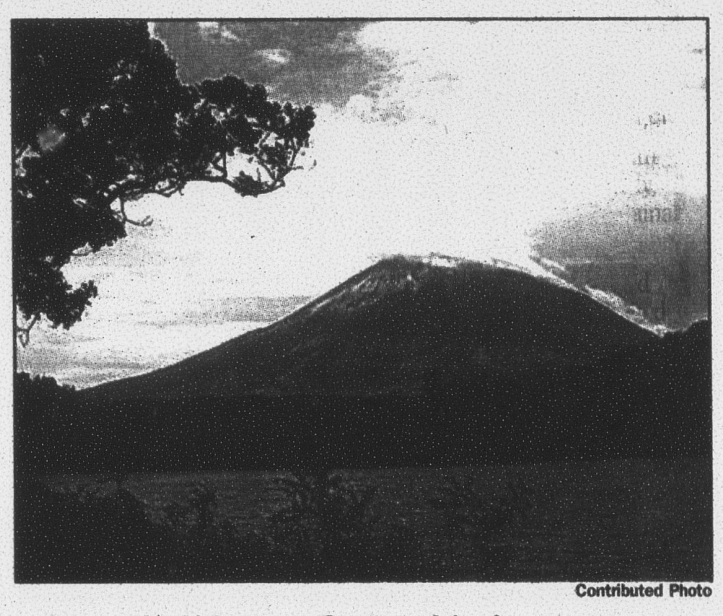
In addition to the group's ecological exploring they also immersed in the culture. Students spent the 2007 fall semester studying the culture and history of Nicaragua under Postema. This allowed for a greater understanding of the people in the area.

"One of my course's objectives was to have the student to read the material and then experience it," Postema said. "I think they really had the opportunity to fully understand the culture. It is one thing to hear about hunger, poverty, and suffering. It is another to see it and they did."

For a portion of the student body traveling courses are an alternative to studying abroad for a whole semester. It allows students to experience another culture and explore another place without having to miss a semester at the campus.

"Travel courses are hopefully a way for students to get off campus and broaden their horizons," Postema said. "Latin America is a great alternative because it's affordable to students and not to mention tropical."

Students who took this class now have numerous bragging rights ranging from climbing volcanoes, going to Latin American festivals, and having the best tans on campus in February. Full of stories and yielding tons of gorgeous photos, these students are quite obviously thrilled with their choice to travel to Nicaragua.



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The travel course pauses for a picture at Palacio Nacional in Managua.

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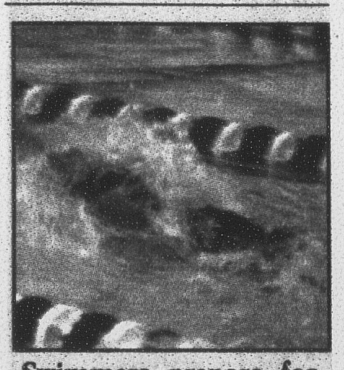

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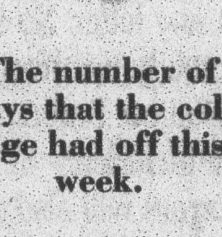

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No classes, No meetings: Snow Day

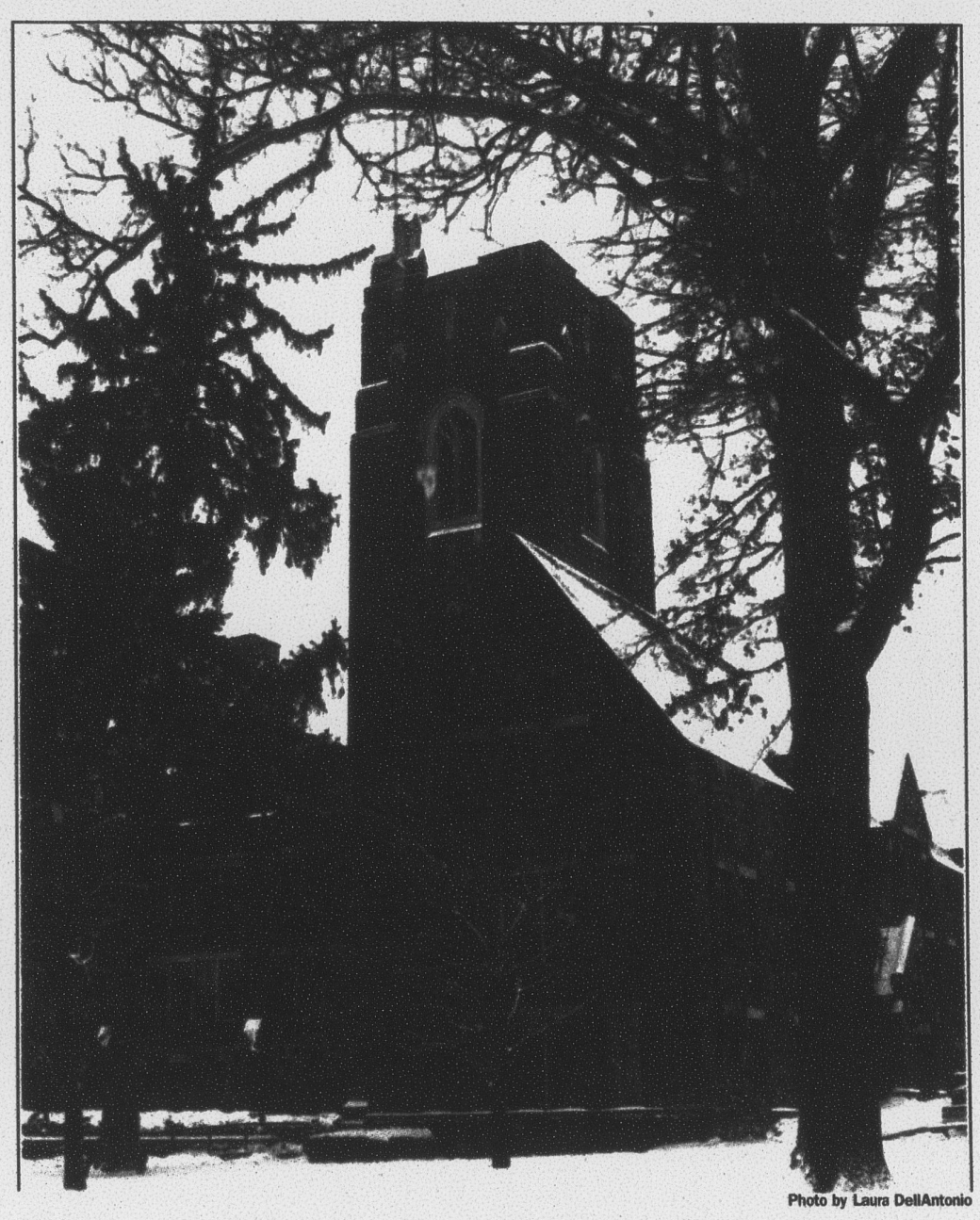

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Old Main had few visitors on Wednesday, Feb 13th as the college was closed due to adverse weather conditions. Most students caught up on homework, played outside, or grabbed some extra Zz's on the rare day off.

By Lindsey Nuzzo
Layout Editor

Constant cheers and giggles were heard across the snow-covered campus Wednesday, a rare occurrence for a mid-winter, mid-week day.

The reason for the campus-wide elation was the declaration of a snow day by Jesse Mann, Dean of Academic Affairs. According to Mann, freezing rain instantly followed by snowfall left layers of snow and ice along roadways and sidewalks. Despite almost constant efforts, maintenance crews were unable to keep up with the precipitation. Mann's main concern was for the safety of the faculty, staff, and students who commute to campus.

"Bill Brandt [Director of Security] who commutes from Ellwood City called ahead to report seeing several accidents and cars pulled off the road," Mann said. "It also took him twice as long to get here, so that was a signal that driving was dangerous."

According to Mann, he was up very early to scope out the weather conditions and make a decision.

"It seemed okay until about 4 a.m., then we got about 3 or 4 new inches of snow on top of the ice from the freezing rain, Mann said. "By 6:00 there was no way the roads and sidewalks would be cleared off on time."

Still, Mann commends the work and dedication of the Physical Plant and food service employees were considered essential employees, required to be on campus despite the closing.

"All the physical plant and food service employees were here before I made the decision to close at 6:30," Mann said. "I give a lot of credit to the employees; they are so dedicated."

As the cheers and giggles indicated, most students were thrilled to have a day off from classes, meetings, and other obligations. Senior Ashley Beaver and her townhouse roommates took advantage of the fresh powder to partake of some winter recreation.

"I've waited for years to have a snow day and playing in the snow made me feel like a little kid again," Beaver said.

Meanwhile, other students caught up on some much-needed rest. Even members of the student government association took advantage of the day by doing nothing significant.

"For the most part, I did absolutely nothing," SGA President Carsen Nesbitt said. "I made some brownies but that's about it."

Public Relations chair Jeremy Lawler used the day to relax and catch up on some TV.

"I mainly sat around all day and watched *The Golden Girls*," Lawler said. "I also watched two movies, which I never have time to do."

*See **Snow Day**, Page A-5*

Tornadoes strike small southern college - would our campus be prepared?

By Eilis McCulloh
Staff Writer

Last week tornadoes hit five Southern states causing widespread damage and more than fifty deaths.

Union University in Jackson, Tennessee sustained severe damage. According to the school's website, seventeen buildings received damage and about forty percent of the dorms were "severely damaged." Additionally, fifty-one students were taken to the hospital for injuries sustained during the twisters.

In light of the devastating tornados, people have begun to wonder if Westminster is prepared to handle a natural disaster.

According to Matthew Shaffer, Assistant Director of Resident Life, the college has severe weather policies, which are included in the "Emergency Response Plan to Hostile Action or Natural Disaster." Bill Brandt, Director of Public Safety, keeps this plan up-to-date.

"[The plan] is general enough to cover multiple types of natural disaster," Shaffer added.

He added that "Communication is a big staple of the plan" and that the goal is to give campus "proper information in a timely fashion."

However, many people on campus are not aware of the plan. It is not included in residence hall meetings when students are versed in fire safety, drug and alcohol policies, and rules regarding visitation. When asked how students should know what to do during a weather emergency, Shaffer suggested that they use "common sense."

Common sense may lead students and other campus members to lower levels of buildings, but not everyone knows where to seek shelter during a severe weather emergency. As a general rule, people should head to the lowest level of a building and away from any windows.

For example, students living in Berlin Village should take shelter in the downstairs bathroom while students in dorms should move to the lowest level and away from windows.

Even though most students would hopefully move to safety without explicit instructions learned through tornado drills, how do we know that common sense is enough?

Shaffer explained that there are other precautions that the college takes to instruct students during severe weather warnings. "Weather related information is sent out as a reminder to the college radio station, website, and through emails," he said.

It is likely that email and radio announcements are not enough, as most people would not think to check email as a tornado approaches campus.

In addition, many students do not know about severe weather policies on campus.

Senior Deborah Ward is one of the students who does not know about a response plan. "I would like to be informed about any policies," she said.

*See **Disaster Plan**, Page A-5*

Vaginas speak for themselves: Monolgues give women a voice

By Shannon Richter
Staff Writer

Members of the College Feminists gave the first of two performances of the Vagina Monologues at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 14 in the Berlin Lounge.

The Vagina Monologues, traditionally performed on V-Day for valentines, vaginas, and victory, included narratives discussing sex, relationships, sexual violence, and issues central to women. Members of the College Feminists hoped to convey the message of women's empowerment, to support the International Justice Mission, and to raise awareness for their organization on campus.

"Basically, [the goal is to] make us proud to be women," said president of the College Feminists and junior Becky Penn.

Originally written and performed by Eve Ensler, the Vagina Monologues encompassed various accounts of women, ranging from humorous to serious, but continuously informative.

"We're redefining femininity through a more modern lens," said sophomore College Feminist Amanda Ehrhardt.

Junior Zoe Anthony presented the monologue "The Angry Vagina," which was a comedic argument against trying to change the vagina. On the opposite end of the spectrum, Penn's performance of "Say It" depicted the hardships of Japanese women forced into sexual slavery.

"One of the ways men oppress women is by controlling their sexuality," said co-director of the College Feminists and junior David Dean. "This is a way for women to reclaim their sexuality."

A theme of female empowerment and individuality recurred throughout the monologues. The College Feminists were allowed to use the script for free on the condition that they adhere to certain rules. One of the stipulations was that the College Feminists contributed 10 percent of the profits to the International Justice Mission. In addition to a $4 admission fee, attendees were able to support the cause by bidding on the abstract art pieces by junior Sarah Girard.

Founded in 1997 by Gary Haugen, members of the IJM work to rescue victims who have been kidnapped or sold into sexual slavery. These members labor to not only rescue victims, but also to provide aftercare, work to hold the perpetrators accountable, and prevent future sexual crimes.

*See **Monologues** A-5*

Photo by Ben Jarrett

The *Vagina Monologues* presenters pose for a picture. The monologues will were held yesterday and will continue tonight in the Berlin Lounge starting at 7 p.m.

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Boo Snow

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She's having a seisure

I have a two-pack

Would you like some cheese with that whine?

I bent my key ninety degrees

Don't you want me baby?

I will come back to haunt you!

The salt is blue.

International free pancake day!

hmmmmm.

You bring shame to your people.

Mocha is bliss

your music is too loud!

I find people.

She threw the burnt Sienna at me

Smiling is my favorite.

mmmmm toasty!

Again, don't meow at me.

I miss my room!

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Is it a threatening work environment if your boss beans you with hard candy?

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The weekly glip: Diversity

Anthony Colwell
Weekly Glipper

To start off, I hope that this column is sitting next to at least one letter to the editor chastising me for saying Barack Obama's middle name was Osama when it was in fact Hussein. I made this intentional misprint to see if anyone was informed on issues concerning him and also to see if anyone cared enough to write in to correct me. I guess I shall see when this is published.

This week I wanted to talk about diversity. I know that this subject has been beaten to death in these columns over the years but I feel that it should be brought up again, albeit in a different light.

I decided that instead of just writing on the issue I would venture onto campus and do short interviews with some of our students that hold differing beliefs and ideals from the majority. They all asked me not mention their names because they do not feel making their beliefs public would benefit them.

I started by speaking with a student who happens to be a Buddhist. I was fascinated to find out that there are more Buddhists in the west than I previously thought. They still adhere to old beliefs such as Karma and enlightenment. I found it interesting that in modern America, where it is almost assumed that one is Christian and adheres to the Christian beliefs, that someone with beliefs as nonconformist as this could survive.

I also found the single Hindu student that resides on campus. I found out that there are still some who believe in a Polytheistic system. Hinduism is the oldest of all religious traditions that are still practiced today and it would benefit many people to find out more about its rich culture and heritage.

The individual that I spoke to followed a very henotheistic path. This belief system is founded upon the worship of a single god, in this individuals case Vishnu, but still accepts the existence of other gods. We could learn a lot about how to follow a moral path based upon ones duty in this life from Hinduism, and also how to learn to accept other people despite their beliefs and culture.

The next student that I interviewed was a student of Islam. I learned a great deal from this individual. The media truly does warp the actual culture and belief system inherent in those individuals that follow Islam as a religion of peace.

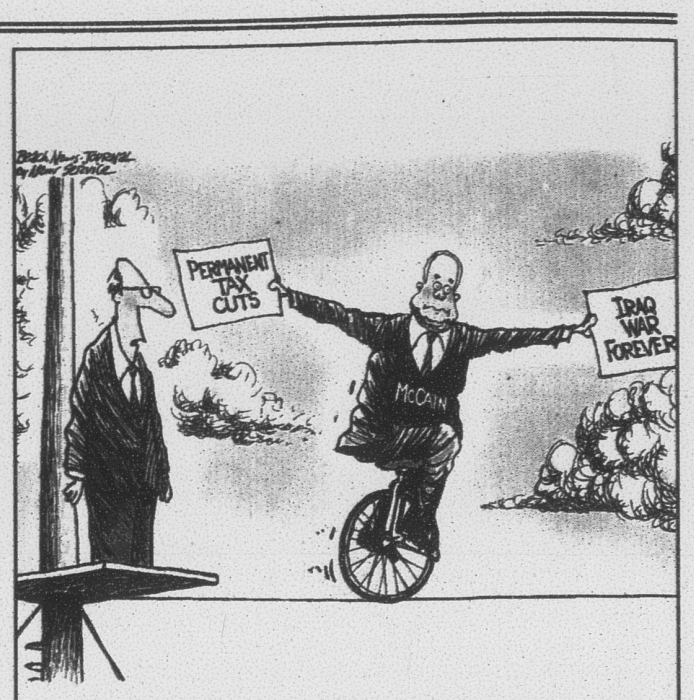
This student worships a deity that is very close to all Christian hearts by the name of God, or Allah. Before you dump soda on the column and throw the paper in the trash, I would like to inform you that Allah is not a different deity than Christians worship. Allah is simply the Arabic translation of the word God.

Muslims do not worship a different god from Christians, they just worship him in a different way using different scriptures. People do not realize this because they are to caught up in what those who misinterpret Islam are doing. Wouldn't we be in for a treat if we did the same thing with people who misinterpret Christian scriptures?

I would say the most interesting thing that I have learned from all of these students is the following: they do not exist. There are no Muslim students, Hindu students, or Buddhist students on this campus. This is because there is no diversity, but wouldn't it be nice if you could talk to a student of a different cultural background to enrich yourself?

We do give scholarships to religious group that represents our largest percentage. Why not even out the campus a little bit and give scholarships to other groups as well. Actually, never mind that, because it seems admissions and the administration are content with the most diverse group being from Idaho.

Anthony Colwell is a senior Mathematics and Philosophy major. He is currently attempting to stabilize his orbit utilizing the correct images, and is voting for Reagan in 2008.



"President Bush is way too unpopular for you to invoke his name. Just push his policies and hope no one notices."

Let's Talk About: Fairness

Allison Houser
Discussion Leader

Yes, I am one of those super annoying people who correct your grammar in my head, and, (although I am ashamed to admit this), sometimes to your face.

I apologize, but sometimes I just can't help it. I have spent almost twenty years learning proper grammar and it makes my skin crawl when mistakes are made. I can remember the exact moment that my fourth grade teacher taught my class about contractions. I correct the spelling and grammar mistakes on signs in the TUB. My mom rolls her eyes at me when she knows a correction is coming.

I have basically memorized the AP Style Book. You don't know what the "rule" is? Ask me, and I can probably recite it word for word. If I can't, I look up the rule as soon as I return to my room so I will know it for the future. I have a problem.

My favorite thing? I know a person who graduated a few years ago and now teaches at an elementary school. His/her AIM profile reads, "Call me if your in the area!" The fact that to make my point I cannot correct this mistake is incredibly difficult.

My hands are clamming up and I can barely refrain from reaching up and fixing it. The funniest part of this is that s/he is teaching the youth of America.

I find it difficult to take someone seriously if there are a lot of mistakes in their writing. I'm one of those people who actually use the shift key and complete sentences when talking on AIM. One of my favorite groups on Facebook is titled "I judge you when you use poor grammar."

As the generation using "txt" language gets younger and younger, the more acceptable these little quirks become. I know many of us "could care less" (which, by the way, means you actually care a lot). But what if we all started paying a little more attention to our language?

I spent my summer interning in Washington, DC, in a building where I heard at least forty different languages spoken each day. I have heard that English is the most difficult language to learn. Those I heard each day this summer had, apparently, learned the language better than many who have spoken English their entire lives.

I know that a lot of highly educated people don't use proper grammar. Actually, I know that I have made mistakes before, too (is it bad that as soon as I make a mistake I correct myself in my head?). And obviously good grammar is not incredibly important in the grand scheme of things.

It's your intelligence and your personality that is important. But good grammar never hurt anyone. Trust me.

Allison Houser is a senior public relations major with minors in Spanish and communication studies. She is a member of Sigma Kappa Sorority and is sorry for ever correcting you.

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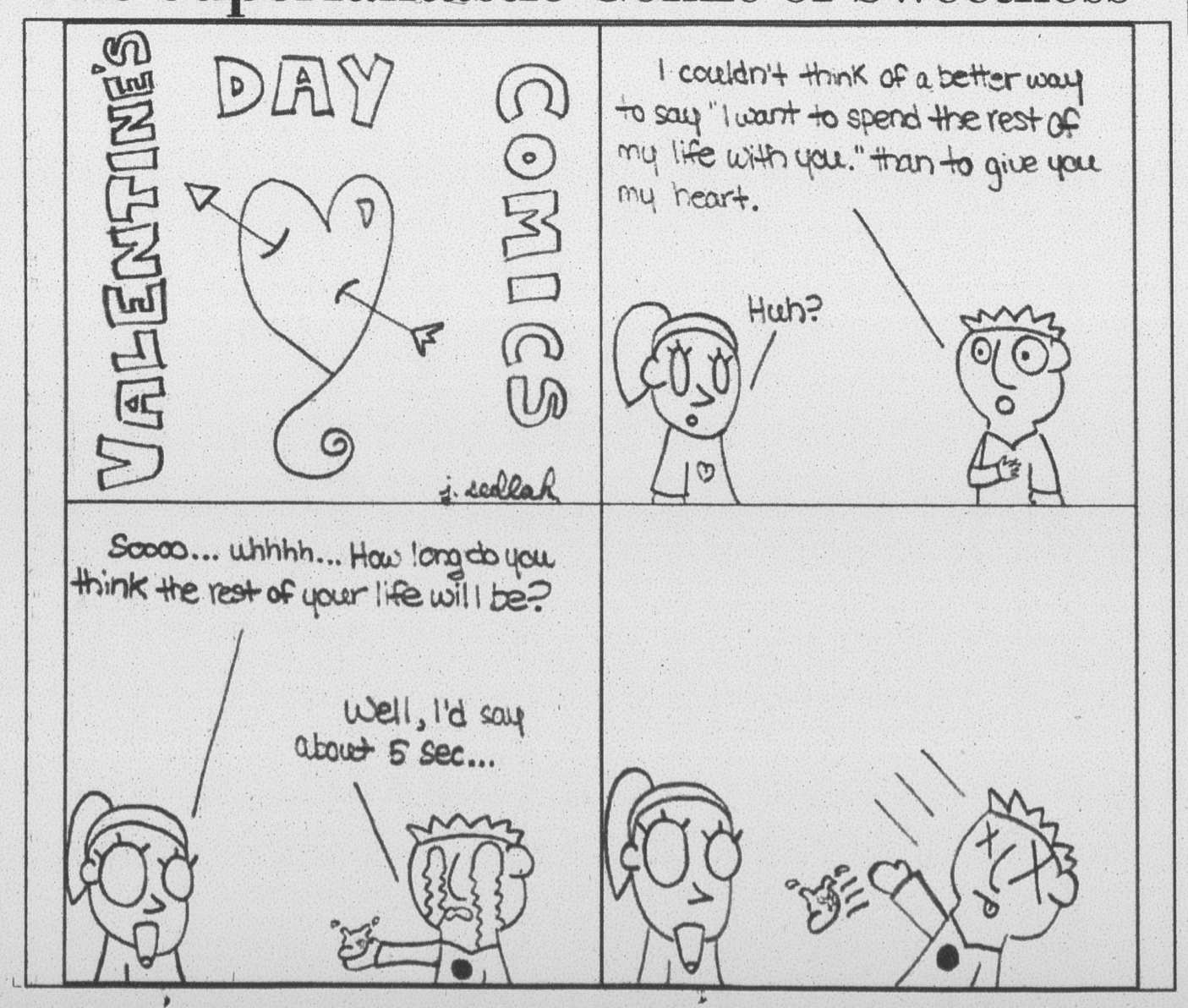

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REGIONAL

Man who killed wife in '93 accused of having gun

MEADVILLE, Pa. (AP) -An Amish man who killed his wife in a schizophrenic frenzy in 1993 has been charged with illegally possessing a gun.

State police say 42-year-old Edward Gingerich of Rockdale Township had a firearm while he was hunting near his home in Nov.

Gingerich is in the Crawford County jail on $500,000 bail.

Authorities say Gingerich is prohibited from using or possessing a gun. That's because he was found guilty but mentally ill of involuntary manslaughter in the killing and disemboweling of his wife He served five years in prison.

He also was sentenced to six months' probation and was fined $500 in December after pleading no contest to interfering with the custody of their daughter last April.

College courses seek to protect church tills from embezzlers, improve management

PHILADELPHIA (AP) _ The globe-trotting priest from Connecticut drove a Jaguar, shopped at Bergdorf Goodman and bought jewelry from Cartier, all of it with money stolen from his church's coffers. By the time the parish finance council caught on, he had embezzled $1.3 million.

Many U.S. churches have been victims of embezzlement over the years, reflecting not just moral weakness on the part of the wrongdoers, but lax financial controls. Often, church budgets are overseen by volunteers or employees with little guidance or professional training.

Now, some colleges are hoping to prevent such faith-shattering abuses by offering programs devoted specifically to managing church finances and personnel.

Duquesne University in Pittsburgh and Boston College started programs in September, and Villanova University outside Philadelphia is offering an online master's degree in church management beginning this summer.

The concept is becoming more popular despite some among the faithful who bristle at the notion of the church as a business, said Kerry Robinson, executive director of the National Leadership Roundtable on Church Management, a Roman Catholic group.

"It is true that the church is not a company, and we respect and acknowledge that," Robinson said. "But it is comprised of people, finances and facilities. Catholic theology demands that those are managed well – and not just well, but to the highest, exemplary degrees of stewardship."

Better financial controls might have led to an earlier uncovering of the priest sexual-abuse scandal, said Charles Zech, director of Villanova's Center for the Study of Church Management. Numerous financial red flags were missed as dioceses and archdioceses quietly settled with victims and paid for treatment for priests.

More than 60 Catholic dioceses responding to a survey by Zech and a colleague reported embezzlements within the past five years. The survey got responses from only about half of those contacted, but 60 amounts to around one-third of the nation's dioceses. About a half-dozen of the dioceses that responded reported thefts of more than $500,000.

"If folks were better trained in management, a lot of problems that churches face today could have been avoided," Zech said.

Just last year, the Associated Press found reports of more than 20 churches in 17 states dealing with embezzlement cases. The cases included clergy or church employees who were either charged with, sentenced for, convicted of or pleaded guilty to stealing religious funds.

The frauds involved many denominations, and included a Roman Catholic priest in Virginia who admitted stealing at least $400,000 from his parishioners and a Lutheran youth minister in Pennsylvania charged with embezzling more than $68,000.

Last fall, Boston College – a Catholic school, like Duquesne and Villanova – began offering a master's in pastoral ministry with a concentration in church management. It also offers dual master's degrees in ministry and business.

Boston College theology professor Thomas Groome said he became convinced the programs were needed after attending a convocation of clergy and laity a few years ago.

"We were speaking two different languages," Groome said. "The business people were talking about economies of scale. The bishops and the theologians were talking about the church being a sacrament of God's reign in the world."

Jon Jakoblich, one of about nine students in Boston College's on-campus program, enrolled in hopes of landing a management role in a Catholic parish. Jakoblich, 25, said that he wants to help with strategic planning and leadership, and that this kind of education is necessary "to sustain the long-term health of the church."

At Villanova, the two-year, part-time master's program is expected to garner about two dozen applications from Catholics and Protestants alike, Zech said. So far, about half the applicants are clergy. Courses include financial reporting and controls; civil law and church law for church administrators; and personnel management.

The Rev. Frank McGrath, the new pastor at victimized St. John Roman Catholic Church in Darien, Conn., said pastors should receive some administrative training, either at seminaries or from the diocese after being ordained.

A private detective hired in 2006 to investigate McGrath's big-spending predecessor, the Rev. Michael Jude Fay, found that he had secret bank accounts and flagrantly abused church credit cards.

Group unveils online guide to historic Pa. trail

PITTSBURGH (AP) - A historical group has launched an online guide to Pennsylvania's Forbes Trail.

The route stretches from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh, primarily along Route 30. It follows the path of a 1758 expedition by 6,000 British and colonial troops commanded by the British General John Forbes. A young George Washington was among them.

The expedition was a turning point in the French and Indian War and led to the capture of a French stronghold in what is now Pittsburgh.

The guide at www.forbestrail.org is part of an effort by the nonprofit group French and Indian War 250 Inc. to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the trail and the war.

Pa. governor: Some whites 'not ready' to support black presidential candidate

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) - Gov. Ed Rendell, one of Hillary Rodham Clinton's most visible supporters, said some white Pennsylvanians are likely to vote against her rival Barack Obama because he is black.

"You've got conservative whites here, and I think there are some whites who are probably not ready to vote for an African-American candidate," Rendell told the editorial board of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette in remarks that appeared in Tuesday's paper.

To buttress his point, Rendell cited his 2006 re-election campaign, in which he defeated Republican challenger Lynn Swann, the former Pittsburgh Steelers star, by a margin of more than 60 percent to less than 40 percent.

"I believe, looking at the returns in my election, that had Lynn Swann been the identical candidate that he was – well-spoken, charismatic, good-looking – but white instead of black, instead of winning by 22 points, I would have won by 17 or so," he said. "And that (attitude) exists. But on the other hand, that is counterbalanced by Obama's ability to bring new voters into the electoral pool."

Rendell, chairman of the Democratic National Committee in 2000 and previously Philadelphia's mayor, endorsed Clinton on Jan. 23.

Pennsylvania holds its primary April 22.

Several figures in Clinton's campaign, including her husband, the former president, have been criticized in recent weeks for raising Obama's race. In response, Bill Clinton has said he will stick to promoting his wife, rather than defending her.

As Rendell's comments made national news Tuesday, his spokesman said the governor did not mean to offend anyone.

"He was simply making an observation about the unfortunate nature of some parts of American society," said the spokesman, Chuck Ardo. "He wasn't being critical, he wasn't making accusations, but just being realistic."

NATIONAL

Trailers FEMA bought after 2005 hurricanes may be used as housing for tornado victims

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) - Some of the thousands of trailers sitting unused since they were purchased by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in 2005 for Gulf Coast hurricane victims may finally be put to use – to help victims of last week's tornadoes, officials said Tuesday.

Some members of Congress have accused FEMA of playing down the danger of possible formaldehyde contamination in the trailers – more than 6,300 of them stored at the Hope airport – but an agency spokesman said Tuesday that the trailers are safe.

The decision to use some of the trailers for Arkansas and Tennessee twister victims comes after requests by state officials and members of Arkansas' congressional delegation, who have criticized the trailers in the past as a sign of federal ineptitude after hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

David Maxwell, head of the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management, said his office told FEMA immediately after the tornadoes that the victims would need some of the trailers.

FEMA Administrator R. David Paulison said Friday on a tour of the damage that the agency would prefer putting storm victims in rental property, although he acknowledged that could be difficult in rural areas.

"Knowing rural Arkansas and the areas that were hit, there's not a lot of rental property," Maxwell said. "Then you're stuck with mobile homes."

Maxwell said the number of trailers released would depend on the number of people who called FEMA and requested help, as opposed to simply releasing a blanket number. FEMA already hired a contractor to prepare and possibly move the trailers to people in need, he said.

Tennessee state officials estimate the tornadoes destroyed 517 homes and 61 mobile homes, and estimates in Arkansas suggest about 300 homes were destroyed, likely including a number of manufactured or mobile homes.

FEMA still hasn't reached a firm number of how many mobile homes will be used from Hope and other storage sites around the country, spokesman James McIntyre said Tuesday. The majority of mobile homes stored at Hope were unused and in good shape, with a small percentage refurbished after being used in hurricane relief operations, he said.

Arkansas and Tennessee will receive FEMA mobile homes first because they already were declared federal disaster areas, McIntyre said. Requests from Alabama and Kentucky are still pending, he said.

Phil Parr, who is leading the federal response to the storms in Arkansas, refused to offer any estimates on how many mobile homes would be used or when they would be installed. That would affect "the mind-set of people" seeking aid, he said.

"We're moving as quickly as we've ever moved before," Parr said.

About 250 federal employees will staff an administrative headquarters in Little Rock now open for business in an old factory, Parr said. On Tuesday, workers still stood on ladders looking into ceiling wires, and telephone switchboards stood open.

After Katrina hit in 2005, FEMA purchased 25,000 manufactured homes built at a cost of more than $850 million. Many of them went unused while many hurricane victims remained homeless. All together, FEMA has about 75,000 trailers and mobile home in various locations across the country.

Congress ordered FEMA to stop selling or donating the houses last year after discovering problems with formaldehyde, but McIntyre said FEMA determined its mobile homes in storage at Hope were safe to use.

The mobile homes are about 80 feet long and have two or three bedrooms, McIntyre said.

Tornadoes killed 13 people in Arkansas on Feb. 5, with 12 along the path of just one twister. In all, 56 people died in four states.

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Blast from the Past- Then and Now Inside Westminster's Thompson House

Thompson House legacy connects Westminster to Victorian Age

Thompson House at Westminster is a historic gem that dates back to the 1800's. The recent renovations at the Victorian-style building reclaims its history with the college as a residence hall for women on campus.

The building reopened for student living in August 2006. Officially called the the S. R. Thompson House, it was built in 1884 by Samuel R. Thompson, a professor of physics and the developer of Westminster College's science department.

The structure has served as a boarding home, a sorority house and even housed men at one time. The college purchased the building in 1945 to serve as a residence hall and later housed administration offices and the alumni center.

In 1985, the house was placed in the National Register of Historic Places. Now that Thompson House is back in the business of serving as a home for young college students.

Titan Radio's Thomas Miller set out to compare what it is like to live in such a historic structure now with what it was like decades ago when the college placed severe restrictions on men wanting to visit the women living inside the house.

INTERNATIONAL

Australian Parliament apologizes for 'indignity and degradation' inflicted on Aborigines

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) _ Aborigines organized breakfast barbecues in the Outback, schools held assemblies and giant TV screens went up in state capitals as Australians watched a live broadcast of their government Wednesday apologizing for policies that degraded its indigenous people.

In a historic parliamentary vote that supporters said would open a new chapter in race relations, lawmakers unanimously adopted Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's motion on behalf of all Australians.

"We apologize for the laws and policies of successive parliaments and governments that have inflicted profound grief, suffering and loss on these our fellow Australians," Rudd said in Parliament, reading from the motion.

The apology is directed at tens of thousands of Aborigines who were forcibly taken from their families as children under now abandoned assimilation policies.

"For the pain, suffering and hurt of these Stolen Generations, their descendants and for their families left behind, we say sorry," the motion said. "And for the indignity and degradation thus inflicted on a proud people and a proud culture, we say sorry."

Aborigines remain the country's poorest and most disadvantaged group, and Rudd has made improving their lives one of his government's top priorities.

"This is a historic day," said Tom Calma, who gave the Stolen Generations formal response. "Today our leaders across the political spectrum have chosen dignity, hope and respect as the guiding principles for the relationship with our nation's first people."

In Parliament's public galleries and at gatherings large and small around the country, victims of the assimilation policies and their supporters listened intently as Rudd spoke. Many wept quietly.

Traditional cleansing ceremonies were held in Sydney's predominantly Aboriginal suburb of Redfern before a crowd watched events on a big screen. Parents clutched children on their knees. Many waved Australian and Aboriginal flags.

"Sorry heals the heart and it goes deep," said Rhonda Dixon-Grovenor, an Aborigine among the crowd. "This really means a big thing to us – a weight that can be lifted so that we can start our healing."

The apology ended years of divisive debate and a decade of refusals by the previous conservative government that lost November's elections.

In the Outback town of Broome on the far northwest coast, dozens gathered before dawn to watch the speeches in Canberra on television via a scratchy feed.

"I'm glad it's come this far," local Aborigine Justin Howard told Australian Broadcasting Corp. "But it's not going to stop here, there is still going to be that hurt."

Rudd received a standing ovation from lawmakers and from scores of Aborigines and other dignitaries who were invited to Parliament to witness the event.

"It's great to get behind what the government's trying to do; bring black and white Australians together," said William Murray, 17, one of more than 1,000 who gathered at two giants screens outside Parliament.

Aboriginal classmate Cyril Johnson, 17, also welcomed the apology.

"It's really good everyone realizes now they did a bad job in the old days and the apology is really good," Johnson said.

The apology places Australia among a handful of nations that have offered official apologies to oppressed minorities, including Canada's 1998 apology to its native peoples, South Africa's 1992 expression of regret for apartheid and the U.S. Congress' 1988 law apologizing to Japanese-Americans for their internment during World War II.

Aborigines lived mostly as hunter-gatherers for tens of thousands of years before British colonial settlers landed at what is now Sydney in 1788.

Today, there are about 450,000 Aborigines in Australia's population of 21 million. They are the country's poorest group, with the highest rates of jailing, unemployment and illiteracy. Their life expectancy is 17 years shorter than other Australians.

The debate about an apology was spurred by a government inquiry into policies that from 1910 until the 1970s resulted in 100,000 mostly mixed-blood Aboriginal children being taken from their parents under state and federal laws based on a premise that Aborigines were dying out.

Most were deeply traumatized by the loss of their families and culture, the inquiry concluded, naming them the "Stolen Generations." Its 1997 report recommended a formal apology and reparations for the victims.

Rudd ruled out compensation – a stance that helped secure support for the apology among the many Australians who believe they should not be held responsible for past policies, no matter how flawed.

He pledges instead to lift the living standards of all Aborigines, and on Tuesday outlined bold targets for cutting infant mortality, illiteracy and early death rates among indigenous people within a decade.

Aboriginal leaders generally welcomed the apology, though some said it was empty rhetoric without addressing the issue of compensation.

Noel Pearson, a respected Aborigine leader from Queensland state, wrote in The Australian newspaper on Tuesday that offering an apology without compensation meant: "Blackfellas will get the words, the whitefellas keep the money."

Campus News

College Republicans attend conference in Washington D.C.

Three students travel to Conservative Political Action Conference on Feb. 7-9

By Laura Henry
Staff Writer

Three College Republicans traveled to Washington D.C. Thursday Feb. 7 through Saturday Feb. 9 for the Conservative Political Action Conference.

The conference involved keynote speakers, discussion panels, display exhibits, interest groups, senators and governors, and many prominent figures in the political field. It began at 10 a.m. Thursday morning where figures including Dick Cheney, Mitt Romney, Mark Steyn, Jeb Hensarling, Richard K. Armey, Elaine L. Chao, and Ron Paul spoke.

Friday morning beginning at 8:45 featuring Jim Nussle, Roy Blunt, George Bush, Wayne LaPierre, Mike Pence, Dinesh D'Souza, and John Bolton. Concluding the conference, Saturday morning began at 9 a.m. where Mike Huckabee, Rick Perry, Newt Gingrich, and Tony Snow also spoke.

Senior Kevin Oshnock explained that the conference was one of the biggest conservative meetings in the country.

"Sixty percent of the people who attended were students. It was interesting to see so many different people and the comparison with political views helped formulate ideas" Oshnock said. "It was interesting to see different views and how people in different areas feel about the issues. The conference was a good experience and we got to hear a lot of big name speakers."

Dick Cheney spoke about his conservative principles and why it is important to be a conservative. Mitt Romney delivered his concession speech leaving many of his followers shocked.

Ron Paul discussed how he was a true conservative and people should follow him for that reason. George Bush stressed the importance of continuing the war and other topics with international affairs.

Wayne LaPierre argued about the Supreme Court case dealing with the second amendment. Mike Huckabee expressed that he will fight on with the election and discussed his positions.

Rick Perry spoke about the Boy Scout defense. McCane confronted the falsehoods conservatives feel towards him, but gave reasons why conservatives should still rally behind him.

College Republicans Chairman Brett Hoover decided to attend the conference due to the excitement of the election year.

"The conference was a good way to hear other republican opinions first hand. It was also a good opportunity to learn more about conservative principles" Hoover said.

College Republicans treasurer Lindsey Guthrie said that attending the conference was a good way to expand her knowledge of current issues and prominent conservatives in the area.

"The conference was an excellent opportunity to learn from others with similar values and how they feel about current issues in the world" Guthrie said.

"It was interesting to see so many people rally behind their candidate. McCane, Huckabee, and Paul all had really good turn outs. I am in support of Huckabee. He has true conservative values and I refuse to stand behind the liberal McCane."

Hoover and Oshnock are also in favor of Huckabee.

"Mike Huckabee might not win the nomination, but that doesn't mean I can't like what he has to say" Hoover said.

Oshnock's favorite part of the trip was being able to see Huckabee speak.

"I am voting for Huckabee. Huckabee is the only real conservative left."

Oshnock explains that the organization helps make students more aware of certain issues and is a way to promote our political beliefs on campus. Guthrie said College Republicans gives students a place to learn about conservative ideas and how their party is changing.

Language in Motion program offers students chance to share experiences

Campus program allows students to speak at local schools about language and culture

By Megan Hoffman
Staff Writer

Modern Language students take time to share their cultural and language experiences with local students.

The Language in Motion program is kicking off its second year of having college students visit local elementary, middle, and high school classes to teach the students about different cultures, languages, and diversity.

"We started this program in the spring of 2007 and it was a success from the beginning," coordinator of Language in Motion, Milagros Swerdlow said. "Last year with the help of 13 local area teachers and 12 Westminster students we had a total of 31 presentations in which we were able to reach out to about 700 students."

Returning study-abroad students, international students, and upper level language students are encouraged to participate in the program. By participating, students get the chance to improve their skills through teaching about languages and cultures, giving oral presentations, speaking in public, and working with the American education system.

"As a secondary education minor, I would definitely recommend both education majors and minors to get involved with this program," Spanish major Kerry Flaherty said.

"I was able to practice in front of a classroom even before student teaching."

The presentations are usually given to language and social studies classes. Students make a list of the subjects that they can speak about.

The teachers then choose which subjects or ideas they would like presented to their class. The students and the teachers work together to come up with various presentations highlighting the students' knowledge.

"The program was very educational," Flaherty said. "I got to work with a variety of students and I was able to teach very distinct subject matters."

Incorporating the characteristics of the various cultures helps to make the program fun for the students, the class, and the teachers as well. For example, last year some of the presentations included dancing and drawing exercises.

"You need people who are very enthusiastic, energetic, and will do it with love," Swerdlow said.

To be in the Language in Motion program students needed to attend the informational meetings that were held in January and then meet individually to brainstorm about presentation topics and ideas.

In addition, students have to prepare a five minute preview of their presentations for a "Show and Tell" presentation and meeting with the local teachers.

"My job is to provide them with the help and support they need so their presentations go in the most successful way," Swerdlow said. "We had 31 presentations last spring and now we are ready to continue on and even improve the program."

Dr. Jacob Erhardt, Professor Emeritus of German, also assists with the Language in Motion program.

Last year, along with visiting the local schools, an all day seminar was held for around 60 Wilmington Area High School students taking Latin and French classes.

Highlights of the program included lessons taught by Westminster students. Students also got to take a tour of the campus in French or an English tour mixed with Latin vocabulary.

Swerdlow explains that the students and teachers were very interested in the Language in Motion program and asked if they could come to Westminster instead of the students always going to them.

With the success of last year's event, it is being planned again for sometime in April. The inclusion of Spanish language and culture into the event is also being considered.

The Language in Motion program was based off an idea originally developed at Juniata College. The program is sponsored by the Department of Modern Languages, The Drinko Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, and the Heritage Chair in Humanities.

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Admissions Office welcomes increase in applicants, small changes bode well for number of incoming students

By Laura Henry
Staff Writer

The Admissions Office has been very busy within the last few months due to a large increase in the amount of applicants for next year's admission.

According to Dean of Admissions Brad Tokar the applications are considerably up compared to previous years. Several changes have taken place in marketing for admission including the approach. Admissions hired a new marketing company, Royal and Company, and have also development a different marketing strategy, which was not revealed.

In addition, several promotional programs were developed. One such program includes the President Premiere Application. This application is now available to incoming students based on their GPA and SAT and ACT scores. Applicants have an opportunity to receive scholarships based on those scores.

Admissions also underwent a senior name search, where SAT and ACT scores were taken from all seniors, not just juniors, which were taken in previous years. Lastly, Admissions increased the merit-based scholarships.

"I feel good about the increase," Tokar said. "We are only part way through the cycle, but at this point I am very happy and hopefully the increase in applicants will turn into an interest in quality students attending Westminster."

A member of the Admissions Office has similar views as Tokar.

"The increase certainly makes me excited, but it is still too early to say anything. However, we have had to process more applications than in the past," Admissions member said.

The admissions process is slightly different than previous years. During the process an applicant can submit an application online or by mail. Once applications are submitted, all necessary information enclosed, the application is processed as quickly as possible.

Admissions aims to inform the potential student of his or her acceptance within 2 to 3 weeks. During this period Admissions communicates decisions and requests any needed information. Students are also welcome for campus visitations.

Unlike previous years, the Admissions Staff has increased the number of high schools visited. This year they attended over 440 high schools, while last year only 280 high schools were visited.

Admissions Receptionist Denise Guthery explains that the increase has kept her very busy.

"It [the increase in admissions] has been amazing and very exciting" Guthery said. "There is never a dull moment in the admissions office and our tour guides have been extra busy too. I am grateful to have such a great staff to help us out."

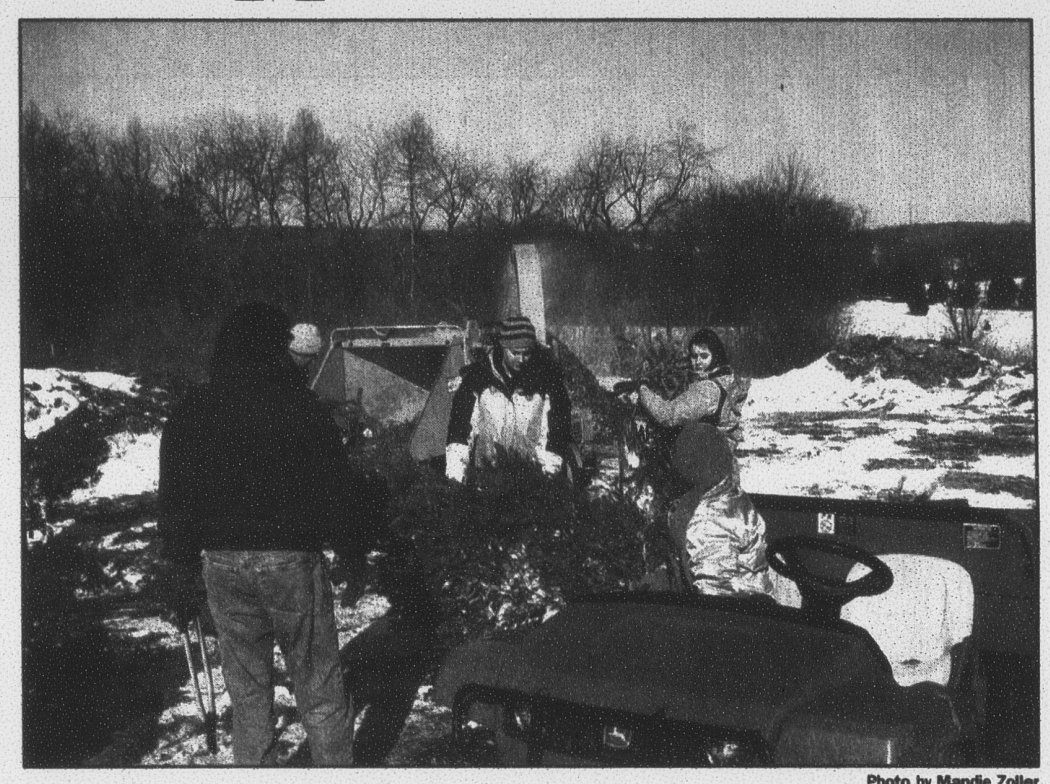
Along with the changes in the admissions process several other aspects are believed to bring potential students to our campus. Tokar feels that athletic recruiting is a large part of student interest and that coaches work hard to promote our campus.

Photo by Nicky Piszczor

The Admissions Office has been encouraged by the increased number of applicants for the 2008-2009 school year, due to many small changes and new promotional programs.

Potential students are also intrigued by our high job placement rate after graduation. Lastly, Tokar feels that the improvement to the campus facilities brings students to campus.

Field Station to host annual chipping party in support of environmental recycling efforts



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Have some chips!

On Saturday, Feb. 16, the Field Station will host a chipping party, where 100 Christmas trees will be turned into over a ton of wood chips.

By Erin Cameron
Campus Writer

Environment enthusiasts of all ages will gather around a warming fire and a large industrial chipper the weekend of February 16, in support of helping the environment.

On Saturday, Feb. 16, the Field Station will turn 100 Christmas trees into an estimated one and a half tons of wood chips at their annual chipping party. College alumni, students and community members are welcome to share in as little or as much of the festivities from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Those who attend are asked to bring work gloves while hot chocolate, marshmallows and proper eye and ear protection will be provided.

"The chipping party gives us a chance to have fun and do something that is good for the environment and the human spirit," said Dr. Clarence Harms, director of the Field Station.

Harms, a former professor of biology at the college, has been collecting disposed Christmas trees for the past 10 years and began chipping them the past four years to prevent them from being placed in a land fill.

Receiving trees that the Kiwanis Club sold during the month of December, along with trees collected by the New Wilmington borough and from members of the school and community, each year the two chipping parties have become a tradition that an estimated 30 people from all walks of life attend.

While the idea to collect and chip the trees originated with Harms, Kati Edmiston, assistant director at the college's Career Center, also influenced the creation of the parties. Bringing chocolate chip cookies to the first few events, the event now includes hot chocolate, marshmallows and an open fire to keep warm. Edmiston first got involved with the Field Station because of her own love for the outdoors, as well as her daughter Sandy's enthusiasm for the environment.

"Sandy introduced us to the work that was going on in the Field Station, and Clarence continues to inspire us to stay involved," Edmiston said.

She encourages all those to attend the event for an educational and entertaining experience.

Sharing in Edmiston's enthusiasm about the chipping party, senior Leanna Stitt, president of the Sierra Student Coalition, is an active participant at the Field Station and has been attending the chipping parties since her freshman year.

"It's great because you get to see old friends and introduce them to new friends," Stitt said. "It's also a great way to get the campus community and New Wilmington together working towards one goal."

Stitt originally joined the festivities because of Sandy Edmiston's passion for the environment and continues to spread her love for the environment to others.

Students, alumni and community members of all ages are invited to attend this event and to share in an opportunity to help the environment and meet people in the community who share in the same love for the outdoors.

Disaster Plan

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Senior Marissa Shetler echoed Ward's sentiments. "I had no idea that it existed. I think it's important for people to know what to do in emergencies," she added.

While dorms have fire drills every month, there are no tornado drills in place. Because this is not an area that is immune to tornado threats, a drill or basic instructions would ensure that students know what to do during a tornado.

Shaffer said that he would like to make campus more aware of response plans in the future. He added that there is possibility for a drill in the future, but currently, nothing is in place.

Snow Day

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Even professors found amusement in the unexpected day off. Dr. James Perkins, professor of English and Public Relations, commented on the way he was notified of the day off.

"I don't have a computer at home so when I got to campus, Dean Mann let me know about the day off in the most primitive way possible: he opened his window and yelled 'Perkins, go home; you aren't essential!'"

Perkins was also amused by an e-mail sent out which announced the cancellation of a Ski and Snowboarding Club meeting – due to snow.

Mann could not recall the exact date of the last school cancellation; however, it was about five or six years ago, before the current seniors were students. He and Brandt both remembered it to be a decision made by the state government due to wind and frigid temperatures.

Mann emphasized that, although snow days are rare, students should check their e-mail as the number one means to communicate school closings.

He also noted that closing would be listed on local TV station crawlers and announced on local radio stations. Additionally, Mann noted that the day would not need to be made up.

Monologues

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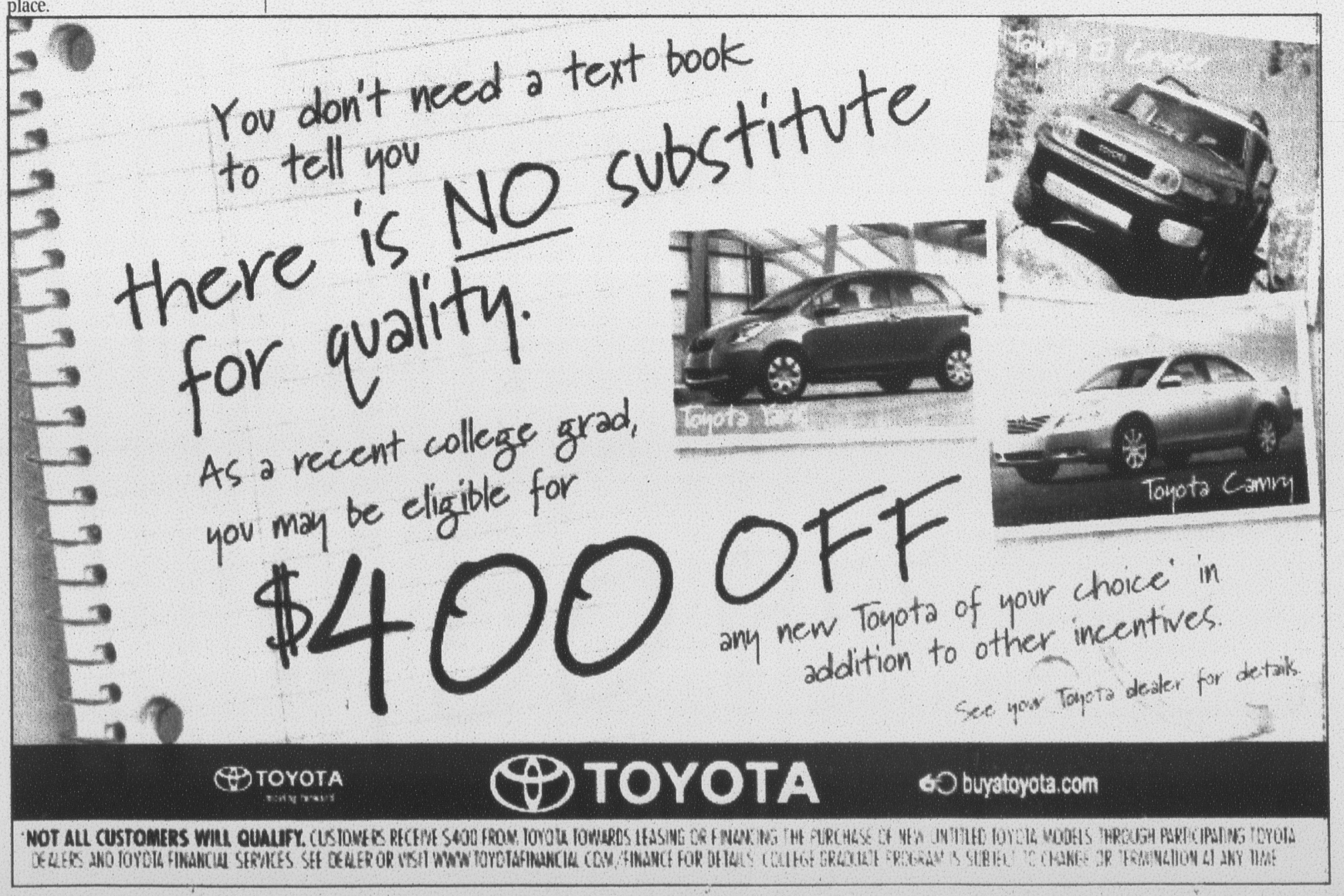
Students still have another opportunity to attend the *Vagina Monologues* on Friday Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Berlin Lounge. The same monologues will be presented with the addition of the controversial "Little Coochie Snorcher That Could," which has caused debate since its first performance ten years ago.

The *Vagina Monologues* have met both resistance and encouragement since their creation. Though opinions varied, this event provided entertainment, information, and an opportunity to broaden one's mind.

"Be open-minded," said junior Katie Teagarden. "Don't be afraid to come."

The College Feminist organization was created last spring and has both male and female members. This event raised awareness for the IJM and their organization, in addition to showing the campus a host of new perspectives regarding femininity and sexuality.

"Men are so proud of their junk," Teagarden said. "Why can't we be proud of ours?"



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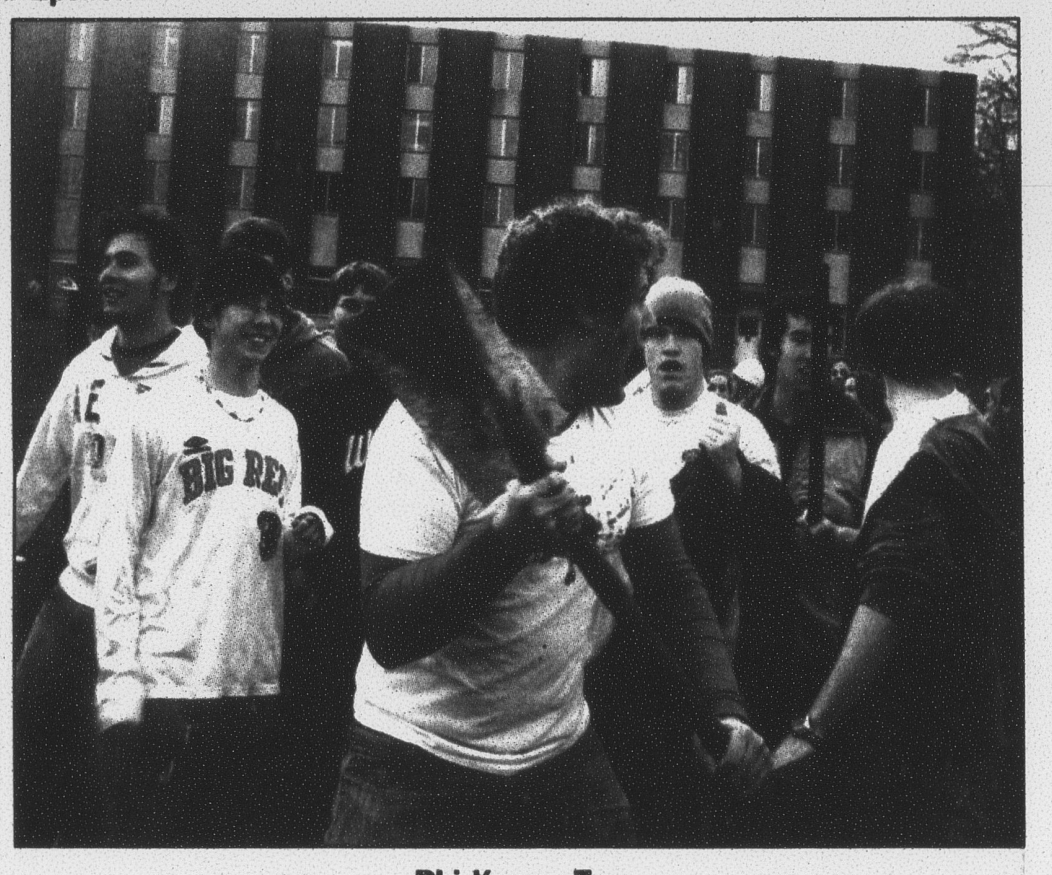

Phi Kappa Tau

Peace Studies program to host Naval speaker

By Chelsea Logan
Campus Writer

The Student Government Association and the Peace Studies Program will come together to host Jonathan Hutto, U.S. Navy Seaman, this Friday, Feb. 15, at 6 p.m. in Phillips Lecture Hall.

Hutto, an active duty member, speaks out against the war in Iraq and is calling on Congress to bring the troops home. He and other military members created www.AppealForRedress.org, a web site that provides a way for individuals to appeal to Congressional Representatives and U.S. Senators to urge an end to the war.

Is it appropriate for military personnel to publicly oppose the war? Many students are encouraged to see soldiers taking this stance.

"I think it's awesome that he is coming to speak out against the war," junior Melissa Murphy said. "Just because you're a part of a larger group, like the military, doesn't mean you're not entitled to your own opinion."

A representative from the Local Veterans for Peace contacted Dr. Sherri Pataki, director of the Peace Studies Program, and offered to bring Hutto to the college.

Founded in 1985, the Local Veterans for Peace is a national organization for men and women veterans of all eras. They discuss personal experiences and perspectives gained as veterans to raise public awareness of the costs and consequences of war.

Because of his exemplified courage and honor in building a culture of non-violence, Hutto received the 2007 Social Courage Award from the Peace and Justice Studies Association. Pataki and five students attended this conference in Elizabethtown, Pa.

"I'm anxious to hear him speak," sophomore Kelly Fee said. "I've never heard a member of the military speak out against the war."

This Peace Studies event is free to students, faculty, and the public. For more information, contact Sherri Pataki.

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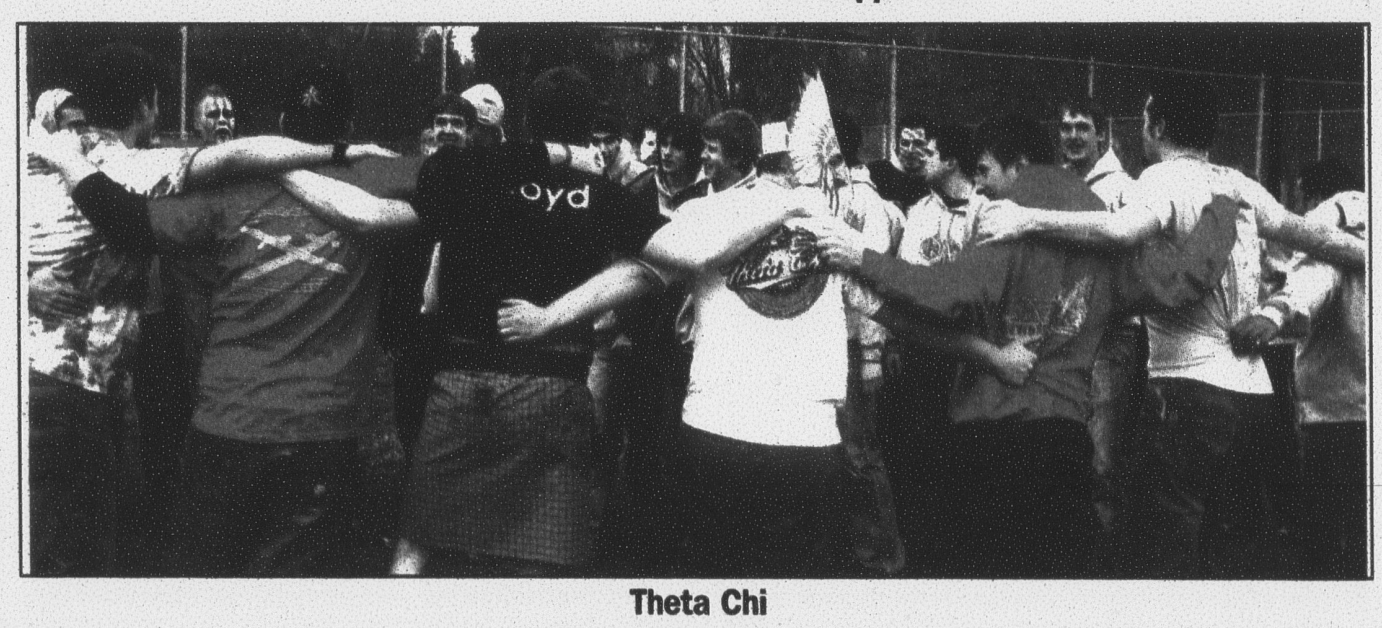


Theta Chi

February is the month of music

By Melissa Kramer
Campus Writer

The search for an evening of classic, contemporary, or modern music ends at Westminster College, as three instrumental bands present their first spring concerts throughout February.

Under the direction of Andrew Erb, campus adjunct faculty member in trumpet, the Jazz Ensemble performed their first concert of the semester Friday, Feb.8 in the Berlin Lounge. The Symphonic Band also performs their first concert of the semester at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 15 in the William W. Orr Auditorium. In addition, the Wind Ensemble presents "Ideas and Images" at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 29 also in the Orr Auditorium.

"We paint a broad palette when selecting music for concerts," Dr. R. Tad Greig said. "My goal is for the audience to leave hearing a couple new sounds."

The Berlin Lounge provided an intimate setting for the Jazz Ensemble's performance which featured works by two classic arrangers: Dave Barduhn and Sammy Nestico, through newer writers, John Fedchock, Matt Harris, Doug Beach and Tom Garlin.

Auditions are required of those interested in joining the 18-member Jazz Ensemble.

Not only will the Symphonic Band perform their first concert, but also will open it with one of the first works ever written for band, "Military Symphony in F", composed by Francois Joseph Gossec.

The "Ideas and Images" concert encompasses pieces that convey a musical image of a story, time or situation from the composer's point of view.

The Symphonic Band consists of 80 students that cover a wide range of majors. Open enrollment allows students of all talent levels to join the band. Most members of the Symphonic Band overlap with the Marching Band.

February will end with a performance by the Wind Ensemble. Their concert will feature two works that are regional premiers, "Orpheus and Eurydice", by Andrew Boysen Jr. and "Knee High by the Fourth", by Wendell Yuponce. The latter includes contemporary sounds such as tuned glasses, wind through instruments, and key clicks.

Auditions are also required for the Wind Ensemble, which is currently made up of 42 members.

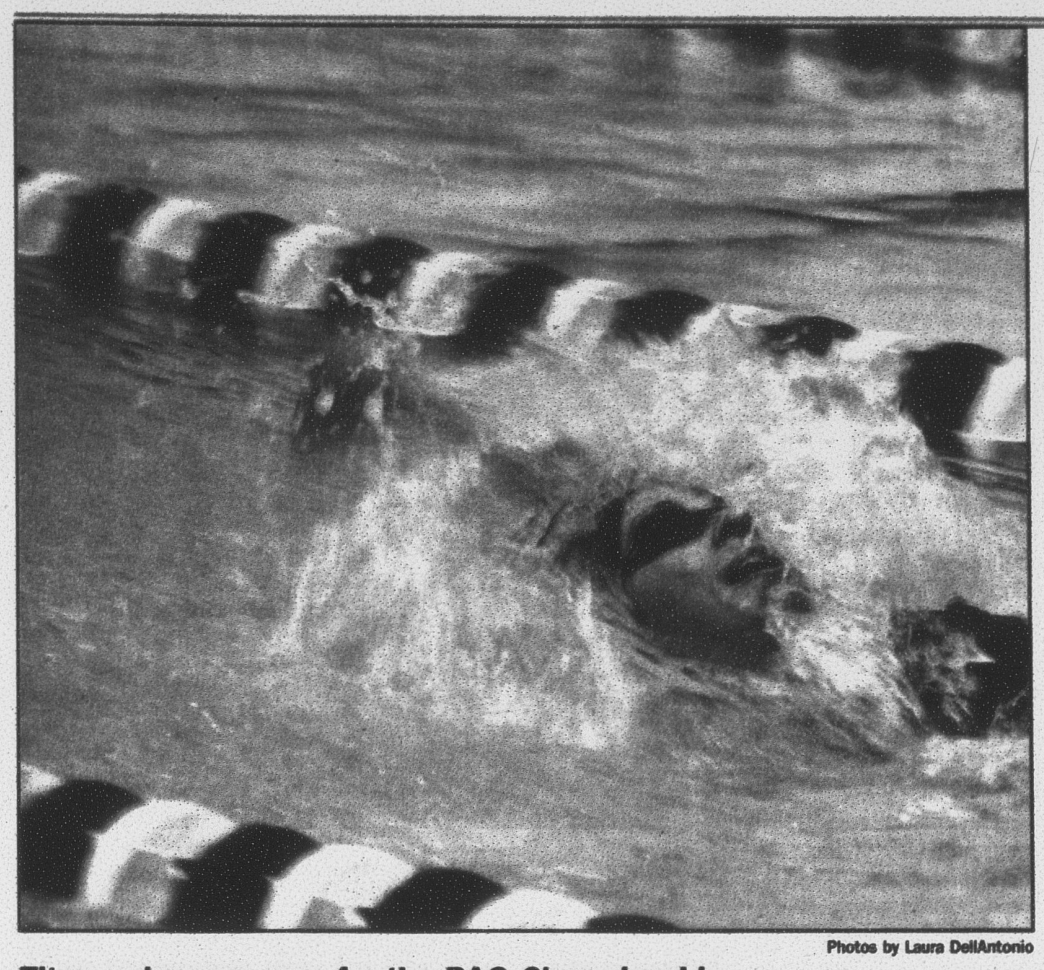
"I'm looking forward to the upcoming concerts," a senior member of all three bands, Amanda Allwang said. "The band and ensembles include students of all majors, not just music majors, that have the ability to play and enjoy it."

The members of each band dedicate themselves to two rehearsals per week. Some students are members of more than one band as a result; rehearsals are not scheduled at the same times.

"It takes a lot time in class and out of class to practice and prepare," a junior member of all three bands, Kevin Shields said. "The final product is amazing and we get a great turnout for concerts."

All of the performances are open to the public and also have free admission.

Sports



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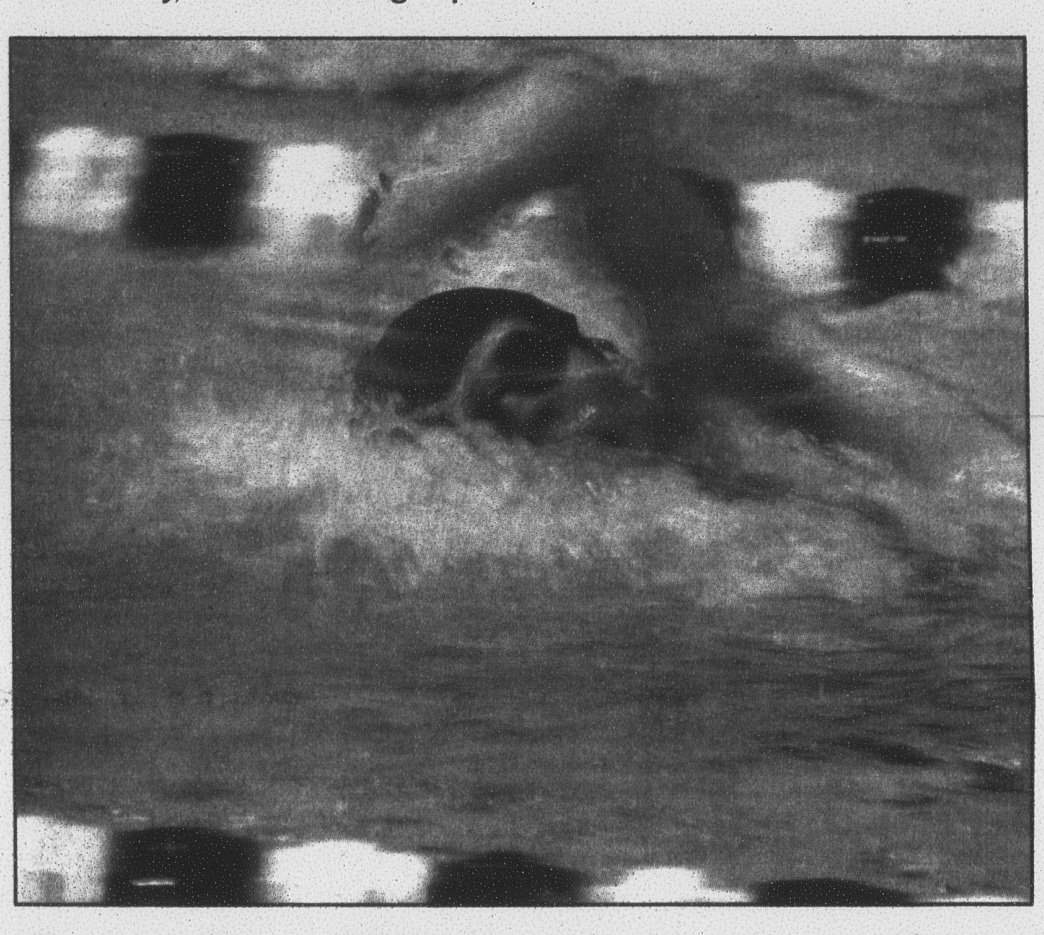
Titan swimmers race for the PAC Championship

Men's and women's swimming will compete February 14-16 at the Grove City College Natatorium for the PAC championship. The competition includes preliminary and finals sessions each day, with finals counting for points.



Titans to face two PAC rivals

In a tough game against Waynesburg, Hannon becomes highest scorer in history

By Andrew Kubincanek
Sports Writer

The men's basketball team fell in 83-77 at Waynesburg Saturday 9 February despite senior Craig Hannon becoming the new top-scorer in Westminster men's basketball history.

With 18 points, Hannon established a four point edge (at 1,633 points) over Mike Douds who set the old record of 1,629 between 1987 and 1991.

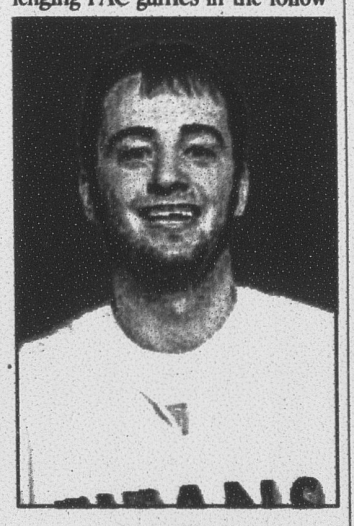
Despite the record-breaking performance and double digit games from senior Chauncey Whitlow and sophomore Ryne Murray (who accomplished his 11th double-double of the season) the Titans lost their second straight.

The Titans led by 10-2 early in the first half but fell behind before halftime. Waynesburg maintained their lead despite a Westminster effort that tied the game 48-48 in the second half. Waynesburg outscored Westminster by only 3 points in each half.

Westminster was victorious in the last meeting with Waynesburg. Ironically the team lost with 77 points to the Titans' 86. The Titans have drawn with three PAC opponents this season, losing twice only to W&J.

The game brought Waynesburg closer to advancing out of last place in the PAC. They remain just behind Westminster with a 2-8 conference record and games remaining against number two ranked Grove City and number three W&J.

Westminster also has two challenging PAC games in the follow-



Craig Hannon

ing week. On Saturday, Feb. 16, the Titans host number five ranked Thiel (9-12, 4-6 in the PAC) at 4 P.M. in Buzz Ridl Gymnasium. The following Wednesday the Titans take on Bethany (15-8, 9-1 in the PAC), the number one seed. Wins will be crucial to staying out of last place in the conference.

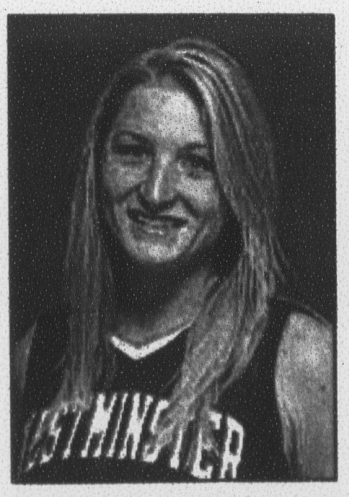
"It's always a goal to get a higher seed in the PAC," said senior forward Chauncey Whitlow.

Following the two conference showdowns, the Titans travel to Geneva for the final regular season game before the PAC championships starting on 26 February.

Lady Titans get back on track

Lady Titan basketball snaps losing streak with wins over PAC rivals Waynesburg and Chatham

Emilee Ackerman



Terese Marszalek

By Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

With the President's Athletic Conference Championship rapidly approaching, the women's basketball team stepped up their game by snapping their losing streak with two consecutive PAC wins.

The Titans traveled to Waynesburg on Saturday, Feb. 9 where they secured their first win after a six-game losing streak. Then the Titans made a trip to Chatham on Wednesday, Feb. 13 where they once again defeated the competition.

"It felt great to break the losing streak," freshman Kaitlin McCarthy said. "We needed to get wins like that to get our confidence back up."

The Titans defeated Waynesburg with a final score of 49-26. The Yellow Jackets' 26 points were a season low for Titans opponents.

After only one tied score of 2-2 in the first half, the Yellow Jackets fell behind the Titans and did not step ahead for the remainder of the game.

Senior Emilee Ackerman achieved her 11th double-double of the season with a game-high 23 points paired with 10 rebounds.

Classmate Terese Marszalek added a career-high 13 rebounds contributing to the overall 44-30 rebound advantage for the Titans.

With nine points, McCarthy was the second leading scorer for the Titans. She also contributed a game-high five steals.

Elisha Jones, Michaelena Jones, and Celina Gomez led the Yellow Jackets with six points apiece.

The Titans later went on to overcome Chatham with a final score of 81-70, maintaining their fourth place position in the PAC.

With just under 12 minutes remaining in the first half, the Titans stole the lead from Chatham and had a 45-36 lead at halftime. After returning for the second half, the Yellow Jackets only came within five points of the Titans before giving way to a loss.

Ackerman tied her career-high 33 points and pulled down seven rebounds, while Marszalek achieved eight rebounds and 15 points.

Kayla Hilko led the Cougars with a game-high 39 points, while teammate Allason Hold contributed 15 points.

The Titans host Thiel Saturday, Feb. 16 where both teams will participate in a "Think Pink!" initiative to raise breast cancer awareness. The campus chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority will also participate.

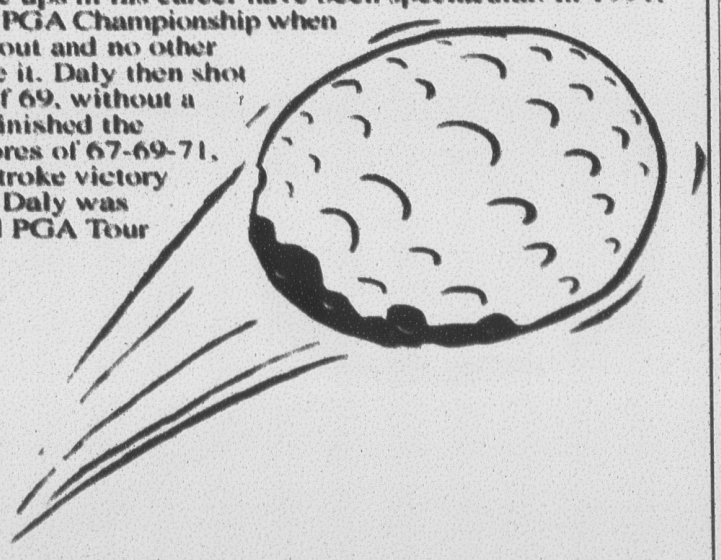
Those fans wearing pink will receive free admission to the contest. During warm-ups both teams will wear pink shirts and referees will use pink whistles during the game. Fans are also welcome to donate to breast cancer research throughout the game.

This is one of several "Think Pink!" themed games across the nation, which has been occurring throughout the season.

SPORTS FACT

Practice makes perfect? Not for John Daly

Golfer John Daly has had an up-and-down career on the PGA Tour. The downs have often been due to his reported trouble with alcohol and ex-wives. Yet the ups in his career have been spectacular. In 1991, he was entered in the PGA Championship when Nick Price dropped out and no other alternate could make it. Daly then shot a first-round score of 69, without a practice round. He finished the tournament with scores of 67-69-71, giving him a three-stroke victory over Bruce Lietzke. Daly was subsequently named PGA Tour Rookie of the Year.



Source: www.jockbio.com

Bobby Knight: Best Ever?

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

Brandon,

I just wanted to congratulate you on once again producing the finest piece of reading offered in the Holcad. But, you did leave out the fact that Bob Knight is the finest man to ever coach the game of basketball.

He is the only coach who could take a group of scrubs and turn them into a top 25 team. Who was Texas Tech before he showed up? Not only was he the greatest coach ever, but his enlightening comments to the media made him a model coach. He is a fine example of how coaching should be done and how one should handle himself off the court.

With my "game face" on,
Michael A. Ferguson

Michael,

While I do agree that Coach Knight made immeasurable contributions to the game of basketball, he is certainly, under any circumstance, NOT the finest man to ever coach the game of basketball.

If by finest man to ever coach you mean that he has more wins than any other NCAA Division I coach, I cannot dispute your claim. However, I would argue that big, bad Bob Knight cannot even begin to be compared to the truly honorable and legendary John Wooden. In Wooden's illustrious career, he won the National Championship an unprecedented ten times. Compare those ten titles to only three National Championships for Bob Knight's career.

As for Knight's winning the most games ever in NCAA Division I history, consider that he coached for the better part of 45 seasons and totaled 902 victories. John Wooden, who coached for 29 years, amassed 671 wins. Knight's career record finished at a respectable 902-372 to give him a .708 winning percentage. Wooden finished his career with an overall record of 671-161 to give him a .807 winning percentage.

It is my belief, which is backed by extrapolating the numbers, that if indeed Wooden would have coached as many seasons as Knight, he would be the record holder for most career victories in NCAA Division I basketball.

You ask, who was Texas Tech before Bobby showed up? I believe, if memory serves me, that even before Knight arrived that they were the Red Raiders. They remained the Red Raiders while Bobby was there and to the best of my knowledge plan to continue being the Red Raiders with Pat Knight at the helm.

While I do not believe Knight is the best coach judging by only his accomplishments on the court, his antics off the court leave a tainted legacy in many minds. As far as his handling the media, I will not dispute that Knight is right when he states that certain media members make it seem as if the profession is, "One or two steps above prostitution."

However, other issues do arouse concern toward Knight's character. Incidents like being arrested for assaulting a police officer and throwing a chair across the court in protest of an official's call would make one question the sanity and stability of Bobby Knight.

When all is said and done, and Knight's time on earth is passed, he will be buried upside down and remembered as a man who made immeasurable contributions to basketball on the collegiate level.

However, to claim that beloved Bobby is the finest man to coach the game of basketball would be, in Knight's own words, "Illuminating your relative lack of knowledge of the game of basketball."

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Arts & Entertainment

Can *Scream Aim Fire* Dodge a bullet?

Chris Lehberger
A&E Editor

photo from amazon.com

Forgive me if this review seems somewhat bemused; either I was distracted by the LOST message-boards while scribbling my notes or Bullet For My Valentine's newest record, Scream Aim Fire, just couldn't keep my attention. We'll just say it's a combination of both.

I'm one of those people who judge band's by their names. If the name is dull, chances are I won't check the band out, which is probably why I spent the last couple years ignoring the Welsh metal outfit, Bullet For My Valentine, due to the daft nature of their name. However, I have to admit that I was pleasantly surprised when I heard some tracks from their debut album The Poison, released late early in 2006. Being a sucker for a good riff, I found The Poison to be entertaining, but not the next Ride The Lightning.

Scream Aim Fire kicks off with the title track, immediately setting the tone of the album with ripping guitar lines and accelerated drum beats. Surprisingly, Matt Tuck doesn't distort his voice with gruff screaming until the breakdown, instead showcasing his strong vocal talent which is often compared to Metallica's James Hetfield. "Eye of the Storm" follows along the same lines, with the typical syncopated drum/guitar opening. The guitar work is impressive, offering classic metal influence on the solos and expeditious riffs on almost every other part of the song. However, flashy guitar work is a staple of metal and isn't anything new. If you want to make it big, you have to offer something new and exciting. "Waking The Dead," however, offers the much needed attitude to revert my attention away from the computer screen and back to the notebook with powerful guitar riffs and authoritative drums. The band's arena rock influences are certainly evident on "Hearts Burst Into Fire" and "Deliver Us From Evil." Both songs (which slightly remind me of Finch) have a largely epic feel and seem to be tailored specifically for the large arenas the band will be playing on this year's "A Taste Of Chaos Tour." "Take It Out Of Me," however, wins the award for the best song on the album. Opening with a hint of southern flavor, the song bears a fashionable guitar hook and skillfully transitions into a soft bridge before the intensity builds back up before the song's denouement. The album closes with "Forever and Always," a song that sounds almost as cheesy as the title.

Photo from myspace.com

Bullet For My Valentine isn't bad any standards. Scream Aim Fire is an album that showcases the band's meshing of older arena rock influences and modern metal. However, overall the album lacks attitude. Rhythmically, the band doesn't offer anything new and exciting; instead they seem to fall back on the same ideas and rhythms that have defined the strong genre lines that few bands are afraid to cross. If I were to give the band some advice, I would advise adding a "presence" to their music. Use some more pitch harmonics. Write drums parts that show some agility. And for Pete's sake, show some double-kick skills.

All in all, Scream Aim Fire is a rifftacular journey into the world of arena metal. If power ballads are you're thing, then you'll love this album. As for me, however, I'm going to close my notebook and re-watch last night's episode of LOST.

Chris is a junior public relations major who's addicted to *LOST* and *the Office*, and despite being a writing minor, can't finish books. Or sing. At all.

Chris' Rating: ★★★☆☆

Isn't This Supposed To Be Fun?!

By Max Muska
A&E Writer

Photo from epitaph.com

Marshall Davis Vocals,
Wil Andrews Guitar,
Kevin Carter Guitar,
Jeff Ellis Drums,
Chris Lee Keyboard/Vocals,
Buddy Bell Bass

North Carolina's Farewell prides themselves on creating a style of music that is upbeat and pop-influenced in a town dominated by metal bands.

The band's debut album, released on Epitaph records, is called Isn't This Supposed To Be Fun!?. This title embodies the band's mission; to bring fun back into the music industry. Unfortunately, some other bands such as Fall Out Boy, Panic! At The Disco, Hellogoodbye, The Get Up Kids, and Relient K beat them to it.

There is nothing at all original about any of the songs. I hear influence from this band's predecessors every second of every track.

But this genre is known for its catchy melodies that, while being terribly simple and unoriginal, somehow manage to get stuck in your head. Farewell has stumbled upon a successful blend of influences from the pop-punk scene. Since first listening to the CD straight through, it has been perpetually playing back in my mind.

The album's opening track is by far the strongest. It sends a message to young adults that have not gone anywhere in life; "You're twenty-two but you've got nothing much to show for it. You'd rather waste away." Davis says that it is never too late to "start it up."

This song's chorus stands out from the rest. It is simple and repetitive, but very infectious. The guitar playing and vocal melody of the song, along with its fast beat, make it the perfect example of the album's title.

All of the other songs follow suit. Upbeat tempos, crunching power chords and poppy vocal melodies abound. The structure is the same for each song, but it seems like the band chose one or two of its influences to focus on for each song. "Sing, Baby" sounds a lot like Jonezetta or other such dance rock bands, "Zelda" sounds like a combination of Hellogoodbye and Motion City Soundtrack and the main guitar riff of "Eighty-Eights" reminds me of Bloc Party.

Near the end, the album seems to lose focus. Some of the later songs are not as well structured as the others. But just when the CD is about to fall apart, the song "Hey Heather" brings it back to life. Though the track still sounds a lot like Motion City Soundtrack, it is probably the most original song on the album.

This song, like the album opener, really displays the band's strengths. The guitar part is well-structured, with the keyboard doubling it. The guitar solo near the end was unexpected, adding something that the rest of the tracks are lacking.

The album is catchy overall, but it does not seem like it will leave a lasting impression. There is just not enough originality for this record to be memorable. I anticipate hearing what comes of this band in the upcoming years. Either it will grow into its own individual sound or it will fall behind like many other copycat pop-punk acts of the past.

Phjto from Sputnikmusic.com

Max's Rating: ★★★☆☆

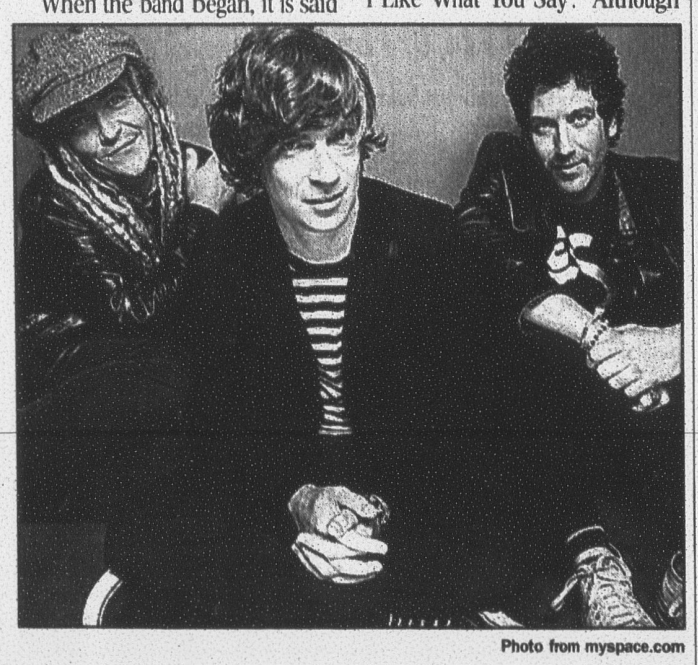
Nada Surf's new album is a "Lucky" find

By Ben Portz
A&E Writer

Nada Surf is back with their fifth album entitled "Lucky". This newest album is filled with catchy melodies and deep abstract lyrics throughout. It is evident that Nada Surf is not afraid to experiment with sounds and instrumentation. from start to finish, this album will keep your attention with a pulsing beat where it is needed, and soft-spoken words that proclaim exactly what you are thinking.

Nada Surf's fame began in 1996 with their debut album and their mega hit "Popular" which reached number 11 on the U.S. Billboard Modern Rock chart. This song got so much hype due to its controversial meaning, and sarcastic advice that it gave off to most teens. Ever since this song, they have yet to really reach that level of success. Regardless, they are quite respected in the alternative and indie rock world. Twelve years later, these three guys are still rockin' out. Band members include, Matthew Caws on guitar and vocals, Daniel Lorca on bass and vocals, and Ira Elliot on drums and vocals. According to their myspace page, "Lucky" is "filled with images of restlessness, longing and the elusiveness of love." They go on to say that "intimate songs become in-it-together anthems, thanks to the chiming guitars, propulsive rhythms, and the emotional candor in Caws' vocals."

When the band began, it is said that when they started to write, they wanted their lyrics to be about experiences in their life, other than just commands to those who are listening. With no doubt, they life up to this. On the track entitled "Ice on the Wing" their myspace proclaims that the song is about Caws' grandfathers adventures when he was a fighter pilot in both of the world wars. The track entitled "The Fox" is apparently about a relationship that "mirrors lies from the government". This song really exposes their technique for vocal melody and knack for guitar skills. A track that really stood out to me is called "I Like What You Say". Although the lyrics are quite repetitive, it is about a romance that finally began after a long time waiting for it.



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Artist: Nada Surf

Album: Lucky

Band: Matthew Caws,guitar/vocals, Daniel Lorca, bass/vocals, Ira Elliot, drums/vocals.

Sounds Like: Band of Horses

Overall, Nada Surf's "Lucky" is quite innovative and catchy. Much like Band of Horses' new album "Cease to Begin". At the moment, Nada Surf is across seas in Europe starting their tour. By mid March, they should be back in the states. If you are looking for a very different album in which most tracks sound different and abstract repetitive lyrics, buy this record.

Photo from mediaportal.com

Ben's Rating: ★★★☆☆

Theatre department to present *One Flew Over the Cukoo's Nest*

By Danica Scott
Campus Writer

Schizophrenics. Prostitutes. Criminals. A tyrant nurse. Throw them all together in a mental institution full of patients and you have "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" by Ken Kesey.

Westminster College's theatre department will perform the screenplay adaptation of this work, opening the show on Thursday, Feb. 21 at 7:30 p.m. Eileen Hendrickson is directing the cast, with more than 50 students involved as characters, set construction crew, and costumers.

Most students are not theatre majors, but have had past experience in performing. "I was involved in annual musicals at my high school, and from there I tried out for the main stage non-musical plays," said junior English major Amanda Ehrhardt. "My interest in theatre grew due to my study of drama in my English classes," she continued, "and I am so glad that Westminster has a program that supports non-majors and gives everyone the opportunity to participate."

"I did musicals in high school," commented Dan LoVerde, a senior psychology major. "But when I saw the auditions opening for 'Cuckoo's Nest' I knew I had to be in it."

Kesey published his book in 1962, which later went on to become a major motion picture in 1976 starring Jack Nicholson. The film version became the first movie in 41 years to sweep all the major categories in the Academy Awards, winning Oscars for best picture, director, actor, actress, and screenplay. Senior psychology major Barry Unis plays the lead character, R. P. McMurphy, a criminal who gets himself declared insane with the idea that his treatment in an asylum would be much better than in jail.

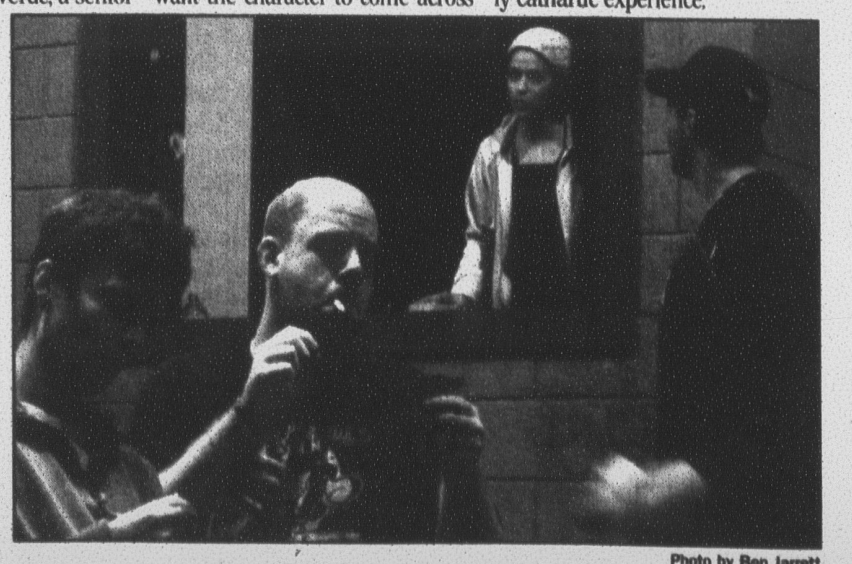
"It's a challenging role," said Unis. His character finds himself getting more than he bargained for with the manipulative Nurse Ratched, played by senior theatre and fine art major, Amber Scalfari. In the text, McMurphy befriends two male patients: Chief Bromden, a large Native American with schizophrenia, played by senior music education major, Kevin Shields; and Billy Bibbit, a suicidal, stuttering character with a fear of powerful women, played by LoVerdé. "I think he's difficult to portray because he's a very shy character that doesn't speak his mind," said LoVerde, "and that's different than how I am."

Jamie Spisak, a senior speech communications major, plays one of the women brought into the asylum to entertain the male patients at a party. "It's hard to play Candy sometimes because I don't want the character to come across as a bimbo," stated Spisak, "but she has a tender heart."

With less than a week to go until opening night, the cast smoothes out their last difficulties and finalizes the details in preparation. "We're confident in what we're doing," remarks LoVerde. "I've loved working with this extraordinary cast," commented Hendrickson. Several cast members agree that with all the time they have spent together, they have really started thinking and working as a unit, with "personality traits that combine to make a single collective person," said Travis Levers, a senior public relations major.

Kyle Pierce, a sophomore business administration major commented that "the set is one of the most impressive aspects of the production. It really helps to express the themes of the play, namely the power struggles."

"It's really funny, and at the same time, very dramatic," commented Unis. "The play has a compelling message that transcends its cultural context and becomes a universal idea," said Ehrhardt. "I think audiences will leave [the play] redefining what they think is 'crazy' and may even receive a truly cathartic experience."



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CALENDAR

Friday, February 15, 2008
CCO Jubilee Conference
Great Backyard Bird Count
RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK
TBA Men's Track & Field @ Baldwin-Wallace Mid-February Invitational (Indoor)
TBA Women's Track & Field @ Baldwin-Wallace Mid-February Invitational (Indoor)
TBA Men's Swimming @ PAC Championships (at Grove City)
TBA Women's Swimming @ PAC Championships (at Grove City)
11:40 AM Biology Lunch Seminar (Phillips Lecture Hall)
11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)
12:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Exec Meeting (MCC Weisel Conference Room 255)
12:00 PM Berlin Village Housing Assignments Posted (Student Affairs Office)
4:30 PM Squatters Applications Deadline (Student Affairs Office)
6:00 PM Peace Studies Coffeehouse: Jonathan Hutto, U.S. Navy Seaman (Phillips Lecture Hall)
7:30 PM College Feminists Meeting: *The Vagina Monologues* (Berlin Student Lounge)
7:30 PM Symphonic Band Concert (Orr Auditorium)
8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: *Dan in Real Life* (MCC Mueller Theater)
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: *Into the Wild* (MCC Mueller Theater)

Saturday, February 16, 2008
CCO Jubilee Conference
Great Backyard Bird Count
RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK
TBA Men's Swimming @ PAC Championships (at Grove City)
TBA Women's Swimming @ PAC Championships (at Grove City)
9:30 AM Field Station's Annual Chipping Party (Bio Field Station, Leesburg Road)
10:00 AM SAA Monitoring Brunch (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)
2:00 PM WOMEN'S BASKETBALL v. Thiel*
4:00 PM MEN'S BASKETBALL v. Thiel*
6:30 PM Celebrity Series Dinner Theatre: "Romantic Feelings" (MCC Witherspoon Rooms)
7:00 PM Mass (Wallace Memorial Chapel)
8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: *Into the Wild* (MCC Mueller Theater)
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: *Dan in Real Life* (MCC Mueller Theater)

Sunday, February 17, 2008
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Great Backyard Bird Count
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Monday, February 18, 2008
Great Backyard Bird Count
PRESIDENT'S DAY
RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK
11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)
1:00 PM Poverty Simulation (MCC Witherspoon Rooms)

Tuesday, February 19, 2008
RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK
12:45 PM Single Room Drawing for Men (MCC Witherspoon Maple)
1:15 PM Single Room Drawing for Women (MCC Witherspoon Maple)
5:30 PM College Democrats Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)
6:30 PM Japanese Anime Club (TC 210)
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Alumni Connections in English and Public Relations (MCC Witherspoon Rooms)
9:30 PM Newman Club (MCC Weisel Room 255)
9:40 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting (TC 314)

Wednesday, February 20, 2008
RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK
11:45 AM Faires Faculty Forum: Carol Bove, Sabbatical Year: Literary Translation, Pittsburgh and Paris (MCC Mueller Theater)
12:00 PM Holcad Staff Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)
4:00 PM Academic Standards Committee Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)
4:15 PM Green Party Meeting (MCC Weisel Conference Room 255)
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM 12th Annual Relay for Life Kickoff Party and Rally (MCC Club)
5:15 PM CPC Meeting
6:00 PM WOMEN'S BASKETBALL v. Bethany*
6:45 PM Newman Club Exec Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)
7:00 PM SGA Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)
8:00 PM MEN'S BASKETBALL v. Bethany*
8:30 PM Ice Hockey Club vs. Lanigans (Hess Ice Rink)
9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship (MCC Berlin Lounge)

Thursday, February 21, 2008
12:40 PM COC Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)
12:40 PM - 1:50 PM GET REAL! Workshop (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)
12:50 PM Interfraternity Council Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)
5:00 PM College Republicans Meeting (PH 231)
5:00 PM SAA Meeting (MCC Club)
5:30 PM BSU Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)
7:00 PM Bleasby Colloquium: Delores Natale (MCC Mueller Theater)
7:00 PM Gospel Choir (Wallace Memorial Chapel)
7:00 PM Roommate Mixer for Men (Russell Hall Lobby)
7:00 PM Roommate Mixer for Women (Hillside Hall Lobby)
7:30 PM Theatre Westminster Presents One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (Beeghly Theater)
8:00 PM Dance Theatre Spring Program (Orr Auditoroium)
9:00 PM Amnesty International Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Take stock of the progress that you have made in recent undertakings. Complete projects already under way and clear the decks for future endeavors.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Friends or associates are likely to have big plans or wild and unusual suggestions in store for you. Go along with the program and have an enjoyable time.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): This would be a great time to work on getting your professional life in order. Adopt an effective system or plan for developing and achieving your goals.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Take time to summarize and present your thoughts without getting overly emotional this week. Step back and decrease your level of personal involvement.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Avoid pitfalls in the financial arena that may be difficult or impossible to escape. Revise your investment plans and make a conscious effort to stick to your budget.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Relationships or partnerships are highlighted this week. Break free of restrictions, work as a team and make remarkable progress toward achieving shared goals.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Strive to bring out the best in your co-workers or colleagues. Offer ideas, suggestions or techniques that will point them in a productive direction.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Look for a very valuable lesson to come your way on the social scene. Pay attention to what is going on around you and you will pass the test with relative ease.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Avoid the tendency to emotionally fall apart at the seams. Talk about what you are feeling with family members or supportive loved ones.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Innovation is the key to success. Follow up on an exciting source of ideas for writing a proposal that will set you apart from the crowd.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Avoid making impulsive decisions about your finances. Use your head and look before you leap into a financial debacle.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Your achievement level rises with focus and a concentrated attention to purpose. Prioritize your time and energy this week and make great strides.

If your birthday is this week: the term "thinking outside of the box" will really describe your approach during the coming year. Take time to document the original ideas that will dominate your thoughts. You are way ahead of your time with your insights and understanding, but you should avoid forcing your opinions on others. Prepare for an unpredictable cycle designed to teach patience and acceptance. Expect highs and lows in your romantic or financial affairs and learn to go with the flow.

Also born this week: Akira Kurosawa, Steve McQueen, Peyton Manning, David Lean, Robert Frost, Brenda Song, Vince Vaughn and Cy Young.

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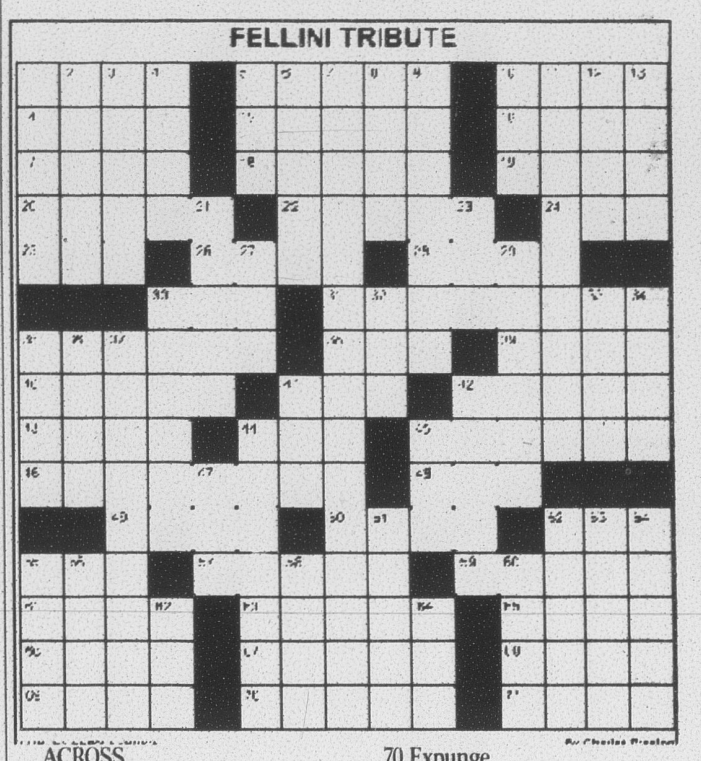

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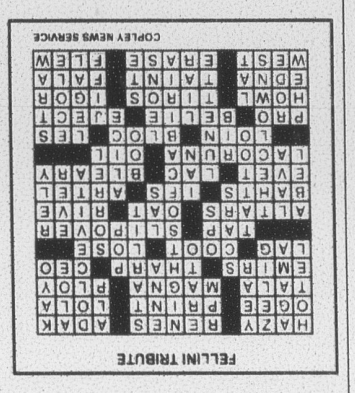

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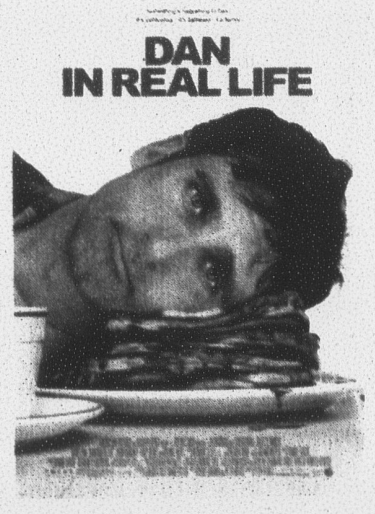

Movies Playing at Mueller Theater

"Into the Wild "

8:00 PM	Friday	10:30 PM
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Westminster ID's will be checked at all movies.
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Tuesday and Thursday - 9 PM to 1 AM

Features

In order to form a more perfect union

Lurene McDonald
Features Editor

Let's talk about politics. I guarantee more than half the student body just shuddered and another portion have already stopped reading this column.

Politics, for some reason, seems to frighten students. It is a proven fact that the hardest group of voters to reach are those ages 18-24. They just do not want to go to the polls.

I cannot help but question why people our age are so apathetic about voting. It is more than a big deal.

Policies being passed today are going to be the policies that effect you when you do start caring about politics. Then it will be too late for you to have your voice in the matter.

On average, it takes several years for a piece of legislation to make it through Congress. Issues being discussed now on the floor of Capitol Hill should be a concern to all citizens, especially those who can vote.

You may being asking yourself why should you care. You do not have a family. You do not own a home. Most college students do not have full time jobs. Therefore, you are not worried about health insurance, immigration, social security, or prescription drug plans.

But you should be.

I spent an hour in the pharmacy this week trying to fill a prescription. There was a glitch in my insurance card numbers and I did not have the right card.

Fortunately, I was able to work out the problem after several phone calls, but not before finding out the price of the medicine without my insurance deduction. The simple handful of pills to help ease the common flu would have cost $103. $103!

I do not know about you, but I think that is an outrageous price. I cannot imagine being a part of the large number of uninsured Americans out there. Right now, my parents take care of my insurance and medical needs, as do many of your parents. However, that comes to a halting stop the day I graduate. Students, especially seniors, not going to graduate school, pay attention to what is going on now with health insurance, it will effect you sooner than you know.

It is your constitutional right to vote. Section one of the twenty-sixth amendment of the U.S. Constitution states this: "The right of citizens of the United States, who are eighteen years of age or older, to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of age."

A generation before ours felt it was our right to voice our opinion, that of the younger generation and the future of America. The sad part is we do not take advantage of our right. We deny ourselves a voice in what happens in our futures.

We would get fired up if SGA tried to take away VolleyRock, but could care less about what they are doing in the White House or on Capitol Hill. How does that make sense? It does not.

And just to clarify, you can vote starting at eighteen and there are elections every year, not just every four years when we elect the president.

I overheard a humorous conversation the other day where a twenty year-old informed another student that this is the first election she could vote in. That would be wrong. You should be voting every election you can, not just presidential elections.

Please be informed. Please care about your future. For goodness sake use the rights that are given to you by the constitution!

Start doing research. To piggyback on what fellow columnist Anthony Colwell said last week, you can increase your knowledge with just a few minutes of research. Google a candidate and find out what your options are.

Then, go vote! Visit this Web site for the date your state votes: http://www.sourcewatch.org/index.php?title=2008_U.S._congressional_election_dates . If you are not going to be home register for an absentee ballot and vote by mail.

It is your constitutional right to vote, take the time to do it!

Lurene is a sophomore public relations major who enjoys a mug of hot chocolate and cozy afternoon naps. She loves being a member of Kappa Delta Sorority and the Admissions Office Staff.

A Westminster Tale, Part IV

So there I was, alone and lost, trapped in an old underground hospital below Old Main. I had been working in the building and was down in the basement, putting some file box away, when the power went out.

I panicked and ended up hitting my head, knocking me out.

When I woke up, everyone had left and the door leading out of the basement was locked. I had no cell phone reception and there was no one around to hear me so I started exploring the basement.

I found an old wall that crumbled easily to my push and saw a long passage way stretching out in front of me. It figured it must've been an old war hospital because there were rusted gurneys and other old medical supplies lying around.

The first door I found was the Mortuary but when I tried to enter it, the door was stuck fast. I heard a noise on the other side of it and suddenly a reeking odor began to emit from the cracks in the door. Whatever was in there was making its way towards me, so I ran.

When my senses returned I was even deeper into the underground hospital. Turning a corner, I found myself greeted by an even more upsetting sight. The hospital wall had collapsed, exposing a thin, deep cavern. Shining my dim flashlight around, I could see a path, narrow and treacherous, leading into the cave.

I debated on whether to stay in the hospital or venture into the cave. I had no idea what lay in store for me if I were to enter the dark hole in the earth, but I knew that there was at least one…thing in the hospital and I had no doubts that I wasn't friendly.

Taking a deep breath of cold air, I stepped onto the cavern path. The rocks were slippery so I put my hand against the wall to steady myself. It was covered in wet slime but I didn't dare let go, lest I fall and be unable to catch myself.

I walked and walked down into the narrow ravine. To conserve the battery of my flashlight, I only flicked the light on to see the path ahead and then continued in the dark.

The air eventually began to warm and the rocks surrounding me started to dry out. At one point, the path widened to about six feet across.

Exhausted from fear and exercise, I decided to rest. I found a little overhang of rock on the floor that came up about two feet so I laid down in it and closed my eyes.

I don't know how long I was asleep but I awoke suddenly to the deep pounding of what sounded like bass drums. The sounds echoed through the cavern and I cautiously raised my head. I could see a dull orange flicker of light.

I crept silently along the path, sticking close to the wall, and followed the light. It grew brighter until I rounded a corner and saw a large bonfire burning brightly before me. The intense light blinded me so that I couldn't see anything else besides the flames.

Suddenly, a scream rang out, shrill and deafening. I clamped my hands over my ears, turned away from the fire and, squeezing my eyes shut, I sank down to the ground. Those screams still echo in my head today.

Look for the next segment of Jared McConkey's story in the February 29 edition of *The Holcad*.

Getting to know: The Pre-Veterinary Society

By Shannon Bobbert
Features Writer

They're wild about animals, but they're about more than Cat Fancy magazine or the toy dogs that fit into designer handbags.

The Pre-Veterinary Society is an organization seeking answers from the professional world of veterinary practice, holding fundraisers for local animal charities, and getting as many people involved as possible along the way.

Stephanie Gollos, president and co-founder of Pre-Veterinary Society, answers some questions about the student organization–from what they are to how they help the community.

What exactly is the Pre-Veterinary Society?

"It's mostly Pre-Vet majors, because they say getting into grad school for veterinarians is very hard. It is a way for all of us to get together, and talk about our questions."

Is it really that hard to get into the Veterinary practice?

"To become a veterinarian you have four years of undergraduate studies, then four years of graduate, but that's only if you get in–usually it is very hard to get into. You're very lucky if you get into graduate school right away. There are only twenty eight in the United States."

Is everyone in the society going into veterinary practice?

"It's not restricted to just Pre-Vet people, because there are so many other people that are interested in animals. We have one member who is an elementary education major, and she's in it just because she loves animals. It's open to everybody–anyone who wants to help animals. That is our community service, helping out the animals, rather than just focusing on us."

Are there networking opportunities for future Veterinarians through the Pre-Veterinary Society?

"On the professional level there are, because when we go to hear speakers (like at SRU and Allegheny), they bring in vets in the area. You get to interact with people who are in your field. One speaker we listened to was the Ohio State University director of admissions and she gave us her number–this helps a lot, because any questions we have we can ask her personally."

What can students take away from the experience?

"What our goal is, is to get Pre-Vet students to know people who have the same interests. And we also find other ways we can help animals, like the carnival we're planning. We are a small group, there are only six or seven of us, but it shows that even a small group can make a difference."

Can you fill us in on that carnival the Pre-Veterinary Society is planning?

"The main focus is of the carnival is Animal Cruelty Awareness Week. We're getting together with the Living Treasures Animal Park, which is bringing in a traveling petting zoo, with animals like llamas, ducks, and sheep.

We're trying to get as many student organizations on campus involved as possible. We're working with Campus Programming Committee, and they will put together a performance for the nighttime. The carnival will be on April 19, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. with the concert starting at 9:00."

How will animals benefit from the carnival?

"We visited this place, run by a woman named Mary Reynolds, who runs a shelter straight from her house. She doesn't put down her animals. She gets them spayed and neutered, and she gets no funds whatsoever. So we're hoping to raise a lot of money to help her out, because she's doing something good.

"Shelters have a capacity, and once they reach that capacity, they're not going to take any animals. So it is an alternative for them. The money we raise from the carnival is going to her."

How do students join the Pre-Veterinary Society?

Anyone interested in joining is free to send Stephanie an E-mail! "If anyone wants to help with the carnival, that would be amazing, E-mail me," says Stephanie, "If anyone wants to help animals, they are welcome to come anytime."

More than 70% of veterinarians who work in private medical practices treat small animals.

Three out of four veterinarians work in private practice.

There are 28 in colleges in 26 states that meet accreditation standards set by the Council on Education of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

The state license needed to practice is an eight hour examination consisting of 360 multiple choice questions

Source: U.S. Department of Labor

Slate Carnahan presents platform to student body

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"We're on your level"

Slate Carnahan presented its platform to the student body Tuesday, February, 12. They enthusiastically shared their ideas and ambitions for next year with the campus. Ideas included making the campus more aware of the student government and creating an overall image to promote SGA.

The Slate consists of President: Ashley Carnahan, Vice President: Jenna Cunningham, Secretary: Jordan Flaim, Treasurer: Ryan Kirk, Student Concerns: Jacob Shaffer, Public Relations: Sarah Geist, Financial: Ashley Stebor, Academics: Cory Mathias, Special Events: Aimee Gerber, and Diversity: Kylee Bennett.

By Tammy Benninger
Campus Writer

Officers of Slate Carnahan presented their platform on February 12, 2008 in Berlin Lounge.

By running unopposed, Slate Carnahan skipped the debate and introduced their platform to the campus. SGA provided candy and pizza to those who attended.

Following its motto "We're on your level," Slate Carnahan's platform mainly consists of ways to allow the student body to interact with SGA.

With this objective in mind, Jenna Cunningham, Slate Carnahan's vice president, discussed some of the ways the new slate is going to strive to hear more of the student voice.

"We are going to try and get a blog going on the Internet so that if people do have suggestions they can just get on there… [That way] you don't have to worry about finding an SGA member to tell them what you want," Cunningham said.

By giving students more ways to voice their opinions to SGA, Slate Carnahan hopes to hear more from the students and use this feedback to alleviate some of the students' frustrations.

To design the new platform, Ashley Carnahan, incoming SGA president, sat down with her slate to come up with ideas.

"We looked at the platforms from last year… to see what ideas they had, to see what worked and what didn't work," Carnahan said.

By doing this, Slate Carnahan is able to keep those ideas that benefited the campus and implement new ones as well.

Current vice president Elena Infante coordinated the event and has strong hopes for the impending slate. She believes that the new slate will carry on the tradition set by past officers. Her only advice to the upcoming slate is to plan carefully for all the events, especially VolleyRock and the SGA trip.

The officers of Slate Carnahan will begin to shadow the current officers to help in the adjustment to their new positions. Beginning March 1, 2008, Slate Nesbitt will turn over the SGA to Slate Carnahan, officially launching their year of service.

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Jenna Cunningham, SGA Vice President

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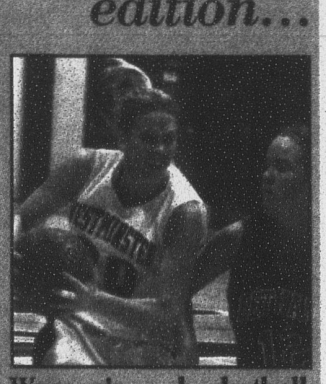

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Number of times the word "vagina" was said during the Vagina Monologues last week.

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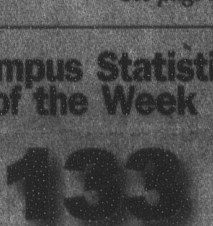

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Dance Theatre presents spring show

By Laurel Sprague
Campus Writer

Westminster's Dance Theatre kicks up its feet this week with three performances of varying styles.

Starting this Thursday at 8 p.m., Dance Theatre will be presenting its spring show in Orr Auditorium with an encore performance on Friday at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m.

"Last year Dance Theatre put on a great show so everyone is looking forward to seeing what they bring this year," said Jenna McCullough, sophomore.

For the past six months, Dance Theatre has been preparing for its spring show. With over 65 participants, auditions for each dance were conducted early in the year so students could have plenty of time to organize practices for each dance.

"Each additional dance that you are in requires at least an hour more of practice a week," sophomore Lisa Ausefski said. "On top of that we have our tech classes on Thursday for an hour and a half."

Practices for each dance occur during the school week and are often arranged separately according to the members of each group.

"You have to be dedicated to your dance because your dance is only as strong as your weakest dancer," Ausefski said.

Dance styles for the show include contemporary, tap, hip-hop, jazz, ballet and even an Irish step dance. Each dance is coordinated by one or two choreographers who not only create the dance but also teach their dancers how to do it. Shayna Marti, a choreographer for Dance Theatre, started creating her dance during the summer.

"It's stressful but in the end it's worth it," said Marti when discussing her work as a choreographer.

There are 18 dances this year including a hip-hop number from the Westminster Dance Team. Tickets are available at the door; adults are $7 dollars; senior citizens, non-Westminster College students, and children over five are $3; Westminster faculty, staff, and students are $1.

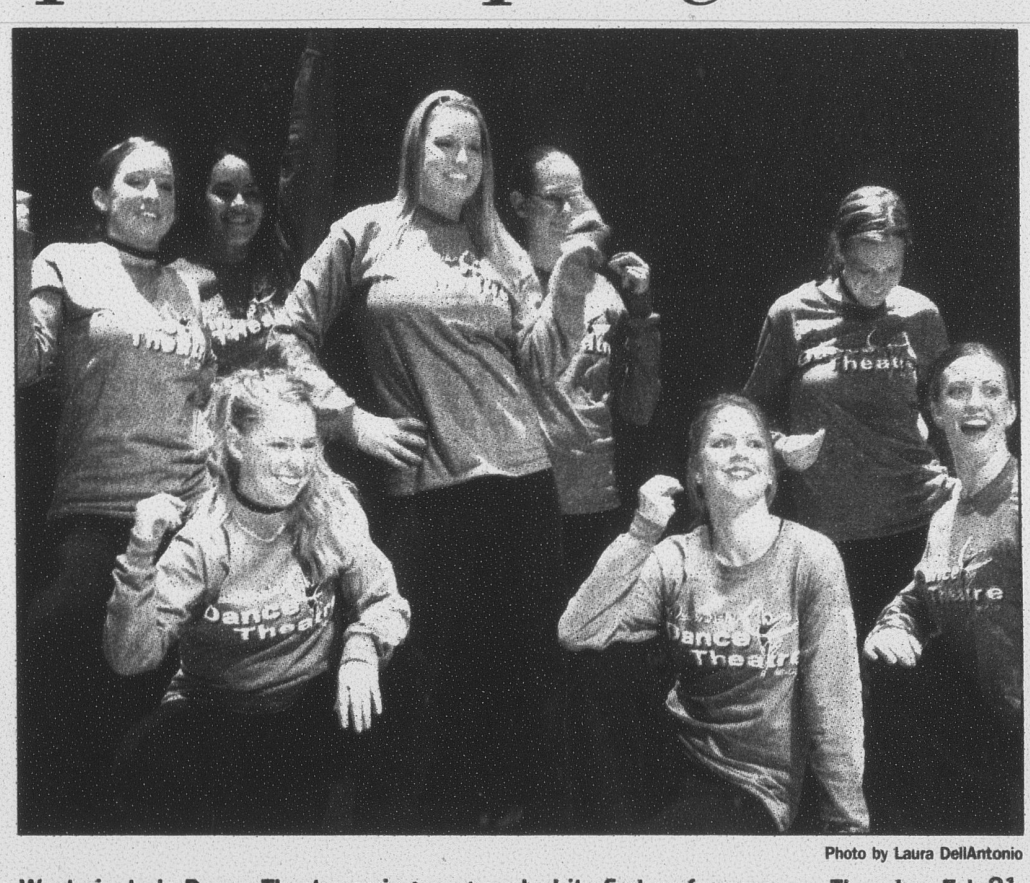

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Westminster's Dance Theatre spring program had its first performance on Thursday, Feb.21 in Orr Auditorium.

Students compete in mathematical competition

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From left to right: Senior Jared Ronan, freshman Nikki Snyder, and senior John Cochran.

By Dr. Barbara Faires
Story Contributor
Adapted by Christine Line

Four teams represented Westminster College in the International Mathematical Contest in Modeling Feb. 14-18. The competition's theme was "Surviving 96 Hours in Problem Solving and Writing Mode".

The four teams consisted of Anthony Colwell, Ryan Brolley and Mark Gordon; John Cochran, Nikki Snyder and Jared Ronan; Ben Jarrett, Bill Shondelmyer and Patrick Thomas and Andrew Polack, James Bryan and Bryan Bischof.

The Mathematical Contest in Modeling (MCM) is a unique contest designed to challenge teams of students to clarify, analyze, and propose solutions to open-ended problems. Each team was given two problems to choose from to solve throughout the weekend. The teams did research, developed strategies to model the system, tried to solve the problem, quantitatively compared solutions, implemented the strategies on the computer, used programs to generate data, and wrote a paper 20 to 25 pages in length, not including appendices or coding.

The groups submitted their papers to Dr. Faires, director of the contest for Westminster Campus. Faires then shipped them to the Consortium for Mathematics and its Applications.

The contest attracted over 900 teams last year and Westminster College was among the top 15%. The results for this year are unknown at this time, due to the time it takes to review the papers.

The contest is designed to provide students with an experience that is similar to that which an applied mathematician or other quantitative scientist is likely to find when working in industry or in a research laboratory.

Drinko Center funds Model UN trip

By Danielle McCullough
Staff Writer

While the rest of the college was asleep on Wednesday, Feb. 13, the members of the Westminster Model UN team were heading to St. Louis, leaving the snowy campus at 5 a.m.

These eight students and advisor Dr. Michael Aleprete were able to go to the conference with funding from the Drinko Center.

After the long drive to St. Louis, the Midwest Model UN began with opening ceremonies. The German Consul General of the Consulate in Chicago was the commencing speaker for the conference.

Soon after, all the members from Westminster's team split up and went to their designated rooms to discuss with students representing other countries in their respective committees.

Westminster's team represented the country of Romania at the MMUN.

The head delegate, first-year Meredith Smith, and Karli Champ were in committee three which dealt with aspects of literacy and drug control. In their committee, however, they spent most of their time discussing literacy and education for all.

Committee two was represented by Ethan Frey and mainly discussed "Implementation of Millennium Development Goal (MDG) 8: Establishing a Global Partnership for Development" and the external debt crisis.

Chris Stone represented Romania in committee one which discussed two topics: "Establishment of a Nuclear Weapons Free Zone in the Middle East" and "Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction."

Senior Leah Herzkovitz was in committee four which discussed "Peacekeeping Operations in All of its Aspects Including Terrorism" and "The Situation in Afghanistan."

President of the Model UN at Westminster senior Jelena Gerga was in the Human Rights Council which dealt with "Human Rights in Darfur," "Human Rights Violations and Implications of the Israeli Occupation of Palestine and Other Occupied Arab Territories," and "The Issue of the Death Penalty."

Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) had two delegates, Natasha Kassim and Danielle McCullough who got together with other countries writing a resolution proposed to the committee on the topic of "Information and Communication Technology" which has passed in their committee. ECOSOC also discussed "Human Rights Protection and Fundamental Freedoms While Countering Terrorism" and "Promoting Access to Fresh Water."

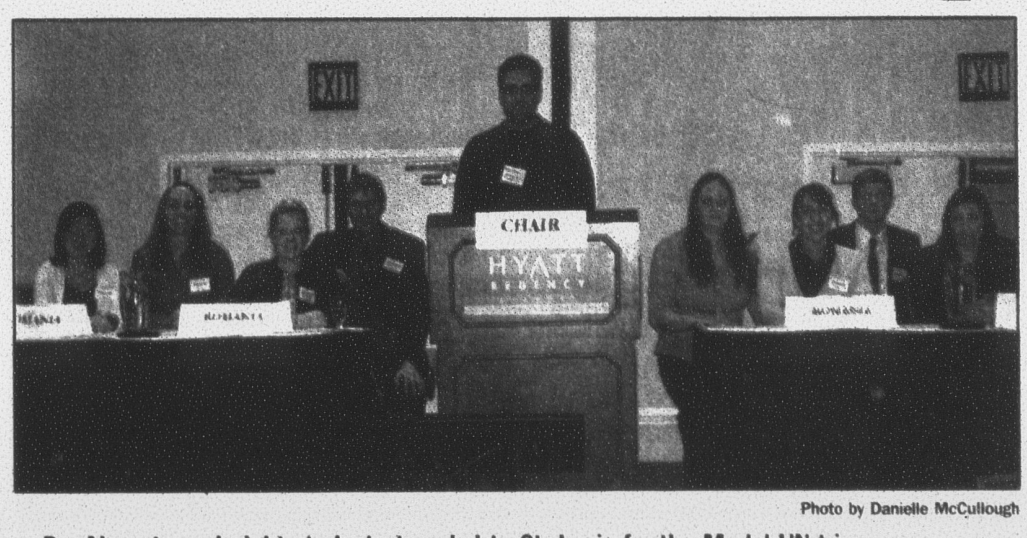

Photo by Danielle McCullough

Dr. Aleprete and eight students traveled to St. Louis for the Model UN trip.

During the General Assembly all the resolutions that had been passed on Wednesday and Thursday were discussed. At MMUN committees one, two, three and four join together forming the General Assembly and on the last day the Human Rights committee also joined proposing the resolutions that they had passed.

Though most of the time these students were in committee sessions, they did get Friday morning off. During this break, they took time to sightsee in St. Louis. They headed down to tour old St. Louis and go up into the arch.

"The group performed far beyond what could reasonably have been expected for a first conference. Everyone in the delegation worked hard all week. I couldn't be more pleased with how well they did. Several of other faculty advisors came up to me during the conference and told me that they were really impressed with our delegation. Our students represented not only our delegation, but Westminster College very well," stated Dr. Aleprete, faulty advisor to Model UN at Westminster.

The last few resolutions were left to be passed on Saturday morning. The resolution that Natasha Kassim and Danielle McCullough co-wrote finally was brought to the floor and was passed by the ECOSOC Plenary.

The closing ceremony took place that afternoon and awards were presented. Each committee and plenary session's Dias chose a "Best Delegate" followed by an "Honorable Mention."

Kassim and McCullough received Honorable Mentions for both their committee and for the ECOSOC Plenary.

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Opinion

RANT & RAVE

Fear the turtle.

The magic ally.

Your head is rather huge.

My specs are tiny.

Make me pasta, Italian!

You smell TUB-esque.

The snow is relentless.

Facebook Stalker!

It's gonna blow!

I believe you are struggling.

Confetti for all occasions!

Here's an ice patch for later.

So, you think you can dance?

Uptown, Upborough-same dif.

Starbucks is in my veins.

Snow is the enemy.

I less than 3 you!

Do you have any tape?

Tell your friends , I'm batman!

Rudy Rigoletti?

Thanks for stopping by.

Want to Rant & Rave? Email *The Holcad* with RNR as the subject.

The weekly glip: Fed up

Anthony Colwell
Weekly Glipper

I felt I should take the column in a different direction this week. I was startled over the past few days by a few things that just made me want to lash out irrationally; I figure what better place than my column in *the Holcad*.

One thing that has been plaguing me this week is that I am a Hoyt major and I have had a ton of work to do recently. Considering that the only computers that have the software I need to use are in the math department, I do the majority of my work there.

I was perturbed the other night when I left Hoyt at around 10:40pm to retrieve a bit of caffeine from the TUB, and returned to find the doors were locked.

After calling security, I was informed that I would be let in even though the building was 'closed'; I was basically told that I was having a favor done for me. I, for one, feel this premature closing of on-campus facilities to be unacceptable.

I am a senior double-major with five classes, including capstone, and three part-time jobs; I don't really get to start homework until about 10:00 p.m. I am sure many of you share this sentiment, especially chemistry majors who *must* do their work in the labs late at night.

What is my tuition paying for? I am apparently only supposed to be in the labs using computers and programs required for my work before 11:00 p.m.? I am sorry, but that is absolutely out of the question. I am paying over 30,000 dollars to go to this institution and I *will not* be told that I cannot use the facilities that I am paying for and require to do my work.

How can this problem be resolved? Can we hire more personnel to patrol the areas so that the buildings will be safer when unlocked? I am sure that this is a possibility, but it would probably mean just a larger crack down on ticketing.

Can we possibly put in Titan card readers on the doors of each building so that only students could enter? This would work well, because it obviously works for the dorms on campus.

I have been informed, however, that each door in which this system is installed will cost 1,000 dollars. This doesn't seem to be an unreasonable investment for this college. Then again, we do have a new football field to build.

It seems to me that yet again allowing students to participate in academia when they wish to and even when it is required of them is taking second fiddle to finances and athletics.

I am honestly getting tired of dealing with a school that doesn't seem to want to support me and others like me when we want to succeed. I mean, honestly, doesn't Westminster want to climb higher on the Top 100 list next year?

I guess the point I am trying to make is that it absolutely pains me to hear a friend of mine, also a student who must use Hoyt facilities late at night, inform me that he was told Hoyt was 'closed' and had to basically hound security to come unlock the door.

If this type of garbage continues, I suggest those who care about their education start to take action. Write letters, start petitions, go into the administration offices and tell them how you feel.

I know that the concerned members of Slate Nesbitt and soon to be installed Slate Carnahan will definitely back up students who wish to make their voices heard.

I feel that writing a column like this is the only way to get people to take action. Who knows though…I can't even get non-alumni students livid enough to write a letter to the editor.

Anthony is a senior mathematics and philosophy major . He is currently attempting to stabilize his orbit utilizing the correct images, and is voting for Reagan in 2008.

YPS restricts diversity

Anthony Colwell should be applauded. As a former student, I found myself mentally scrambling halfway through his op-ed piece last week trying to figure out how I could have possibly missed the hidden diversity that he had somehow found. Then I realized he was joking. There still exists a gaping hole known as Westminster diversity. Whew! Good trick, Anthony. I almost choked on an orange when I read your piece.

But the implications of Anthony's argument are certainly not a laughing matter when viewed in context of important internal and external trends–namely that the number of high school graduates in Western Pennsylvania has peaked and will decline 11% by 2015 and that the YPS Program restricts Westminster's ability to recruit meaningfully outside of the region by consuming considerable funds.

The Young Presbyterian Scholars Program is Westminster's internal attempt at expanding the recruiting range. Without considering the dubious opportunity costs of YPS, the program runs smack into the very problem facing Western Pennsylvania. The Presbyterian Church is declining perhaps faster than high school graduates in Western Pennsylvania and its congregation is aging as well–not good when the program is supposed to attract more and more students of higher and higher quality. These funds could be spent on expanding the recruiting range to beyond Western Pennsylvania and attracting the highest caliber students from across the world...

But the funds are being used to attract additional Caucasian Presbyterians to a Presbyterian school. And, given the fact that the Presbyterian Church is 92% Caucasian, I think it's safe to say that the program as currently structured will never, ever deliver meaningful ethnic diversity to the College. Worse yet, many of these students would not even qualify for the same level of scholarship funding if they were from a different religious background. This suggests that the College effectively is trading academic quality for increased religious and ethnic homogeneity. Yikes. So much for Phi Beta Kappa!

Anthony and the rest of us will have to be content with defining Westminster diversity as a handful of Caucasian Presbyterians from other states in the Midwest. Under current policy and to the detriment of the campus, Anthony's imaginary students from other backgrounds will remain highly unlikely to attend Westminster College.

If overcapacity is going to create a sink-or-swim proposition for institutions in the region, why do we want to force ourselves to swim against the current?

Ben Nelson
Class of 2006

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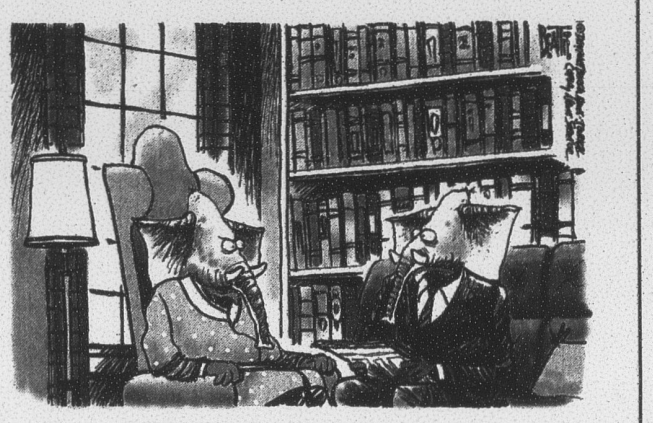

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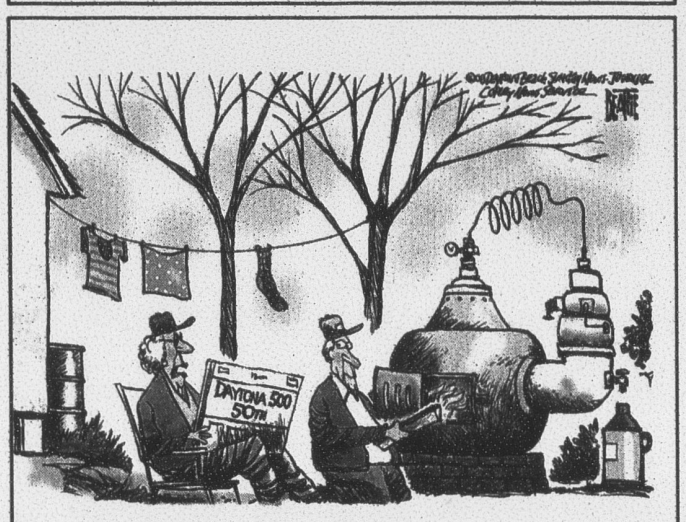

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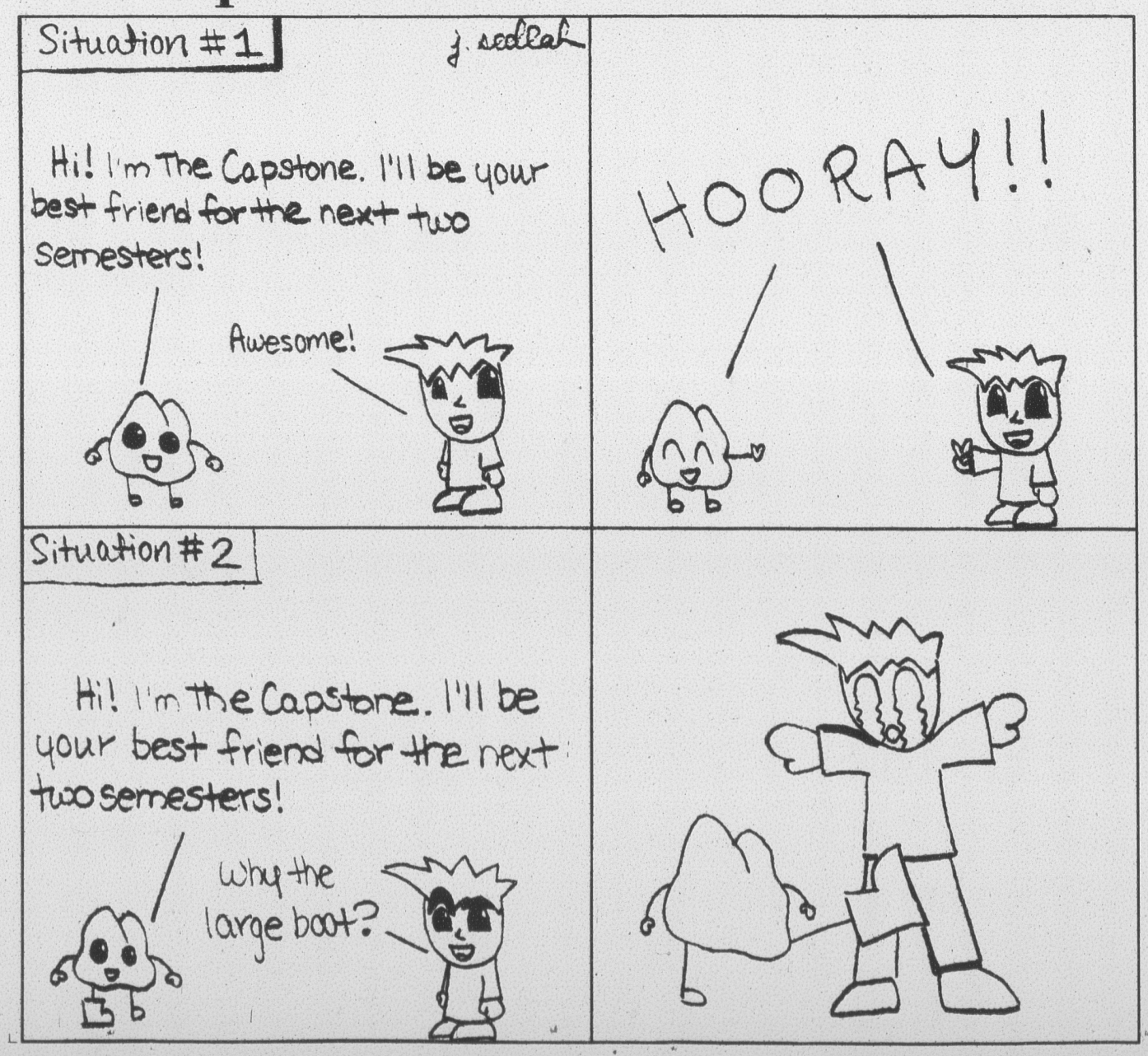

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REGIONAL

2 dead after Philly expressway accident involving wheelchair

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - A man in a wheelchair and a motorist trying to help him were both struck and killed on a downtown expressway early Monday.

Joseph Kelly Sr. was driving eastbound in a minivan on the Vine Street Expressway shortly before 2 a.m. when he spotted a man in a wheelchair near an off-ramp, according to police.

Kelly, 55, pulled over on the shoulder and crossed over the three lanes to help the man, who was apparently stuck facing traffic and heading in the wrong direction.

As Kelly pushed the wheelchair back toward the shoulder, another vehicle slowed down to a crawl in the center lane to avoid hitting them. But a pickup truck swerved to avoid the slowed vehicle, hit the median and ricocheted into the motorist pushing the wheelchair, killing both men instantly, police said.

Police said that the man in the wheelchair was homeless and known to frequent the area of the accident; they were not immediately able to determine his name. Investigators did not know how he ended up on the expressway, a main thoroughfare through the city.

Accident investigators interviewed the driver of the pickup truck, but did not immediately file any charges in the accident Monday.

Pa. court finds for ex-husband in dispute over fake diamond ring

ERIE, Pa. (AP) -A Pennsylvania appeals court ruled in favor of a millionaire car dealer who gave his now-ex wife a phony engagement ring.

Susan Porreco claimed her former husband, Louis Porreco, defrauded her by saying the ring contained a diamond worth $21,000 when it was really cubic zirconium worth far less. She claimed that voided their prenuptial agreement.

If the prenuptial agreement was voided, Susan Porreco said that she would be owed more than $1 million if their marital assets were divided equally; equitable distribution is the standard in Pennsylvania divorce cases.

Instead, their agreement provided that Louis Porreco pay no more than $3,500 for each year of marriage. The couple married in August 1984 and divorced in May 1998. The dispute has delayed distribution of all their marital assets and property..

The case has wound its way through the Pennsylvania court system for a decade, going to the state Supreme Court and being sent back to a judge in Erie County..

The Superior Court panel's decision earlier this month reversed an Erie County judge's ruling that the prenuptial agreement was void.

The panel said Susan Porreco had the responsibility to determine the ring's value because the agreement listed it as her asset.

Louis Porreco maintains his ex-wife knew the ring was not real. He said she wanted a fake stone so she would not damage a diamond while tending her horses.

The ruling is "a decision that should have been rendered over 14 years ago," said Louis Porreco, 71. "I'm happy that it is over."

He has been remarried for nine years. Susan Porreco, 45, has not remarried. She declined comment when reached by The Associated Press on Monday.

In a precedent-setting decision earlier in this case, the Superior Court said that each party in a prenuptial agreement must inform "oneself about one's own assets and property."

The panel reiterated that reasoning in the Feb. 8 decision, which also noted that Susan Porreco said she was going to sign the agreement and marry Louis Porreco no matter what the agreement said.

The agreement listed her premarital worth at $46,600 and his at $3.3 million.

Louis Porreco said he gave his ex-wife furniture and other items and $700,000 cash.

"She did not walk away a pauper," he said.

Pa. attorney general warns of mystery shopper scam

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) - Pennsylvania Attorney General Tom Corbett says there's a scam going on in which people are duped into thinking they'll be "mystery shoppers."

Corbett says consumers are getting official-looking notices saying they've been selected for a program in which they'll get paid to shop at major retailers and evaluate the service. He says they get mailed realistic-looking bad checks. They're told to deposit the checks into their bank accounts, then use a wire transfer to send the money to the scam artist – purportedly as part of a "training assignment."-Corbett says the typical scam instructs someone to wire $3,000 to $4,000, often to an address in Canada.

Pittsburgh school district has 12K lbs. of recalled beef

PITTSBURGH (AP) - The Pittsburgh school district is sitting on 12,000 pounds of beef that has been recalled.

Pittsburgh Public Schools spokeswoman Ebony Pugh says some of the beef from a Southern California slaughterhouse had already been eaten by students. But there have been no reports of illnesses.

Pugh says the beef is being kept at a warehouse until notification from federal officials.

Pugh says two vendors notified the school district on Feb. 1 of possible problems with the beef.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture ordered the recall of 143 million pounds of frozen beef from Westland/Hallmark Meat Co. in Chino, Calif., on Sunday. That came after allegations of animal abuse.

NATIONAL

Documents relating to JFK assassination revealed for 1st time in decades

DALLAS (AP) - Long-hidden items and documents related to the 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy were revealed for the first time on Monday, after spending nearly two decades locked inside a courthouse safe.

Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins presented the articles at a Presidents' Day news conference while standing next to brown and white file boxes stacked in a pyramid.

The items include a purported transcript between Kennedy assassin Lee Harvey Oswald and Oswald's killer, nightclub owner Jack Ruby; a leather gun holster that held the weapon Ruby used to shoot Oswald; brass knuckles found on Ruby when he was arrested; and a movie contract signed by then-Dallas District Attorney Henry Wade.

Watkins said investigators told him about the contents of the blue, two-door safe shortly after he took office in 2007.

"And every DA up until the new administration decided that they wanted to keep it secret," he said. But he decided "this information was too important to keep secret."

One of the most intriguing items was the typed transcript of an alleged conversation between Oswald and Ruby. The transcript – which hasn't been examined by experts and has already been called farfetched by some – includes talk of killing the president at the behest of the Mafia.

"Now we don't know if this is an actual conversation or not," Watkins said. "But what we do know is that as a result of this find, it will open up the debate as to whether there was a conspiracy to assassinate the president."

Ruby killed Oswald on Nov. 24, 1963, two days after Oswald was arrested in the assassination of President Kennedy. Ruby was convicted and sentenced to death the following year. Ruby won an appeal of his conviction but died of cancer before he was retried.

The two-page transcript resembles one published by the Warren Commission, which investigated Kennedy's assassination and determined Oswald was the lone gunman.

In the report, the FBI concluded that transcript of an alleged conversation between Oswald and Ruby was fake, and that it had been "re-created" for authorities by a now-deceased Dallas attorney who claimed he recognized Oswald in a newspaper photo as the man he saw talking to Ruby.

The transcript unveiled Monday is dated Oct. 4, 1963, and allegedly happened at the Carousel Club, a Dallas nightclub. It begins with a discussion of how the "boys in Chicago" want to "get rid of" U.S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy, JFK's brother.

"There is a way to get rid of him without killing him," Oswald says.

"How's that?" Ruby responds.

"I can shoot his brother," Oswald says.

After a discussion of the logistics of shooting the president, Ruby says the money for the operation's coming from the Mafia.

"Are you with the Mafia?" Oswald asked.

"You're asking too many questions," Ruby responds.

Later, Ruby gives a lengthy warning that Oswald must not get caught or say anything, noting that "if you do talk, then the boys will make me follow you, wherever you go, and kill you."

The Dallas Morning News first reported the transcript and other details of the find in an exclusive story published Sunday.

Gary Mack, the curator of the Sixth Floor Museum near where the president was shot, thinks that the document displayed Monday could be one of the many scripts written for films about the assassination.

"My best guess is somebody found that transcript, reworked it for the movies and Henry Wade wound up with a copy," Mack said.

A 1967 movie production deal signed by Wade, who prosecuted Ruby, was in the safe. It's unclear why the film was never produced, Watkins said.

The contents of the safe were likely Wade's personal files on the Kennedy assassination, which researchers have long-known that Wade kept. When he left office in the 1980s, Wade thought the files were taken to his home but they apparently weren't, Mack said.

Staff from the DA's office were nearly finished scanning the scores of typed and handwritten papers and cataloging the items. Recordings and films kept in the safe had not yet been examined. Once the task is completed, Watkins said his office plans to turn over the articles to an organization that will continue making them public.

"We're looking forward to the opportunity to talk with the district attorney ... We would love to have these records," Mack said. "We believe very strongly that these records need to stay here in Dallas."

Neither the Ruby nor Kennedy families had been contacted about the items, Watkins said.

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Westminster's Underground Secret

Beneath the lower side of the manicured Westminster Quad lies a forgotten passageway. Buried under the sidewalks and the lawn is a piece of the institution's past that offered a link for the women who once lived in Browne and Ferguson halls. It's a college landmark of sorts despite most students today have no idea it exists. As for the students who do know about the Westminster Tunnel, it is still a mystery that has become the inspiration for some creative imaginations. Stories of the tunnel have cropped up over the years suggesting the now forbidden underpass is haunted. Some people tell how the tunnel was a World War II bomb shelter.

The tunnel was actually built in 1941. It's purpose was to connect utilities between the Browne and Ferguson residence halls. However, those facts seem to remain buried like the tunnel itself as today's students enjoy sharing their speculations of what remains sealed behind the tunnel's metal doors. Titan Radio's Nicky Piszczor takes us down the steps and behind the locked tunnel doors into the passageway itself to discover its secrets. You can click below and listen to our special titanradio.net report that will take you where very few people are allowed to go today.

INTERNATIONAL

Global rift over Kosovo widens, with US, European allies lining up against Russia, China

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) - The U.S. and the European Union's biggest powers quickly recognized Kosovo as an independent nation Monday, widening a split with Russia, China and some EU members strongly opposed to letting the territory break away from Serbia.

A day after Kosovo declared independence, ethnic Serbs in the north angrily denounced the United States and urged Russia to help Serbia hold on to the territory that Serbs consider the birthplace of their civilization.

Protesters also marched in Serbia's capital, and that nation recalled its ambassador to the U.S. to protest American recognition for an independent Kosovo.

Despite clamoring of Serbs to retake Kosovo, Serbia's government has ruled out a military response.

But the dispute is likely to worsen already strained relations between the West and Russia, which is a traditional ally of Serbia and seeks to restore its influence in former Soviet bloc states. The Kremlin could become less likely to help in international efforts important to the U.S. and its allies, such as pressuring Iran to rein in its nuclear program.

Still, for Washington the declaration of independence by Kosovo vindicated years of dogged effort to help a land achieve its dream of self-determination after years of ethnic conflict and repression by Serbia.

Speaking in Tanzania, President Bush declared: "The Kosovars are now independent" – and Washington formally recognized Kosovo as an independent country soon afterward. Germany, Britain and France also gave their heavyweight backing, saying they planned to issue formal recognitions.

But Russia, Serbia's key ally, and emerging global power China remained adamantly opposed to Kosovo's independence, warning of the danger of inspiring separatist movements around the world, including in their own sprawling territories.

As veto-wielding Security Council members, Russia and China both have the power to block any attempt by Kosovo to gain a seat on the international body.

The Council met for 2 1/2 hours in New York in the second day of an emergnecy session on Kosovo but was unable to agree on a resolution or joint statement regarding Sunday's declaration of independence.

Serbia vowed to fight to the end against any U.N. recognition.

"The so-called Kosovo state will never be a member of the United Nations. Serbia will use all diplomatic means at its disposal to block Kosovo's recognition," said Serbian Foreign Minister Vuk Jeremic.

The Kremlin was already working diplomatic levers to help Serbia achieve that aim.

Alexander Botsan-Kharchenko, Russia's special envoy to the Balkans, was quoted by the Interfax news agency as saying Moscow expected U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to abide by a Security Council resolution that recognized Kosovo as part of Serbia.

Ban opened Monday's Security Council session by citing the many peaceful celebrations that accompanied Kosovo's declaration but also noting scattered violence.

He said the United Nations had achieved "peace consolidation and the establishment of functional self-government" in Kosovo, including five successful elections. "Kosovo has made considerable progress through the years," he said.

Serbian President Boris Tadic, who attended the U.N. meeting, urged the council to oppose Kosovo's move and to intervene as a last resort.

"The Republic of Serbia will not resort to force," said Tadic. "On the other hand, this arbitrary decision represents a precedent, which will cause irreparable damage to the international order."

He said Kosovo's declaration "annuls international law, tramples upon justice and enthrones injustice."

Serbia recalled its ambassador to Washington in protest of U.S. recognition for Kosovo, but said it was not severing diplomatic ties. It also withdrew envoys to France and Turkey and was expected to recall others as more nations formally recognized Kosovo as a new state.

"America and the European Union are stealing Kosovo from us, everyone must realize that," said Tomislav Nikolic, the head of Serbia's ultra-nationalist Radical Party.

After an EU foreign ministers meeting in Brussels, Britain, Germany and France said they would quickly give recognition to Kosovo, a move that would be followed in the days ahead by most of the bloc's other 24 member states, officials said.

The EU does not recognize nations, leaving that up to its individual members, and Spain, Greece, Romania and Cyprus have criticized the effort to make Kosovo independent.

Despite that divide, the EU foreign ministers issued a joint statement citing "the conflict of the 1990s" in Kosovo as a justification for the independence declaration.

Campus News

Organizations promote ' One in Four' to educate and prevent rape

By Gretchen Fatula
Campus Writer

One in four college women have survived rape or an attempted rape. One in Four is an all-male non-profit organization designed to educate and prevent rape. One in Four also instructs people on how to help friends recover from sexual assault.

Westminster is just one of the many colleges where the One in Four team will be stopping during their national tour that is scheduled until June 2008. It has been two years since One in Four has been here. Barbara Quincy, Student Affairs, SGA, and other organizations have aided in the process of bringing One in Four back.

One in Four, formerly called No More, has chapters at over 30 college campuses and hires people to travel on an RV and visit campuses throughout the nation. One in Four has a men's and women's education program.

The goal of "The Men's Program" is to help men understand how to help women recover from rape and to make them less likely to be sexually coercive with women. A sexually coercive act is anything from unwanted touching to rape.

In the January 2000 issue of the Journal of American College Health, "The Men's Program" significantly decreases rape myths and the likelihood that a man will rape for a year, which is longer than any other rape prevention program evaluated.

Studies have also shown that among men that are considered to be high-risk, 75 percent of them state a lower likelihood of rape after participating in the One in Four program.

"The Women's Program" helps women identify high-risk situations, especially ones involving alcohol. Few women recognize themselves as rape victims.

"You think, I've seen this guy around campus he must be okay," said Barbara Quincy.

It is hard to know who to trust these days, so a goal of "The Women's Program" is to help women recognize the characteristics of a high-risk individual. Another goal of this program is empowering women to say no and stand up for their right to say no. This program also gives instruction to women to help rape survivors.

"I would say that the One in Four program is an excellent way to bring awareness to campus, a goal that the College Feminists also share," said Junior Zoe Anthony.

One in Four will be here on January 25. Each program will take place in the Witherspoon Rooms. The Women's Programs will be from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., and 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The Men's Programs will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. There will be a question and answer session following each program.

"I believe this is a great educational opportunity for the students on this campus to gain a better understanding of the prevalence of rape and prevention techniques. Even though some may think it can't or doesn't happen on Westminster campus, it is possible anywhere and men and women alike need to be aware of that fact," said Senior Brittany McKee.

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The College Feminists presented the *Vagina Monologues* on Feb. 14-15. The two performances and a silent auction of paintings raised $1,027 to give to the International Justice Mission to help free children who are kidnapped and forced into prostitution.

Hollywood writers end three month strike

By Elizabeth Gordish
Campus Writer

The television industry breathed a sigh of relief as Hollywood's writers ended their three month strike on Feb. 13.

The Writers Guild of America officially ended the strike when they voted on Tuesday, Feb. 12 in New York and Beverly Hills. According to the New York Times, a total of 3,775 writers cast ballots and 92.5 percent voted in favor of ending the strike. The guilds' governing boards approved a three-year agreement with the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers which was one of the main factors that helped end the strike. According to the Associated Press, under the tentative contract, the writers will receive a maximum flat fee of $ 1,200 for streamed programs in the first two years and 2 percent of a distributor's gross in the third year.

"These advances now give us a foothold in the digital age", Patric Verrone, president of the West Coast Guild, told the Associated Press. "Rather than being shut out of the future of content creation and delivery, writers will lead the way as television migrates to the Internet."

The strike began on Nov. 5, 2007 because writers wanted compensation for work in the new media such as movies and television being released on DVD and the Internet, according to The Washington Post.

According to The New York Times, Verrone, along with David Young, Executive Director of the West Coast Guild, and John Bowman, who headed the union's negotiation committee, helped resolve the dispute when he opened talks with company executives such as Peter Chernin, News Corporation President and Robert A. Iger, Walt Disney Chief executive.

"I'm glad that the writers resolved most of their contract problems", said sophomore Kelly Fee. "Now I can get back to watching my favorite television shows".

Although the strike has ended, writers did not formally accept the terms of the contract. According to eonline.com, a separate contract will be mailed out to the members and they will have until Feb. 25 to vote. Meetings will also be held that day where members can vote in person.

As of now, the writers are back to work releasing many of the hit series that were affected by the strike. According to the Associated Press, they will be airing anywhere from four to seven episodes; which thrilled many students on campus.

"I am ecstatic that Grey's Anatomy and Private Practice are going to be back on television", said Senior Seun Olarewaju. "Now I will have something to watch on Wednesday and Thursday nights".

While popular shows such as Grey's Anatomy and Two and a Half Men will return, others struggle to stay on the air. According to eonline.com, ABC has not yet decided to renew Women's Murder Club, October Road, Men in Trees and Boston Legal. However, on a happier note, award shows such as the Oscars, scheduled for Feb. 24, can now proceed with their traditional shows.

"I was really disappointed when many of the award shows were canceled, because I really love watching what everyone is wearing and listening to Joan Rivers make fun of their wardrobes", said Junior Darnelle Clark. "Now I am looking forward to watching the Oscars and listening to all of the acceptance speeches".

According to The Associated Press, the strike cost $ 3.2 billion in both direct and indirect costs. The last writer's strike of this scale was in 1988; it last 153 days and cost an estimated $500 million in lost wages.

Model UN

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Dr. Aleprete was excited and stated that "First time delegations and delegates don't win awards at these conferences very often. What they did was just incredible."

Model UN at Westminster is hoping to continue growing and going to conferences and possibly holding their own model UN for high school students. "I am excited that Model UN is off to such a fine start here at Westminster. I look forward to working with this group next year, and I hope other interested students will join us" commented Aleprete.

Looking back on the trip First year, Karli Champ commented "It was an awesome trip, filled with some awesome people. We were able to be diplomatic delegates and learn what it truly means to work as a team, desiring the best outcome for everyone without leaving any country in the dark. Teamwork was constantly and continually a key component, just like it is in the true UN, as well as in 'everyday' life."

The delegates from Romania would like to Thank the Drinko Center for funding this trip. And an Additional Thanks to Dr. Aleprete for taking time to teach the delegates what they needed to know and for going along with them. This trip would not have been possible without either one of them. Each delegate is very pleased to have been able to go on this trip.

If anyone is interested in joining the Model UN please contact Dr. Aleprete.

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Sports

Titan swimmers make good showing at PACs

By Staci McGill
Sports Writer

The men's swimming team placed second and the women's team third at the 2008 PAC Swimming and Diving Championships held this weekend as part of the Grove City College Invitational, February 15-17.

Grove City won the men's team title with 912 points, followed by Westminster (898), Washington & Jefferson (463) and Bethany (77). Washington & Jefferson won the women's team title with 755 points, followed by Grove City (656), Westminster (632), Chatham (418.5) and Bethany (198). Five other teams, including PAC provisional member Saint Vincent and teams competing in the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference Championships, were also at the meet.

The men, ranked No. 25 in the nation entering the meet, had won the previous three PAC titles and the Titan women the previous two. The men and women brought home five titles Saturday in the third and final day of competition.

The men won three individual titles, including junior Zac Gebhardt winning the 1650 freestyle (16:39.53), junior Chris Lehberger capturing the 200 breaststroke (2:06.47), and junior Cody Robson taking the 200 butterfly (1:56.47).

Titan swimmers finished Nos. 1, 2 and 3 with B-cut times in the 200 breaststroke as junior A.J. Yarzebinski placed second (2:08.86) and sophomore Ben Gutmann third (2:08.67) behind Lehberger. Yarzebinski also took second in the 1650 freestyle and junior Conor Simpson placed second in the 200 butterfly.

"We didn't place as well as we wanted," senior Becky Giles said "but the team really came together and swam the best they could."

Junior Megan Mier won the 200-yard backstroke by setting a school, meet and pool record of 2:06.77 in the preliminary and 2:07.64 in the finals. Her time also met an NCAA Division III Championships provisional (B cut) qualifying standard. Sophomore teammate Natalie Rambish also posted a B-cut time by placing third at 2:08.90.

Senior Ashley Linnelli won the other women's individual title Saturday with a first-place time of 18:36.70 in the 1650 freestyle.

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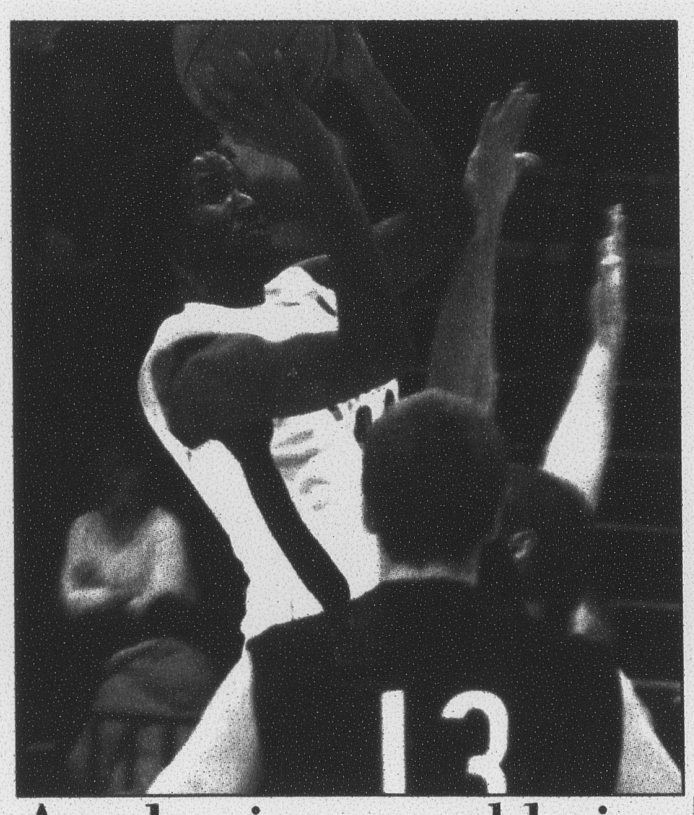
Teammates cheer as a swimmer finishes his event.



Senior Chauncey Whitlow shoots over a Bethany player in the thrilling 79-77 victory on Feb. 20.

Westminster's all-time leading scorer senior Craig Hannon led the Titans with 20 points. The win locked in Westminster to a fourth seed in the PAC Tournament next week.

The Titans will travel to Geneva on Saturday before hosting the first round of the PAC Tournament on Tuesday, Feb. 26.

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Men's basketball defeats top PAC seed

By Andrew Kubincanek
Sports Writer

The Titans punctuated back-to-back wins by beating top seeded PAC rival Bethany 79-77 Wednesday night after holding off Thiel 65-58 on Saturday to earn a fourth seed in the PAC championship.

Despite losing at Bethany 102-61 earlier in the season, Westminster (7-17, 5-7 in the PAC) kept the game much closer at home. Bethany did draw first blood and held onto a lead by as many as nine points for the entire first half. The Titans routinely cut the lead to a single score and tied the game at 19 and 32. Bethany remained on top 39-37 by halftime.

Bethany took another lead in the second, this time by as many as 11 points. The Titans came back, however, and took their first lead of the night with 10 minutes left off of two Kevin Mayberry foul shots. Bethany would again retake the lead until a dunk and a foul shot by senior Chauncey Whitlow and a shot from senior Craig Hannon put the Titans ahead for the last 90 seconds. Bethany regained the ball with 6 seconds remaining and a two point deficit but was unable to capitalize on the opportunity.

Sophomore forward Ryne Murray said the key to the game was defense. "We locked them down when we had to."

The win came after a victory against Thiel on Saturday 16 February. The Titans again fell behind by as many as 11 points in the first half before orchestrating a comeback before halftime. Sophomore forward Ryne Murray shot the game high 25 points while senior guard Craig Hannon scored 21 extending his record of career points to 1674 after another 20 against Bethany. Thiel came within two points of tying the game with under a minute left to play. The Titans responded by scoring five more to finish out the game.

"In the Thiel game we really tried to be selective in our shots…," said Head Coach Larry Ondako.

Westminster earned a number four seed in the PAC championship and a home game in the first week. The team hosts five seed Thomas More (9-15, 5-7 in the PAC) on Tuesday 26 February at 8:00 P.M. The Titans split with Thomas More during the regular season as they did with every PAC member but W&J.

The losses dropped Bethany to 15-9 and 9-2 in the PAC and Thiel to 10-13 (after Wednesday's game against Geneva) and 4-7 in the PAC. Bethany remained the top team in the conference while Thiel dropped to second-to-last just above Waynesburg.

The final regular season game for the Titans will be Saturday 23 February at Geneva. The Titans' last meeting with Geneva resulted in a 67-62 loss.

Academics vs. athletics

You make the call

By Christina Roseto
Contributing Writer

Students are under constant pressure to excel both in the classroom and on the playing field; however, some student-athletes walk a fine line of what should be the number one priority. The priority, of course, is academics.

We witness young men and women pursuing athletic opportunities over academic ones. This is a hot button issue that is heavily debated at all levels (middle school, high school, and college); nevertheless it's a topic that continues to spread through school systems across the nation.

Wrongs are committed by student-athletes, their parents, school boards, athletic directors, athletic district committees, coaches, and school administrators-ranging from letting a gifted athlete play in a pivotal game when they didn't make the grades required by the school in order to participate, to transferring for the sole purpose of playing for a better or more highly recruited team.

Just as in any system, there are more than a handful of flaws in school athletics. Differences vary depending on the school or district. Usually, schools with winning traditions in certain sports tend to have the most problems and run into the most trouble. In the athletic district where I competed in high school sports, the district committee would review cases (mainly transfer issues) and, in most cases, would rule the player ineligible if there was even the slightest trace of athletic intent involved.

However, being frustrated with the outcome, the player and his/her parents would proceed to the state level and petition to them for clearance to participate. Nine times out of ten, the state athletic committee would grant the player eligibility. Stupid? Yes. Wrong? Absolutely.

Families are uprooting their lives so their child can play for the championship winning team or at the school where all the college recruiters visit on a regular basis. Granted, there are some families of low income who rely on their children to obtain athletic scholarships for the sole purpose of attending college. This is completely understandable, but out of all the cases I have read in local newspapers, more often than not the athlete transferring is from a well-to-do family only going there for the athletic advantage. This is a trend that must stop sooner rather than later.

Most state athletic boards have established rules for academic eligibility for student-athletes. Taking that a step further, most school districts have implemented systems of checking on a student's grades if they participate in extracurricular activities on a weekly basis, which is wonderful.

Many times this system keeps students working to their full potential, so they are able to participate; however, many other times these systems fail, because leeway is given by a teacher, administrator, or coach.

What does this prove? It proves that, not only did this student not fulfill the academic requirements demanded of them and received a poor grade, but also they now know that they can get away with it again in the future.

Letting a student, who is performing poorly in school, play in the big rival game that night instead of teaching them a lesson by having them sit the bench, or, even better yet, not allowing them to attend the game in hopes that they brush up on their studies, is senseless. Students need to be made aware that their education is there to aid them in gaining a solid career someday.

Parents, coaches, teachers, and administrators must realize that letting a student-athlete play when their grades are below the school's standards may end up hurting the team in the short term, but it will do much more damage to the student in the long term. It is up to the student-athletes to make sure that the hustle they show on the playing field is equal to the hustle they show in the classroom.

Lady Titans clinch fourth seed in PAC with win against Thiel

By Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

The women's basketball team enters the final week of regular season play with an overall record of 14-10 and a President's Athletic Conference record of 7-7.

The Titans faced both a win and loss in their past two PAC games against Thiel and Bethany, locking up their fourth place seed in the PAC tournament.

Thiel entered Titans territory Saturday, Feb. 16 and were defeated with a score of 69-46.

The first half ended with a score of 28-21 in favor of the home team. The Titans led by 11 points with just over nine minutes remaining in the period allowing Thiel to come within just four points for the rest of the half.

The second half was dominated by the Titans, who clutched on to a commanding 27-point lead over the Tomcats with 4:13 remaining in the game.

Senior Emilee Ackerman led the Titans once again with 31 points, 25 of which were scored in the second half. Ackerman also set a career record of 13 rebounds.

Senior Terese Marszalek bucketed 10 points to pair with five rebounds. Junior Gina Brunetti and sophomore Amy Dolsak added eight points apiece.

Kim Stitt led the Tomcats with 10 points paired with six rebounds, followed by teammate Jasmin Jones with eight points and seven rebounds.

Bethany deterred the Titans from adding to their 3-game winning streak Wednesday, Feb. 20. The game ended with an upsetting score of 53-50.

The Titans held on to the lead for a large portion of the first half, which ended with a score of 27-23 with the Bison trailing.

With 9:26 remaining in the game, the Bison grasped the lead and only allowed the Titans to tie the score (50-50) with 26 seconds left. Dolsak scored the game-tying 3-point shot.

The Bisons responded with a layup and free throw shot before Ackerman attempted, but missed a 3-point shot at the buzzer.

Ackerman led the Titans with 20 points and nine rebounds. Marszalek added eight points and a game-high 15 rebounds, while Dolsak added 13 points.

Tara Harris led Bethany with 13 points and nine rebounds, followed by Susannah Cartland with 12 points.

The Titans travel to Geneva Saturday, Feb. 23 where they will compete in their final regular season game. Geneva was victorious during the last match-up, defeating the Titans with a score of 73-46.

The first round of the PAC Championship will begin next week as the Titans play host to Chatham Tuesday, Feb. 26. The Titans defeated the Cougars twice this season with scores of 79-74 and 81-70.

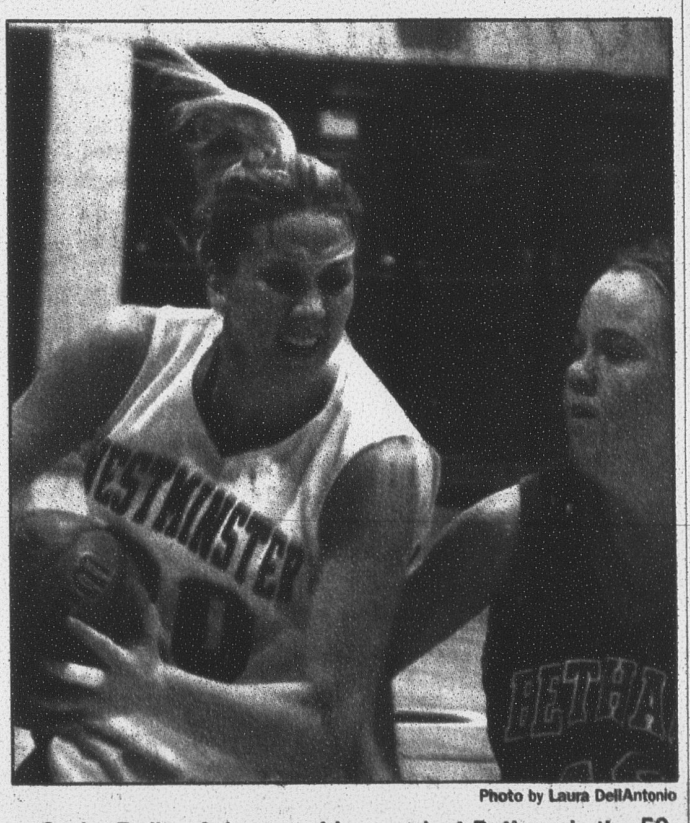


Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Senior Emilee Ackerman drives against Bethany in the 50-53 loss on Feb. 20. The Lady Titans will host the first round of the PAC Tournament on Tuesday, Feb 26. The team travels to Geneva on Sat. to finish regular season play.

The Rumor Mill on Capitol Hill

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

As we are heading towards what some economists claim could be the next economic depression and as we debate decisions about what could be remembered as the counterpart to the Vietnam War, high on Capitol Hill, our senators are busy solving the problems of Major League Baseball and the National Football League.

The problem is that Congress is spending too much time and wasting vast amounts of money and resources on monitoring games. Truly, that is what sports are; they are nothing more than games. Although congress is spending too much time trying to unravel what will forever be known as baseball's steroid era, the issues Senator Arlen Specter is raising with NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and the New England Patriots are silly and frivolous. I would call Senator Specter's investigation a real Mickey Mouse operation, but, honestly, that would be an insult to Mickey Mouse.

Frankly, I love sports and understand what it means to be a fan. I understand how Senator Specter feels about the Philadelphia Eagles. But, just because Senator Specter is an avid Eagles fan, and the Patriots beat the Eagles in Super Bowl XXXIX, he should not be making "spygate" a matter that needs to be tended to by congress.

The absolute worst case scenario in "spygate" is that Coach Bill Belichick cheated by taping opposing teams' signals. People cheat in games all the time and when they are caught cheating they serve their punishment. When playing cards, if a person reneges, the person's team loses all points for the given hand and the opposing team gains those points.

Belichick got caught cheating and he had to pay his punishment, which was promptly administered by Goodell, and as a result, Belichick was fined the league's maximum $500,000 fine and his team had to forfeit a first round draft pick in the upcoming 2008 NFL draft. Punishing Belichick individually and punishing the team reassures me that Goodell handed out a punishment worthy of the crime.

For Senator Specter to summon Goodell after Goodell had handled the situation for the league in which he is the commissioner, seems to me like a colossal waste of time. Senator Specter can find better ways to spend his time in office without worrying about Goodell's punishment of someone who may have videotaped another team's defensive signals.

Although Congress is pouring far too much effort into the soap opera starring Roger Clemens and Brian McNamee, at least steroids are something that impose harm on players' bodies and were starting to impose harm on young kids. While I do not condone what Belichick did, he did not hurt anyone nor did he help to put the lives of young athletes in jeopardy.

Certainly, Roger Goodell is more than capable of reprimanding someone for breaking the rules of a game. Senator Specter is taking "spygate" too far and is damaging both the reputation of sports and congress.

While the economy continues to crash, healthcare hangs in the balance, and our Iraqi war plan is about as clear as the testimonies of Roger Clemens and Brian McNamee, at least we can rest assured that Senator Specter is working as hard as he can to serve our country; he is looking into allegations of cheating in a game.

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Arts & Entertainment

Island or not, Lost *is far from over*

Chris Lehberger
A&E Editor

Unfortunately I wasn't there for the beginning. I wasn't there for the opening reveal of the show to the public, for that first time Jack opened his eyes, lying on the jungle floor. I wasn't there for the time Sawyer shot the polar bear, or for that first night when some of the survivors were stolen by a mysterious people.

To me, the pilot episode of the hit television series *Lost* was merely a stepping stone used to rush me through to the next episode. I remember buzzing through all of season one in a weekend, a feat that I deemed impressive. But to many, a weekend is merely too long. They did it in 24 hours.

Now, nearly 420,000 hours later, the survivors of Oceanic flight 815 aren't worrying about polar bears, or getting stolen in the night. They're worried about something else, something post-island. Something I have yet to find out.

That's what keeps me coming to back to the show, really; the sheer mystery of the whole situation. The fact that a select few actually escape the island, only to turn around and cry for a return keeps me counting down the hours until 9 p.m. on Thursday evening.

Many times I've been asked, "So they got off the island. Shouldn't the show be over?" Stumbling, I search for an answer, but only one comes to my head, and for the love of Pete, it sure doesn't make sense.

The hard truth is, the show should be over. Some of the people have escaped the island and made it back to the beloved mainland for which they have fought and clawed and nearly died.

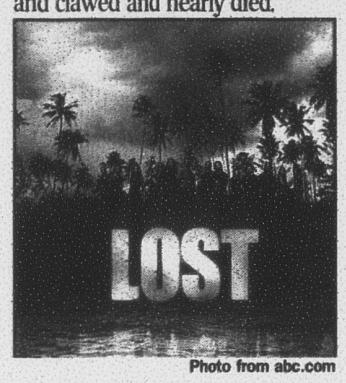

Photo from abc.com

Yet *Lost* is far from over. Only three episodes into season four, the show still has a whopping 45 episodes left. Will the bulk of it be spent catching up to the brain-teasing flash-forward from the end of season three? I couldn't tell you. All I know is that season four, writer's strike or not, is shaping up to be the fastest moving season yet.

During each episode, we seem to be getting more answers. As is the trend in *Lost*, however, these answers come at the cost of questions. And although a few may have escaped the island, there's still plenty of mystery to be solved.

Who are the people on the boat working for? Why do they have a picture of Desmond? Why do they want Ben? Who is Jacob? Is it fate that they're on the island, or merely a coincidence?

Benjamin Linus once said "Picture a box. You know something about boxes, don't you John [Locke]? Now picture a box that you can wish anything into. What would you say to that?" If I were John Locke, I wouldn't have said anything. I would have just followed him into the room where his father--who stole Linus' kidney then pushed him out of an eight-story window--was sitting, tied and gagged.

As to what happens post-island, I have no idea. I don't know why Jack wants to get back so badly (although I can guess.) I don't know why Kate doesn't agree with him. All I know is that if Benjamin Linus offered me the same deal he offered John Locke, I'd say one thing. "I hope you have J.J. Abrams in that box, Ben." I'd say. "Because as the creator of the show, he's certainly the only one who knows what's going on."

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Photo from abc.com

Irish film to kick off festival

By Chris Norris
Campus Writer

The 2008 Jake Erhardt International Film Festival is set to kick off this coming Tuesday, February 26th with the showing of the Irish film *Once*. Students desiring to expand their repertoire of classic films have the opportunity to do so through this semester's Film Festival held on campus.

"It's a continuing effort to introduce students to international films that they would not normally get to see," Deborah Mitchell, associate professor of English and public relations, said. Mitchell will oversee the viewing of the films and will lead an open discussion following their showing.

"Each year we try to mix it up and provide a variety of films that have not been shown before and that are from different countries," Mitchell added.

This year's films come from all over the world, including countries such as Ireland, France, and Japan.

Once is directed by John Carney and is not a typical love story. It's about a Dublin street musician that meets a young Czech woman who is a pianist. She helps him record a demo CD and the two end up developing a romantic relationship through their love of music.

Native of Ireland Peter McNicholl is looking forward to seeing the film and said, "I want to see how the movie portrays Irish life and how Americans respond to it."

"I think I'll go see it because in my senior year of high school I spent the majority of my weekends and good times where the movie is set, Dublin City, practicing with the National Under18 Basketball Team and visiting an old girlfriend. I haven't been down there in awhile so it will be good to refresh the memories," McNicholl commented.

Also being shown as part of the Film Festival is *Ikiru*, an inspiring Japanese film produced in 1952 about a Japanese bureaucrat looking for meaning in his life after he's diagnosed with cancer. He finds inspiration through his work to cope with the dreadful diagnosis. The film portrays how one person can make a difference. *Ikiru* will be shown on March 4.

On April 15, those attending the Film Festival will have the opportunity to view the French film *La Haine*. This film is about hatred and riots that erupt because of overcrowding, poverty, racism, and police brutality within the French ghetto. It revolves around three characters, young men, whose lives are directly affected by the brutality. This film is significant as its message resounds even today after it was made in 1995.

The International Film Festival was named in honor of its founder, Dr. Jacob Erhardt, who is a former Westminster College professor and currently professor emeritus of German. Erhardt, who retired in 2004 after teaching for 36 years, served as chair of his department from 1970-1986 and was named the Language Educator of the Year by the Pennsylvania State of Modern Languages Association.

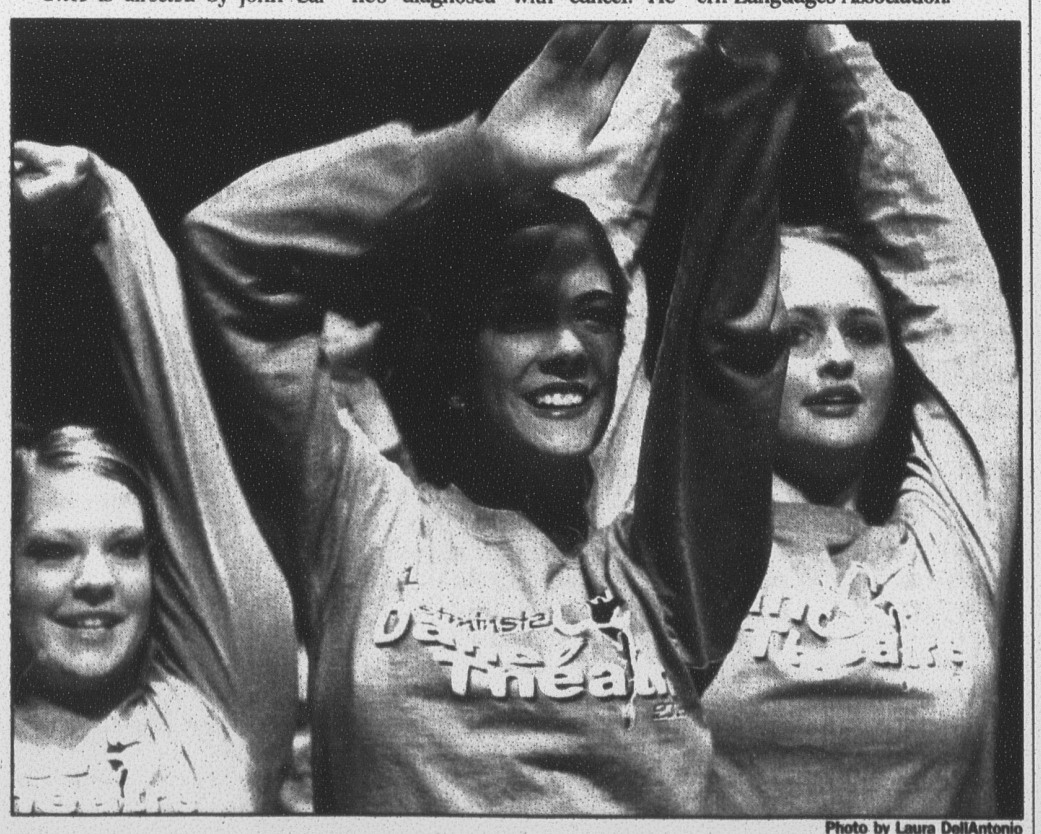

Photo by Laura DelAntonio

Meredith Smith, Amy Schillinger and Megan Fischer kick off the first Dance Theatre performance Thursday. Remaining performances are Friday at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m.

CD reviews

Our Last Night defies genre

By Max Muska
A&E Writer

Photo from myspace.com

When I was fifteen, I had just started playing guitar and did not even think about joining a band.

But fifteen-year-old Trevor Wentworth, the frontman of Our Last Night, proves that age and talent are not necessarily related. He is currently touring the country with the band in support of its new record.

Our Last Night formed three years ago and played shows in their hometown of Hollis, New Hampshire. After self-releasing two albums, the band was signed to Epitaph Records late last year.

The new album titled *The Ghosts Among Us*, in stores March 4, is an all too familiar fusion of alternative rock and metal with a blend of singing and screaming vocals. Our Last Night sounds similar to Underoath, A Static Lullaby, Across Five Aprils, and Bullet For My Valentine.

Despite borrowing from its predecessors, the band has managed to create a memorable sound. The songs blend genres seamlessly. The music changes from controlled chaos one measure to a melodic chorus the next.

My only complaint is that while there are varying musical styles within the songs, each song seems to use the same few styles over and over. For this reason, a lack of direction or progress is present throughout the album. Playing the CD on repeat, I am never able to tell when the album ends or starts over because all of the tracks are so similar.

A slight exception is "Escape," which leans much more on the emo end for most of the song. There is a heavier section in the middle of the song and a Hawthorne Heights-style breakdown to end the track.

Trevor Wenthworth has a scream that is distinct among current bands. His voice is airy, high-pitched, clear and sounds much less harsh than other vocalists' voices, characteristics which likely come from Wentworth's young age.

Since he started at a very young age, he runs the risk of ruining his vocal chords a lot earlier in life than vocalists who started in their early twenties, cutting his career short.

Wentworth's older brother, Matt Wentworth, handles the rhythm guitar and singing duties in the band. His guitar playing, paired with lead guitarist Colin Perry's, is responsible for giving the band its hard-to-classify, genre-bending style. Both guitarists play at a higher ability level than most others in the genre.

Matt Wentworth's singing voice is the total opposite of his brother's screaming voice. While Trevor sounds full of angst, Matt provides catchy melodies to offset the angry sound, much like the guitar parts quickly change between rock and metal.

Drummer Tim Molloy accompanies the guitar parts well. He is able to play complex beats and fills with a double bass pedal, but also simplifies his playing for the slower, rock-oriented portions.

Our Last Night has found a sound that can be enjoyed by fans of all alternative genres. Metal fans will find enough technical guitar parts and breakdowns and rock fans will find enough catchy melodic rock parts to add this CD to their collection.

Photo from epitaph.com

Sounds like: Underoath, A Static Lullaby, Across Five Aprils, Bullet For My Valentine

Max's Rating: ★★★★☆

Jon Foreman's *Winter* EP captures feelings of the season

By Ben Portz
A&E Writer

Photo from quickmusic.com

Artist: Jon Foreman
Album: Winter – EP
Jon Foreman – guitar/vocals

Music can set a mood. Music is nostalgic. Music can get people pumped for a future event and bring people down after a long day. Jon Foreman's new *Winter* EP does just this.

In case you haven't heard, Switchfoot's own Jon Foreman is taking a hiatus from the group and writing four EP's corresponding with the seasons: *Fall*, *Winter*, *Spring* and *Summer*, each with six songs.

At the moment, he has come out with only two: *Fall* and *Winter*. In the music world, it seems like many groups are beginning to do this "multi-EP" thing correlating with a certain theme. For example, Thrice is doing a similar thing, creating EP's having to do with the classical elements of earth, wind, fire, and water. As of now, they have only come out with *Fire* and *Water*.

Some people may find this to be a cheesy idea, although in my opinion, it is great. Regardless if a band comes out with a regular album, or a "themed" album, people still find them to be reflective and relate them to their own life.

All in all, Jon Foreman's *Winter* EP really captures the feeling of winter and snowfall. He makes use of many melancholy sounds alongside his brilliant acoustic guitar playing. Furthermore, I haven't heard a better mix of vocals with the music. His voice fits perfectly with the season.

In a way, Foreman's voice sounds depressing, although I don't find this to be a bad thing. It is similar to Damien Rice's voice, and creates a sense of solitude within his music.

The great thing that Foreman has going for him is his lyrics. I would not say that these tracks off of this EP are very catchy, although the lyrics are introspective.

Track one, entitled "In Love," is somber, with the use of clarinets in the background. This is one of his spiritual songs on the EP. It is a cry to God proclaiming that He is his only main love. It sounds almost like a classical chant put to guitar.

Track two, "I Am Still Running" is once again a spiritual song, as many of Foreman's are. Jon writes about his spiritual journey and that it still has yet to be finished.

The third track, "White As Snow," could almost be seen as a worship song due to the language that is used within it. In this track, Foreman continues to ask God for forgiveness and asks him to "wash me white as snow".

"Somebody's Baby" is one of the sadder songs on the EP. It is about a girl who obviously got mixed up with the wrong crowd and eventually dies.

Track five, "Behind Your Eyes" is love song about longing to see more of your true love, not just the surface. This track is probably my favorite. The acoustic guitar is quite repetitive, although really captures winter as if the acoustic guitar is a metaphor for snow. Furthermore, it is a very short song, leaving us wanting more.

Finally, track six, "Learning How to Die," is an ode to death. Foreman sings about how dying is obviously something that we all must go through, although in reality it is a very scary thing because some think that there is nothing after death.

For all you Switchfoot fans, you'll have a chance to see them this spring when they begin their tour in San Antonio, Texas.

A second thing to look forward to is Forman's future EP's. There are still two left, and in my opinion, the first two are completely worth it.

Ben's Rating: ★★★☆☆

CALENDAR

Friday, February 22, 2008

Li'l Sibs' Weekend

TBA Men's Track & Field @ Kenyon Last Chance Meet (Indoor)

TBA Women's Track & Field @ Kenyon Last Chance Meet (Indoor)

11:30 AM College Feminists Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

12:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Exec Meeting (MCC Weisel Conference Room 255)

1:00 PM Campus Ministry Team Meeting (MCC Wile Room 352)

7:30 PM Theatre Westminster Presents One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (Beeghly Theater)

8:00 PM Dance Theatre Spring Program (Orr Auditoroium)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Bee Movie (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Enchanted (MCC Mueller Theater)

Saturday, February 23, 2008

Li'l Sibs' Weekend

10:00 AM MEN'S TENNIS v. Hiram (at North Beaver Tennis Center)

2:00 PM Dance Theatre Spring Program Matinee (Orr Auditorium)

5:30 PM Women's Basketball @ Geneva

7:00 PM Mass (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

7:30 PM Men's Basketball @ Geneva

7:30 PM Theatre Westminster Presents One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (Beeghly Theater)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Enchanted (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Bee Movie (MCC Mueller Theater)

Sunday, February 24, 2008

Li'l Sibs' Weekend

Ski and Snowboard Club Trip to Seven Springs

11:00 AM Ice Hockey Club vs. Goldmind (Hess Ice Rink)

2:30 PM Theatre Westminster Presents One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (Beeghly Theater)

3:00 PM Faculty Cello Recital: Jason Howard (Orr Auditorium)

3:00 PM Howard String Quartet (Orr Auditorium)

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Enchanted (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:00 PM Vespers (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Bee Movie (MCC Mueller Theater)

Monday, February 25, 2008

9:00 AM - 9:00 PM FILL THE FRAMES (Scrawl Art Show) (MCC Second Level)

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

4:00 PM Religious Life Council Meeting (Old Main 213)

Tuesday, February 26, 2008

Last Day to Withdraw from a 7-Week Course Held the First Half of the Semester – $15 Fee

TBA Men's Basketball @ PAC Championships

TBA Women's Basketball @ PAC Championships

9:00 AM - 9:00 PM FILL THE FRAMES (Scrawl Art Show) (MCC Second Level)

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Career Center's PR Interviews (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

5:30 PM College Democrats Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

6:30 PM Japanese Anime Club (TC 210)

7:00 PM Jacob Erhardt International Film Festival: Once (Irish, 2007) (MCC Mueller Theater)

9:30 PM Newman Club (MCC Weisel Room 255)

9:40 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting (TC 314)

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

9:00 AM - 9:00 PM FILL THE FRAMES (Scrawl Art Show) (MCC Second Level)

11:45 AM Faires Faculty Forum: Colleen Deisler, Authenticity and Tolerance: Virtues for Public Communication (MCC Mueller Theater)

12:00 PM Men's Tennis @ Pitt-Greensburg (at Greensburg Racquet Club)

12:00 PM Holcad Staff Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

5:00 PM SGA Year-End Banquet (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

5:15 PM CPC Meeting

6:45 PM Newman Club Exec Meeting (MCC Room 253)

7:00 PM SGA Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:00 PM YPS Discussion Groups (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

8:30 PM Circle K Meeting (PH 112)

9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship (MCC Berlin Lounge)

Thursday, February 28, 2008

TBA Men's Basketball @ PAC Championships

9:00 AM - 9:00 PM FILL THE FRAMES (Scrawl Art Show) (MCC Second Level)

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM SGA Elections (MCC TUB)

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM SGA Elections (MCC TUB)

12:35 PM - 1:50 PM Career Center Event: Internet Broadcast Panel (MCC Mueller Theater)

12:50 PM Interfraternity Council Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

5:00 PM College Republicans Meeting (PH 231)

5:30 PM BSU Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

6:00 PM Psychology Club (Hoyt 152)

7:00 PM Gospel Choir (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

9:00 PM Amnesty International Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:00 PM Titan Traverse Meeting (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

Friday, February 29, 2008

30-Hour Famine

TBA Women's Basketball @ PAC Championships

9:00 AM - 9:00 PM FILL THE FRAMES (Scrawl Art Show) (MCC Second Level)

9:00 AM Scrawl Poetry/Arts Festival (MCC Berlin Lounge)

11:30 AM College Feminists Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

12:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Exec Meeting (MCC Weisel Conference Room 255)

6:30 PM CPC Presents Murder Mystery Dinner (MCC Witherspoon Rooms)

7:30 PM Wind Ensemble Concert (Orr Auditorium)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: No Country for Old Men (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller – Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story (MCC Mueller Theater)

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21 - April 19):
In a new or unfamiliar situation, it might be necessary to defend your ideas or opinions. Gather your thoughts and come out fighting.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):
Information that is intuitive will prove to be correct and timely. When in doubt about your direction, stop and listen to your inner voice.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21):
Take time to honor your important friendships, no matter how busy you might be. Avoid power games or manipulation; heed the advice of an elder.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22):
Focus your attention on career or professional matter this week. Stay alert and expect good news about a recent presentation or interview.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):
A study of different philosophies or religions reveals a lot of interesting information. Pay attention to your teachers and absorb important facts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):
Find a way to bounce back from a recent financial loss or setback. When it comes to making ends meet, you have everything that you need to succeed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23):
It is perfectly OK to admit defeat and ask for help from a partner, friend or associate. Hand over the reigns of control and delegate difficult tasks.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21):
Plan to work alone this week, far away from a demanding boss or co-workers. Partake in stress-reducing activities and eliminate anxiety.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):
Children or parental issues will play a major role. Speak up, take control and do your best to ensure their safety, health and happiness.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):
A loved one provides the catalyst for deep emotional changes. Do not hesitate to acknowledge your feelings and get them out into the open.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):
Clearing the air between you and a sibling or neighbor will vastly improve your mood. Speak candidly and talk about your heartfelt concerns.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):
Your budget is likely to bend but not break under the current financial pressures. Tighten your belt and become more conscious of your spending.

If your birthday is this week:
Prepare for new beginning and exciting undertakings during the coming year. Your romantic or financial affairs are totally transformed on a deep, life-altering, intense level. Forge forward with plans for new friendships or moneymaking ideas. Change your thinking or your perception of reality; manifest some immediate and almost magical results in your life. Set long-term goals that are somehow connected to a creative project.

Also born this week:
Toshiro Mifune, Emmylou Harris, Amanda Bynes, Heath Ledger and Booker T. Washington.

Lil' Sibs - take note of time change

The Titan's Tavern concert event scheduled for Friday, February 22 will be held at 9:00 p.m. instead of 10:00 p.m. as originally stated in the schedule of events.

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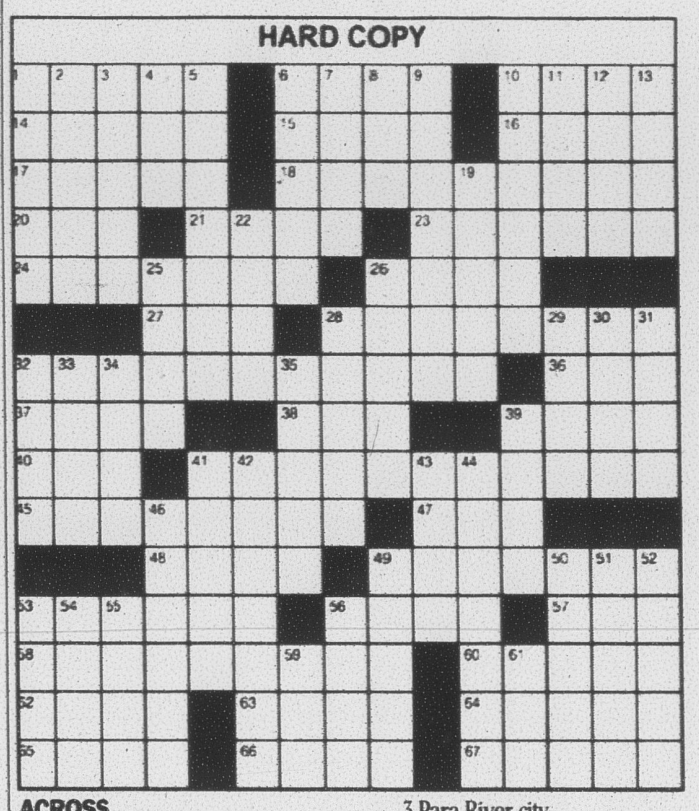

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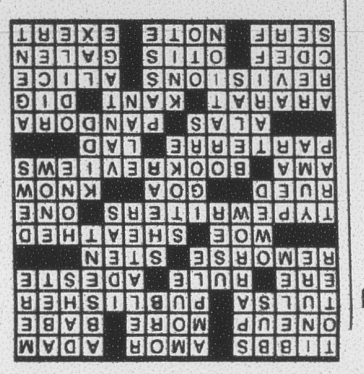

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Friday - Sunday

Lil' Sibs Weekend!

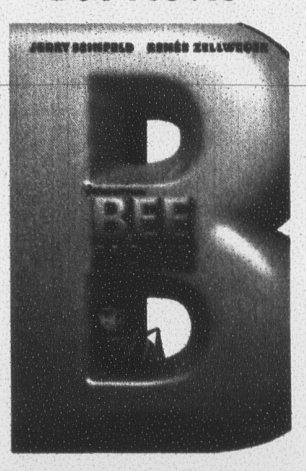
Saturday–

Wax Hands - 12p.m.- 4p.m. in MCC

Laser Tag - 12p.m. - 4p.m. in Old 77

Movie: Space Jam - 3:30p.m. in MCC Mueller Theater

"Bee Movie"



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Movies Playing at Mueller Theater

Friday
Saturday
Sunday

"Enchanted"

10:30 PM
8:00 PM
3:00 PM

Movies provided by Club Room
Entertainment provided by CPC
Westminster ID's will be checked at all movies.
ID will admit you and one guest.
There is no charge; it's just for a count.

Late Night in the Club Room
Monday - 8 PM to 1 AM
Tuesday and Thursday - 9 PM to 1 AM

Features

Welcome to the Real World

Lurene McDonald
Features Editor

To get a job you need experience. This thought has been drilled into our heads since the beginning of our college careers.

It is indeed true that we need experience. For most college students, this is gained through the ubiquitous internship.

They pretty much have become a necessity and numerous majors on campus require an internship for a degree.

However, are your chances of getting an essential internship now in danger?

Recently, I read an article in a newspaper about a woman's internship experience. After performing poorly at her tasks, according to the company at which she was an intern, her position was terminated and she received a poor evaluation. This resulted in a failing grade for the class she was taking.

What did she do? She took the classic American route and sued the company and the university at which she was enrolled. She claimed she was evaluated unfairly and that this review would impact her opportunities in her chosen field.

The company and the institution settled out of court. The student was awarded compensation.

This got me to thinking about what an internship is supposed to be. It is a place to gain experience about what your chosen job really is like. I believe it should teach what it is like to be an entry level employee doing the nitty-gritty jobs, the grunt work.

You have to be willing to pay your dues. Here are some facts:

You probably will not be paid for your internship. If you are given compensation you are lucky; even if it is only minimum wage. Regardless of whether you are paid or not, you should treat your internship as though it is your real job because you better believe your employer will.

For that company, no task is too minimal for you. In their eyes, they are doing you a favor.

Therefore, if you are not performing well there are going to be repercussions for your actions or lack thereof.

Think about it. What would happen if you were not doing your job in real life? You would be reprimanded in one way or another and if the behavior became a pattern, your position would be terminated. If a future employer contacts this company, you would get a negative recommendation.

Why is it, then, that students think there is some sort of protective bubble around them that prevents them from receiving less than flattering evaluations?

You are being evaluated and it will reflect your performance. If you are a terrible worker, the company has every right to give you a bad review, even if it means you fail. It is just like a job in the real world.

Experience in your field is irreplaceable, but you have to start at the bottom. When you are an intern, just be happy to be getting the chance to learn and build your credentials. Everyone has to start somewhere and you have to prove yourself. Sometimes, yes, that means running the copier.

If you are not willing to do the bare minimum, why would someone give you more responsibility? They would not because you have not earned it.

If employers have to worry about getting sued by every intern they have walk through their door, they will retire their interning program. They are willing to give students the opportunity to gain experience, but not all those students are willing to give it all they've got. People need to start treating internships as what they are - a job; a real life job.

If you mess up, deal with it. If you do well, congratulations. That is how the job market works. Welcome to the real world.

Lurene is a sophomore public relations major who enjoys a mug of hot chocolate and cozy afternoon naps. She loves being a member of Kappa Delta Sorority and the Admissions Office Staff.

It's Black History Month

Barry Unis
Diversity Columnist

Since February is Black History Month, I decided to write about its history and some of my favorite people of African descent.

In 1926, Carter G. Woodson, then director of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, instituted Negro History Week. Fifty years later the week blossomed into Black History Month.

One would think that with today's political correctness the name would change to African-American History Month, but the celebration is observed in other countries than the United States.

Our neighbors to the north have joined in on the fun. Black History Month is celebrated in the United Kingdom as well, but theirs takes place in October.

It would be foolish to discuss Black History Month and omit Martin Luther King, Jr. I would delve into his history, but really, who doesn't know this great man's story?

Here are some facts that you might not know. Martin Luther King Day started on January 20th, 1986, but wasn't officially observed in all 50 US states until January 17th, 2000. An interesting quote by the Reverend that isn't overused is, "Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity."

Unfortunately, Martin Luther King, Jr. always seems to overshadow Malcolm X. Sometimes peace and love just can't cut it and militant action is almost necessary. Although some people may not agree with that comment, I'm sure there are some that do.

Here's a great quote, "I believe in the brotherhood of man, all men, but I don't believe in brotherhood with anybody who doesn't want brotherhood with me. I believe in treating people right, but I'm not going to waste my time trying to treat somebody right who doesn't know how to return the treatment."

This paragraph was going to praise George Washington Carver for inventing peanut butter, but when historians do their job, history is rewritten. Apparently, Incans used to make their own form of peanut butter.

In the 1840s, Rose Davis began making a peanut spread after her son Ross explained the process that women used when he visited Cuba. George Washington Carver wasn't born until 1864, so Rose Davis obviously predates him. Sorry, George.

Here's my shout-out to Barack Obama, the man who's giving Hillary a run for her money. Here's hoping he's more than just a blip on black history's radar.

Since I've mentioned the men, let's talk about black women. Is anyone else in love with Rosa Parks? I mean, in every picture I've seen of her she looks adorable, and the contributions she made to the civil rights movement are commendable.

Now, I'm not a fan of Condoleeza Rice, but one can't deny the historical significance that this woman holds. She was the first black woman Secretary of State.

Here's a woman who can not only speak English, but also speaks French, German, Russian, and Spanish. She has had great political power so far, and I wouldn't be surprised if in four or more years she runs for the presidency of the United States… and wins.

Another powerful black female is Oprah Winfrey. I've previously mentioned the possibility of her running for President, but can you imagine if the race ended up between Oprah and Condoleeza? It makes me giddy with excitement that civil rights have come so far that proposing that isn't mere fantasy, but can become reality.

I've decided that I can't talk about Black History Month without talking about Halle Berry. This woman is so beautiful that even gay men want to be with her. Beauty aside, she is a very talented actress, being the first African-American actress to win the Academy Award for Best Actress for her work in *Monster's Ball*.

I'd love to continue detailing contributors to black history, like Michael Jackson, Michael Jordan, James Earl Jones, and Jesse Jackson (coincidentally all J's), but alas my article can only last so long. Until next time, readers, adieu.

Barry Unis is a senior psychology major and theatre minor. He is all over the campus and is unfortunately known as a fictional rapist.

Getting an inside look at the ICC

By Shannon Bobbert
Features Writer

Is it possible to experience the world from little old New Wilmington? Students on campus think so, and not just the ones who have studied abroad. From French cuisine to Chinese New Year celebrations, the International Cultures Club plunges headfirst into the experiences of other nations to gain a better understanding of cultures outside their own.

International Cultures Club president Jelena Gerga sits down for a Q&A session to discuss the opportunities the club provides for those looking to cross cultural borders.

What can you tell us about the International Cultures Club?: One of the goals of the club is to interact with different cultures and discuss issues on a cultural level. We look at things from an outside perspective–different from the traditional "Westminster close niche" perspective.

What kind of students might be interested in the ICC?: We try to make it appealing to foreign language students and those interested in international business or international politics. The club is also for people just interested in differences in cultures. It's also really great for people who have traveled–it gives them an opportunity to talk about where they've been and their perceptions of the different cultures.

What kind of activities does the ICC perform?: We watch a lot of foreign films and have discussions on how the culture is portrayed in the film–how it is similar to ours. Different cultures have different holidays that occur, and we study them. For the Chinese New Year we learned about it to find out why they celebrate the way they do.

We've done a tea night–we got tea from all around the world and discussed the cultural uses of tea. It's used in a lot of different cultures, but it's seen differently.

We go to art galleries as well, because art is a great way to experience culture. We went to the Andy Warhol museum last year and it was an experience to look at the American culture and see how it influenced different aspects of the world.

Why is a club like ICC so important in our society?: It's all about having a better understanding of people. Even through differences, we have similarities. I want to see less prejudice and more acceptance towards all sorts of different people. So people don't look and say ,"Wow they're so weird, look at that." I want the reaction to be more, "Ah, that's so interesting!"

How far away from campus do you have to travel to find diversity?: We look at things in our own area–things in Pittsburgh, things in Cleveland, things around here that can be culturally diverse. Some things that you wouldn't have thought of, like going to an ethnic restaurant. We went to a couple of restaurants this semester and we discussed their cultural background.

We're in the US and it's such a big melting pot. You have different foods that kind of come together to become American food. It's interesting to see where some of the food that is traditional in the states has come from.

Also, in the Pittsburgh Cultural District they have this gallery crawl. The culinary school there sells sample foods for a dollar. We open up this event to the campus and take people there, because it's fun.

What can students take away from the experience of the ICC?: Just to have another look at the world and realize that there are more things outside of their comfort-zone, and things outside of the Westminster community. Sometimes if you live in a small town it's easy to get really comfortable and not think of the bigger picture. I think this opens people up to more cultures and more people.

Unless you expand outside your circle, at some point you're going to encounter somebody who is not exactly like you, that might not see the world as you do. I think it's important to be open to stuff like that.

"Come to meetings and put in your two cents!" Jelena said.

Time: Thursdays at 7:00

Place: Thompson Clark, fourth floor lobby

Damon Neal named Big Brother of the year, volunteer proves rewarding

By Lurene McDonald
Features Editor

Volunteer work paid off for junior Damon Neal who was recently awarded the title of Big Brother of the year by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lawrence County.

Neal, who was given the award for his above and beyond effort as a Big Brother has been involved with the program since April 2006.

"I wanted to get involved with the program since high school," Neal said. "I always wanted to pursue it. I saw a flyer in Russell freshman year looking for Big Brothers and I got involved."

Almost every week while classes are in session, Neal meets with his little brother, Blake. This thirteen year-old has grown as a young man since he was adopted by his Big Brother almost two years ago.

"One thing that amazes me is how mature he is for his age," Neal said. "He's very wise and a really smart kid."

Neal cited the building of a personal relationship with Blake and being able to share experiences as the most rewarding aspects of his volunteer work. His gift of time to this young boy is not something for which he expected to receive recognition.

"It came as a shock to me," Neal said. "I don't think I did anything special. I just did what I thought were normal things, but it's rewarding to receive."

The Big Brothers Big Sisters program certainly appreciates Neal's efforts and looks fondly upon him.

"Damon is a really great person," Big Brothers Big Sisters' caseworker Sarah Miller said. "He is very responsible with both meeting with his Little Brother and with his studies and goals on campus. He truly is one in a million."

The campus has been a big source of mentor matches in the past. Currently, there are ten traditional matches with current students, but there have been as many as 25 mentors involved simultaneously in the past.

The organization is also the local philanthropy of Kappa Delta sorority. The biggest on-campus program for Big Brothers Big Sisters is through the sorority called KD Campus Friends. The program allows Little Sisters to be brought to campus and matched with sisters of the sorority.

"Kappa Delta feels strongly about working with Big Brothers Big Sisters," junior Sarah Petcovic, founder of the KD Campus Friends program, said. "The sisters know they make a difference in their lives. I love seeing the looks on the girls' faces when they see their Big Sisters. It is easy to see that they love having a friend and someone to look up to."

In addition to the KD Campus Friends program, the sorority donates 80 percent of the proceeds of their fall Shamrock philanthropy event, Westminster's Next Top Male Model, to the organization, volunteers for the Bowl for Kids Sake event, adopts a family at Christmas time, and helps sponsor the angel tree through the chapel.

The Big Brothers Big Sisters program is always looking for responsible, motivated, caring and patient students to help serve as Big Brothers or Sisters. Those interested in volunteering can apply by contacting Miller at (724) 657-3680.

Once approved, students can chose to be either a one-on-one traditional match or part of a group program. The organization is currently in need of Big Brothers to be matches for the more than 20 boys waiting for mentors. They are always in need of Big Sisters, too.

Students who have participated in the program are enthusiastic about their involvement and encourage other students to take an interest in volunteering.

"Working with Big Brothers Big Sisters has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life," Petcovic said. "I know that we, as college students, can make a difference in the lives of the youth in this area. As a campus we have so much to offer this community. We should accept the challenge and get to work."

Career Center seeks to help all students shine

Center provides a variety of services for all undergrads

By Jo Faust
Campus Writer

Many students view the Career Center as a service for only seniors who are graduating. However, this is not true.

The Career Center offers services to all current students and alumni for no charge. Students can receive individual help with portfolios, resumes, cover pages, and mock interviews.

It helps students who are trying to find a major or want to make sure that they are in the proper major based on their skills and interest. E-portfolios are becoming increasingly popular, especially in the education field.

The Career Center helps students to create an electronic version of their credentials. They can also help alumni find jobs and opportunities in their field of work.

"The Career Center is not here to place students but to prepare them so that they can place themselves," Jackie Meade, Career Center Director, said.

The PERC job fair is held in Pittsburgh on March 27, and is just one of many events that the Career Center encourages students to attend. This specific fair is for education majors in both elementary and secondary education.

The WestPAC job fair is also held in Pittsburgh on April 3. It involves Westminster along with 44 other colleges and universities and presents opportunities in a variety of fields. The Career Center provides transportation for the students to these job fairs.

As far as internships and field experience are concerned, the Career Center has an abundance of resources for any field of study. A newsletter titled *Internships and Part-Time Jobs* is sent out via email to all students.

It consists of local jobs and on campus jobs as well as internship opportunities that the Career Center has been contacted about. They also have a list of places where students have worked in the past for use as a resource.

"The Career Center was very useful in helping me write and edit my resume," Tara Pregibon, a junior Biochemistry major, said.

Networking contributes to the success of the Career Center. The library in the Career Center has a list of contacts for every major and they also work closely with the Alumni Office to help match students with alumni for shadowing and experience. An Internship/ Summer Job/ Volunteer Fair was held in January on campus to provide opportunities.

"It may seem easy but it is not always easy," Janet Waugaman, Associate Director, said.

February 26, the Career Center is hosting an interview workshop for Dr. Perkins' Public Relations Capstone class; however, the whole campus is invited to attend. It will take place in Witherspoon Maple, located on the third floor of McKelvey, at 11 a.m.

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On Feb. 20, the Career Center hosted the "Dine 'N' Shine" dinner, where students learned about business and dining etiquette. Susan Timko of Carnegie Mellon University spoke about how to make a good impression. Following the speaker, those pictured above gave a runway show to model business formal and business casual outfits.

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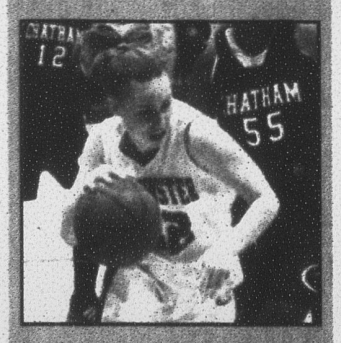

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The number of students in the Concerto and Aria competition

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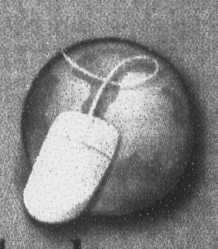

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Students "Fill the Frames"

Photo by Kirsten Dize

Student art pieces from the "Fill the Frames" display add some color to the campus center's second floor.

By Kathryn Zetzer
Staff Writer

Scrawl hosted its annual "Fill the Frames" Art Show this week and is concluding the event with the "Fill the Day" Poetry and Arts Festival today in the Berlin Lounge.

The "Fill the Frames" art show was composed of pieces created by college students and faculty members. Participants were able to submit no more than five pieces of art within the five media categories of photography, painting, drawing, pottery and other. During the week, students were encouraged to vote on the anonymous artwork. The first place prize in each category is automatically placed into Scrawl. All other pieces will be chosen by the Scrawl selection committee.

"Scrawl's commitment to making the arts an integral part of campus life is terrific," Dr. David Swerdlow said.

Today the art will be moved into the Berlin Lounge for the poetry and art festival. The event is free and open to the public. The authors' books will be available at the festival. Students who submitted poetry will have the privilege to meet with the four poets during one-on-one sessions during the day.

"It's a great opportunity for students to meet one-on-one with the poets," Scrawl co-editor in chief Leanna Stitt said. "Not only will they benefit from their guidance and experience, but this will also give them a chance to revise and edit their writing before submitting it for consideration for the Scrawl publication."

Four nationally recognized poets will be reading their works.

"They're lively and assertive writers who will delight, disturb, and enlighten those who come to hear them read from their work," said Dr. Swerdlow. "These readings are free and open to everyone, including those who just aren't sure poetry is for them. I hope everyone will give it a try."

William Greenway is a professor of English at Youngstown State University. A native of Georgia, he received his BA from Georgia State University and his PhD from Tulane University. He is the author of eight collections of poetry, including *Fishing at the end of the World*, which he will be reading at 9:20 a.m.

Berwyn Moore is a professor of English at Gannon University. Her work has been published in such journals as *The Southern Review, Shenandoah, The Journal of the American Medical Association, Runes*, and the *Kansas Quarterly*. Her poem, "Glass," was nominated for a Pushcart Prize in November 2004 by Elizabeth Ross, publisher of River Walk Journal. Her poem, "Snake Pit," won 4th Place in the Chester H. Jones Foundation National Poetry Competition in 1992, and two poems, "Daily Offering" and "What I Want to Tell You," won finalist awards from Negative Capability Press in 1991 and 1993. He will be reading at 11:40 a.m.

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The skinny on the 30 hour famine

By Christina Alducka
Staff Writer

Students and faculty turn down the TUB and McGinness to broaden awareness for childhood hunger during a 30-hour famine.

Those participating support World Vision, an international organization dedicated to defeating poverty and hunger. The famine starts at 1:00 p.m. on Feb. 29 and ends at 7:00 p.m. on Mar. 1. The Chapel Office sponsors the famine and schedule of events.

"When you're fasting, you're putting yourself in a situation that other people go through daily and it makes us more aware of how fortunate we are," Catherine Bishop, a junior Chapel staff member, said.

Registration for the famine includes a deduction of $25 from each participant's meal plan. Half of that amount goes to World Vision and the other to Sodexho for fees. A new grant awarded to World Vision this year allows every dollar raised for the organization to quadruple.

Every $30 raised helps to feed a child for an entire month, according to World Vision's Web site. The money raised during the famine goes to children who live in areas troubled by AIDS and HIV.

"You can't save the world, but you can save a little part," college chaplain Rev. Jim Mohr said.

Chapel worship kicks off the events at 11:40 a.m., followed by dinnertime devotion activities at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Participants will engage in small group activities, such as a reflection period and watching a video about hunger from World Vision. Friday night includes board games, pool, and a movie in Mueller Theater.

A service project to Safari Sam's in New Castle takes place on Sat., Mar. 1. Partakers will bring children from the Walker House tutoring program for an afternoon of excitement. "Some of them have never been in this type of atmosphere before. It's a safe place for them to go crazy and have fun," Jenna Brizzi said, a service team member of the Chapel staff.

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Participants from last year's 30-hour famine take a break from fasting to pose for a picture.

Students digest eating disorder awareness

By Shannon Richter
Staff Writer

National Eating Disorders Awareness Week commenced on Mon., Feb.25 to educate students on a disease that especially threatens college students.

In the TUB, sophomore Alex Alfieri provided pamphlets and personal knowledge to educate passing students on the warning signs, dangers and general facts about eating disorders. Alfieri spoke to students at Browne, Ferguson and Hillside; she also responded to questions and showed pictures from her own experience with an eating disorder.

"I tell people how I got through it [an eating disorder]," said Alfieri. "That's my goal. I can't save all of these people, but I feel as if I was given a second chance, so I want to help people."

In the United States, 1% of college women suffer from anorexia and 4% suffer from bulimia. These are only the cases reported each year. Alfieri expressed surprise at how many students told her about their encounters with eating disorders, whether personally or through a friend.

"I knew two girls in high school with eating disorders," said sophomore Hillary Householder. "It was scary; they were both skeletal but only one received counseling and recovered; the other never admitted she had a problem."

Anorexia nervosa and bulimia are two of the most common types of eating disorders. People suffering from anorexia nervosa have an intense fear of gaining weight, which causes them to deny their hunger and starve themselves. Excessive dieting, fasting and exercise characterize people with restricting anorexia, while binge-eating or purging anorexics tend to eat large amounts of food in a short period of time, followed by induced vomiting.

People suffering from bulimia also consume large amounts of food in a short period of time before forcing themselves to vomit or exercise excessively. However, for most bulimics, this addiction is usually a coping mechanism for stress and emotional pain.

"Many people don't realize that the difference between these diseases is a difference of awareness," said Alfieri. "Anorexics are not aware that they are sick, while bulimics know that something is wrong but they are not able, or do not want, to get help."

Physical warning signs of an eating disorder include weight loss (though it may be gradual and difficult to notice), hair loss, wearing baggy clothes to hide his or her body or because he or she is always cold from reduced circulation, an obsession with exercise, or a need to constantly talk about food, exercise, or his or her body image.

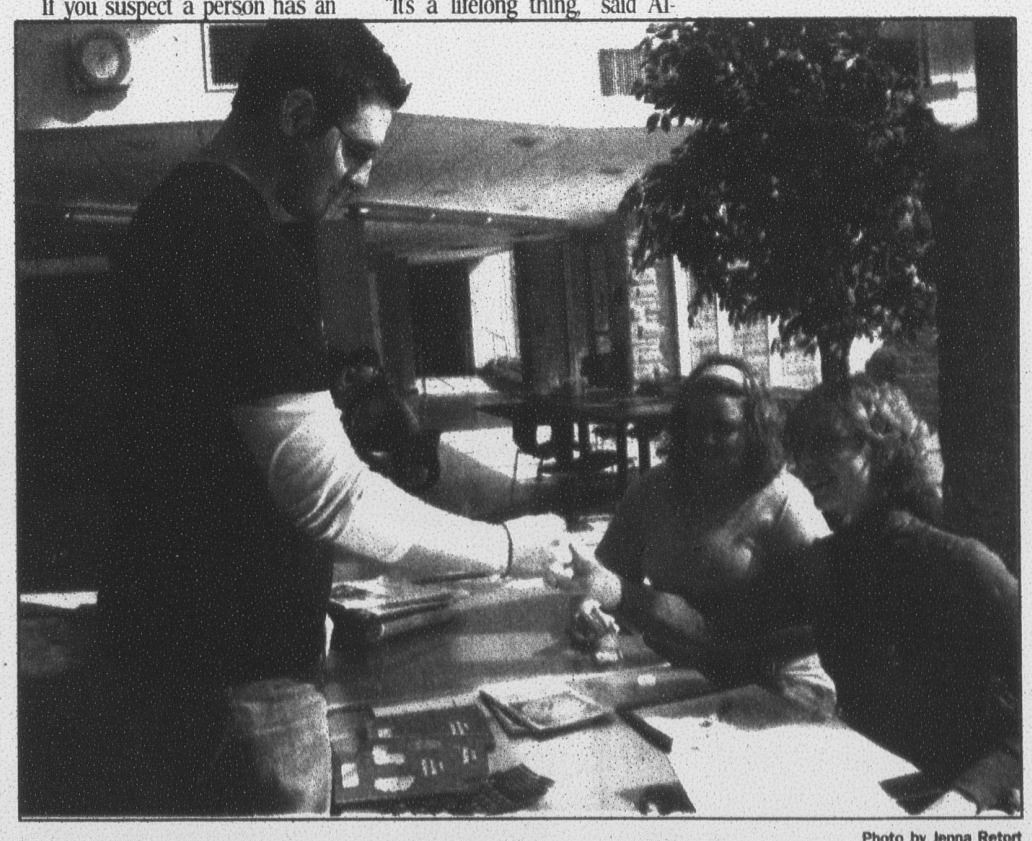
Changes in behavior include a habit of mincing and moving his or her food to make it appear that he or she is eating, as well as going to the bathroom after meals. Alfieri explained that this disease is deceptive because it is rooted in a person's mind; thus it requires psychological help.

"For me, my friends turned me into the school counselor," said Alfieri. "I was mad at first, but it did not end our friendship. These disorders require higher help, but any support will be helpful."

If you suspect a person has an eating disorder, experts advise that you learn about the diseases and what resources are available for help. Seek advice from the campus resources, recommend professional help, be willing to risk your friend's anger and provide and maintain support throughout the struggle. Also, do not get impatient because eating disorders cannot be cured quickly.

"It's a lifelong thing," said Alfieri. "I can recognize my disorder and constantly go against it. My friends are a big help."

As an additional measure in gaining awareness, singer and songwriter Matt Martinek of Johnston, PA wrote a song, "Julie," about an experience with eating disorders. All proceeds will be donated to ANAD, Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders.



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Alex Alfieri gives Kevin Shields a ribbon in support of Eating Disorder Awareness Week.

Opinion

RANT & RAVE

That eclipse was riveting!

Casesar wraps are back!

Che cosa?

Sarcasm is like an old friend.

Thanks for stopping by.

T-Rexin' it up.

Dance Theatre was amazing!

Consequence.

The days are just packed!

Spring break, where art thou?

Fossils, fossils everywhere.

Hats off to Larry.

Pancake in my pocket? Eh?

WE <3 the Career Center!

Growing up is overrated.

I'm feeling quite twitterpated.

I'm so over snow.

I just used a butt-crawling verb.

See how the pepino dances.

Ethiopian beef. What?

YPSers can have fun too.

Is that bad??

Crapstone. Nuff said.

NCAA cuts for swimming!

Want to Rant & Rave? Email *The Holcad* with RNR as the subject.

The weekly glip: Open air

Anthony Colwell
Weekly Glipper

I thought that I would switch gears again this week and talk about something besides diversity and our tuition dollars being squandered. This week we will discuss an issue that many will probably disagree with me about, but I think needs to be addressed. This issue is the smoking ban that is currently every year creeping closer and closer to becoming reality.

The smoking ban task force has been around for a couple of years now and its projected goal is to have smoking completely eliminated on campus by 2010. This is a hefty goal considering many smokers would be very angry by this and would probably raise hell. The "task force" has combated this possibility by slowly eliminating smoking rights on campus instead of doing it all at once. I am sure many of you may have noticed that the trays in front of the buildings are gone.

The reasoning for this initial ban is the number of complaints about people having to walk through smoke-filled air to get to the buildings. People have claimed that their right to clean air is more important than the smokers' right to smoke. I do believe this argument does hold water because studies have shown that second-hand smoke can be just as harmful as smoking the cigarette itself.

How can we fix this second-hand smoke problem? I suggest we follow Europe's example and create smoking pavilions. There are quite a few places on campus that they could be built to not only provide a place for smokers to enjoy themselves and be social, but also to beautify the campus' look as well.

So what do we think the odds are of these smoking pavilions being built? I would hope that this idea would be considered by some of the proponents of the smoking ban task force because it is a way for both parties to win. There would be no smoking in front of the campus buildings and the smokers would still be able to enjoy their freedoms, albeit at specific points on campus.

I have talked with many smokers on campus and they all seem to agree that this compromise is fair to them and they are hoping that the administration will respond fairly in trying to make sure that all students receive equal treatment at Westminster College.

I hope to hear from the administration or the head of the Smoking Task Force on this issue. A letter to the editor or an email to my personal Westminster e-mail that I can publish or talk about next week would be great.

One last thing that I would like to mention this week is SGA's organization of the month. I personally found dance theatre to be amazing and I would like to congratulate all who were involved with it. It must have been a hard decision for the Senate however, with Westminster College Feminists right on their tail. After all, they did save an eight-year-old girl from prostitution and sexual slavery in Asia by raising over $1,000 in two nights.

Anthony is a senior mathematics and philosophy major. He is currently attempting to stabilize his orbit utilizing the correct images, and is voting for Reagan in 2008.

Let's talk about:Safety

Allison Houser
Discussion Leader

I'm the first to admit it: I am not the best driver. If you're anything like my older brother, you'll say it's because I'm a girl. If you're anything like my parents and grandparents, you'll say it's because I'm young. I say it's because I'm multitasking.

I talk on my cell phone. Every once in awhile, I'll text a bit (don't tell Mom). I listen to the radio, and, most of the time, I'm singing along. I drive too fast for my ability.

The worst thing I do, though? I think. My mind is running through about 1,284 ideas in just the drive between Westminster and Grove City. I get to my destination and can't remember driving there. That's probably not the best idea.

About two weeks ago, when the snow was melting pretty quickly, I hydroplaned off the road into an embankment. Granted, even the responding police officer didn't blame me (apparently PennDOT made some "improvements" to the road which didn't quite pan out). But others had travelled the road before without so much as a scratch, but I didn't.

That day, I wasn't listening to the radio. I wasn't talking on my cell phone. I wasn't texting. I was just driving. Driving and thinking about everything I needed to get done when I got home. I probably wasn't paying enough attention to the road and, as a result, took part in an accident that probably could have been prevented.

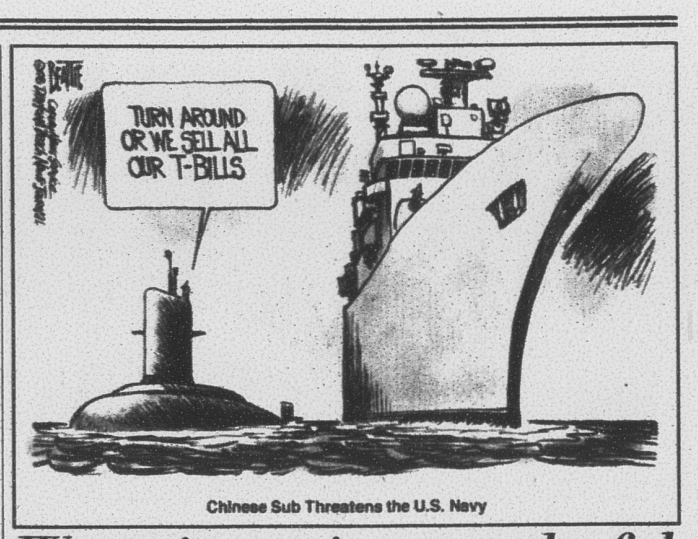
Our vehicles are becoming more and more advanced. What began as boxes with wheels and a way to steer have become robots. They can tell us when, where and how to turn. They can call for help if we're in an accident. Companies are even developing cars which we won't need to drive; just sit in and program a destination.

Is all this technology safe, though? What if something is in the road that our "self driving" cars are unaware of? It will still be up to us, the drivers, to ensure our own safety on the roads. As our cars get better and better, we must, too.

When we talk on our cell phones, text, listen to the radio, etc., we have decided that paying attention to the road is something we just can't be bothered with. And I'm not judging, because, obviously, I do it, too. Our cars and our little gadgets, though, are not responsible for our safety; we are. We cannot continue to blame other things (like old drivers, young drivers, weather conditions, etc.) for our poor driving skills.

We've got to take responsibility for our own and others' safety. When we get behind the wheel, we need to remember that, until we reach our destination safely, nothing else exists except our car and the road in front of us. Travelling is already pretty dangerous, and we have the opportunity to affect the statistics in a positive way. Let's take it.

Allison Houser is a senior public relations major with minors in Spanish and communication studies. She is a member of Sigma Kappa Sorority and misses dance theatre already.



Chinese Sub Threatens the U.S. Navy

Westminster is a wonderful community in which to live

What a joy it is to be a part of the Westminster community! Two recent reasons for this statement are these:

First, for the Scrawl Art Show. Congratulations to the many talented artists for their ingenuity and creativity. To be in such close proximity to such an incredible exhibit this week has been a rare treat! Kudos to Leanna Stitt and Julie Tvaruzek for their diligence in organization, implementation, and insight into mounting this feast for the eyes.

Second, for Theatre Westminster's production of One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest last weekend. Many people have agreed with me that this was the finest event ever to be staged at Beeghly Theater. To Eileen Henderson, cast and crew, applause, applause for an ensemble performance to be treasured in our collective memories.

It's good to be a Westminnie-ite. The cultural events are abundant and outstanding -- a garden of delights to enrich our lives and lift our spirits.

A heartfelt thank you to all who contribute to that,

Beth Brooks
Student Affairs Office

Want to write a letter to the editor? *Here are the rules.*

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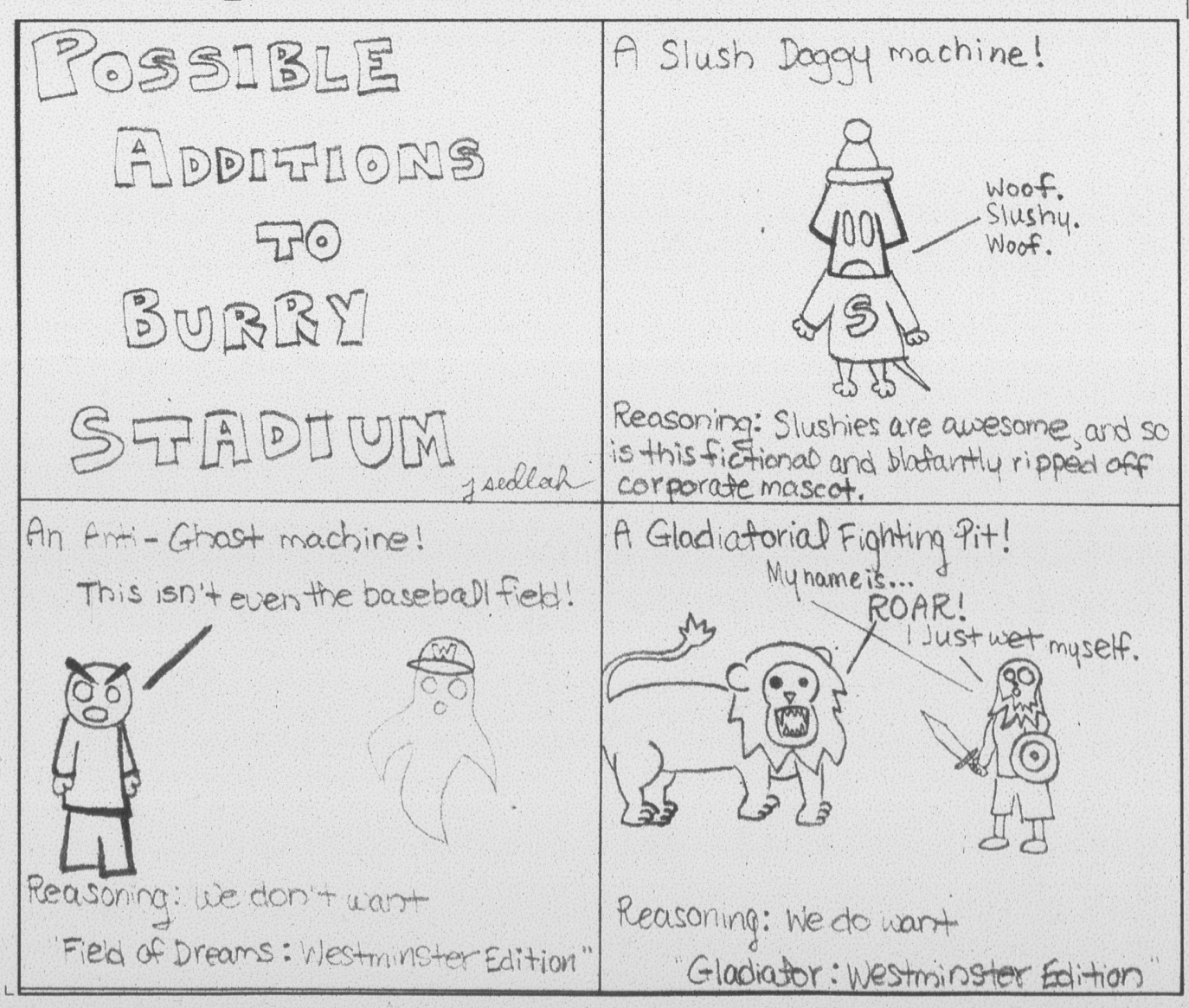

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Outside the Bubble

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REGIONAL

Former W. Pa. bounty hunter charged with impersonating officer

PITTSBURGH (AP) - A former Pittsburgh bounty hunter who's on probation for a 2004 killing is accused of using his old badge and a gun while interceding on a friend's behalf.

Forty-one-year-old Mark Anthony Smith is charged with impersonating a law enforcement officer and related offenses.

Police say Tina Gates, of Sheraden, called him Sunday while arguing with her boyfriend, Antwone Faulk. Police say Smith arrived wearing a "US Marshals" hat, a T-shirt printed with "Police," a badge and a loaded handgun.

Faulk called 911.

Smith is serving three years' probation for involuntary manslaughter in the December 2004 shooting of Michael Robinson, a fugitive from Zelienople. Smith said he thought he was firing a rubber bullet when Robinson lunged at him, but it was real.

Casino critic gives earful to Pa. gambling conference

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) - State Sen. Jeffrey Piccola, one of the Legislature's strongest opponents of legalized casinos, rarely, if ever, rubs elbows with gambling industry executives.

But delivering the keynote speech at an industry conference Tuesday, he said inadequacies in Pennsylvania's law prevented a thorough background investigation before a license was awarded to a casino owner now charged with lying about connections to organized crime figures.

Piccola, R-Dauphin, said that after he got over the initial shock of being invited to the Pennsylvania Gaming Congress, he decided that the industry would see the benefits of his plan to overhaul state background investigations of prospective casino owners, employees and vendors.

"One of the surest ways to have it fail is to have weak regulation," Piccola said in an interview after his speech at the downtown Whitaker Center.

His comments came in the wake of the perjury charges filed Jan. 30 by the state police against Mount Airy Casino Resort owner Louis A. DeNaples. Attorneys for DeNaples say he is innocent and are challenging the charges in Dauphin County Court and the state Supreme Court.

In his speech, Piccola blasted the industry, saying it preys on the poor, breeds destructive behavior and hurts local economies. He said he plans to introduce legislation to put background investigations under the supervision of the state attorney general's office, as they are in New Jersey.

Piccola, who has sought similar measures in the past without success, said it would prevent a repeat of what happened in the DeNaples case.

State police have said they could not share certain information with civilian agents from the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, which licensed DeNaples, because it had became part of their perjury investigation into DeNaples. Police later used that information – a transcript of a telephone call recorded by the FBI – to charge DeNaples with lying to gaming board agents only a year after the board had granted him the license.

One attendee, Bob Sheldon, the president and chief operating officer of the proposed SugarHouse Casino in Philadelphia, said he did not mind the choice of a casino opponent to deliver the keynote speech.

"It's an opportunity to educate us," he said.

But he questioned why Pennsylvania cannot simply swear in the gaming board's agents as law enforcement officers, and said he did not remember a similar issue about sharing criminal intelligence in Nevada and Mississippi, where he has worked previously.

Prospects for Piccola's legislation are unclear. Calls for change have come largely from lawmakers who opposed the 2004 slots law, while leaders of the legislative majorities – Republicans in the Senate and Democrats in the House – have been quiet on the issue.

Stephen C. MacNett, the general counsel for the Senate GOP, said the charges against DeNaples made caucus leaders recognize that Pennsylvania's current regulatory system needs to be reviewed and possibly changed.

Either choice of regulatory structure will have strengths and weaknesses, he said, and he criticized state police and the gaming board for not cooperating better.

"It is a pretty sad commentary on both the management of the Pennsylvania State Police and the operations of the gaming control board," MacNett said.

Erie police officer charged with cocaine theft to go to rehab

ERIE, Pa. (AP) -An Erie police officer charged with stealing cocaine from the police department's evidence room has been ordered released on bond so he can enter a drug rehabilitation program.

Erie County Judge Shad Connelly says 46-year-old police Lt. Robert Liebel will go to a program in Ohio or Florida.

The state Attorney General's Office didn't object to the request by Liebel's lawyer, David Ridge.

Investigators say they used surveillance equipment to observe Liebel taking 12 grams of cocaine from a larger amount of the drug placed in the evidence room as part of the sting.

He's charged with theft, tampering with evidence and other offenses.

Pa. college-aid agency temporarily suspends federal student loans

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) - Pennsylvania's student-loan agency will temporarily stop making new loans through a federal program in response to a credit crunch that has created turmoil in the bond markets, the agency's acting chief executive said Tuesday.

The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency decided two weeks ago to suspend loans made outside the state through the Federal Family Education Loan Program. The agency will soon send out notices to colleges and universities that it will suspend in-state loans effective March 7, acting president and chief executive officer James Preston said.

The program provides federally subsidized, low-cost student loans to about 500,000 Pennsylvania students.

"Right now, it's not profitable for us at all to finance (FFELP) loans," Preston told a House committee during a hearing on the agency's budget.

Instead, the agency will steer prospective borrowers to banks that are still participating in the $50 billion program, which should assure a "seamless transition," Preston said. At the same time, it will continue to originate, guarantee and service loans, Preston said.

The student loan agency is caught up in a national student-lending squeeze linked to the $330 billion market for auction-rate securities, about $80 billion of which is made up of bundles of student loans. Since some of these investments are backed by troubled bond insurers, investors have been particularly reluctant to buy these securities, straining the student lenders that sell them to raise cash.

NATIONAL

Mass. inmate says her body is becoming less feminine as she awaits ruling on sex change

BOSTON (AP) - A killer who sued to have a sex change claims her body is becoming more masculine again because she's being denied treatment in prison as she awaits a ruling in her bid for the surgery.

Michelle Kosilek, formerly known as Robert, said that for months she has not been allowed to have court-approved hair-removal treatment or access to a specialist to discuss her testosterone levels.

"My breasts have shrunk, genitals have regained previous size and function, facial hair is thicker and scalp hair is thinner, all related to an elevated testosterone level," Kosilek said in a handwritten letter submitted to the court recently.

Robert Kosilek was sentenced to life in prison in the 1990 murder of his wife. Kosilek said the slaying was self-defense after she poured boiling tea on his genitals.

Kosilek, 58, who legally changed her name to Michelle in 1993 and has been living as a woman, first sued the Department of Correction in 2000, saying its refusal to allow her to have sex-change surgery violates the Eighth Amendment protection against cruel and unusual punishment.

In 2002, U.S. District Judge Mark Wolf ruled that Kosilek was entitled to treatment for gender identity disorder – including hormone treatments, laser hair removal and psychotherapy – but stopped short of ordering sex-reassignment surgery.

Kosilek sued again in 2005, saying the treatments were not enough to relieve her anxiety and depression.

"I would not want to continue existing like this," Kosilek testified in June 2006.

The trial lasted on and off from May 2006 until March 2007, with expert testimony from 10 doctors, psychiatrists and psychotherapists. An Associated Press review last year found that the corrections department and its outside health care provider had spent more than $52,000 on experts to testify about the surgery, which would cost about $20,000.

Though testimony ended almost a year ago, Wolf has given no indication when he will rule in the case, which is being closely watched nationwide by advocates for other inmates who want to undergo a sex change. Transgender inmates in other states have sued prison officials, but none has persuaded a judge to order a sex-change operation.

The Department of Correction claims Kosilek's surgery would create a security quagmire and make her a target for sexual assault. Department spokeswoman Diane Wiffin would not comment on Kosilek's recent claims that her treatment is being neglected, citing the ongoing litigation.

In court papers filed last month, Kosilek claimed that prison officials have stopped following the treatment plan outlined by Wolf in 2002, causing a "serious revision" in her attempts to complete her transformation into a woman.

Kosilek said she has not received any laser hair removal or electrolysis since May 2006, and that prison officials have refused to let her see an endocrinologist since October 2007. She said she has repeatedly told prison authorities that the testosterone blocker Lupron has stopped functioning effectively.

In a written response, lawyers for prison officials said Kosilek has continued to receive adequate treatment for gender-identity disorder. The Correction Department also said Kosilek met three times in December with a nurse practitioner to discuss her concerns about her suppression treatment.

Kosilek, however, said prison officials have denied her repeated requests for a follow-up visit with the endocrinologist.

Prison officials said Kosilek received extensive laser hair removal treatments, then asked in January 2007 for electrolysis to remove hair that was too light for laser treatments. They said the department's mental health provider is currently reviewing the request for electrolysis to determine whether it is "appropriate or necessary treatment."

Kosilek's lawyer, Frances Cohen, said the surgery is a medical necessity for Kosilek, who has twice attempted suicide.

"We hope that the Department of Correction wouldn't use the amount of time that it necessarily takes the judiciary to resolve this to allow her treatment to move backwards," Cohen said.

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Altmire Speaks to Lawrence County's Chamber of Commerce

Fourth District U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (D) today spoke to the Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday and he was quick to point out his efforts to enhance the local economy. Congressman Altmire says he helped secure $1.6 million in the federal budget for Lawrence County initiatives to improve local Head Start programs; make safety upgrades to the I-376 corridor; develop Millennium Park, a future commercial site in Neshannock Township; and upgrade the emergency department at Jameson Hospital in New Castle.

"Since coming to Congress, I have worked closely with local business and community leaders to help create new economic opportunities," Altmire said. " I will take the insights I heard today from the Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce to continue fighting for policies that will strengthen our local economy and help local businesses."

Meanwhile, the former 4th District Congresswoman who Altmire defeated in 2006 the previous election may be gearing up to run again. Petition drives are popping up in Lawrence, Beaver, Butler and Allegheny counties to place Melissa Hart's name as the Republican candidate, however, Hart herself has not made any official announcement.

INTERNATIONAL

Slain Hezbollah commander Mughniyeh was a key organizer of 2006 war with Israel

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) - The last time the world heard from Imad Mughniyeh, he was masterminding terror spectaculars in the 1980s and 1990s – bomb attacks on U.S. and Israeli targets, kidnappings and hijackings.

But for nearly 15 years, no one has known exactly what the Hezbollah commander was doing. The only confirmation of his whereabouts came when he was killed Feb. 12 in a car bombing in Syria.

Now Hezbollah officials and associates are describing a previously unknown role for Mughniyeh: Far from being too busy fleeing enemies, he was a key commander for Hezbollah in its 2006 war with Israel.

He was among the leading military and security strategists – if not the very top himself – of the group and a member of its decision-making committee, according to those who had knowledge of Mughniyeh before he was killed Feb. 12 in Damascus.

"Hezbollah's top architect of that war was Imad Mughniyeh," Anis Naccache, a 57-year-old longtime associate, told The Associated Press. "You can say he was like a staff general (chief of staff)."

In a speech Friday, Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah credited Mughniyeh with leading the group to two victories – the 2006 war and a Hezbollah guerrilla war in 2000 that led to the withdrawal of Israeli troops from its last positions in southern Lebanon.

In the 1980s, Mughniyeh was notorious in the West. He was accused of plotting suicide bombings of the U.S. Embassy and bases of U.S. and French troops that killed hundreds, as well as the kidnappings of dozens of Westerners in Beirut.

The last attacks he is believed to have directed were suicide bombings in the 1990s against the Israeli Embassy and a Jewish center in Argentina that killed more than 100 people and a bombing in Khobar, Saudi Arabia, that killed 19 Americans.

For years, Hezbollah said almost nothing about him. But after his death, the group has embraced him as a hero – to a degree that surprised some Lebanese who believed Hezbollah would not want to revive memories of its past association with terrorism.

The 2006 war came after Hezbollah fighters captured two Israeli soldiers in a cross-border raid. Israel retaliated with a massive bombardment, then ground incursions, in a 34-day war that devastated south Lebanon.

More than 1,000 Lebanese were killed, along with 119 Israeli soldiers and 43 Israeli civilians who died from Hezbollah rocket attacks across the border.

The war ended without Israel winning any of its main objectives – regaining the two soldiers and crushing Hezbollah – and its army chief and other top commanders were forced to resign.

The fighting also held numerous surprises for the Israeli military – particularly the guerrillas' sophisticated rockets and anti-tank weapons and their extensive preparations for battle.

Command and weapons-arsenal bunkers were dug deep into rocky hills around south Lebanon with a network of tunnels linking large storage rooms. Some exits were equipped with cameras and linked to a monitor below to help fighters ambush enemy soldiers.

Mughniyeh was apparently behind those tactics.

Naccache said the general strategy of fighting "a war of shadows" was Mughniyeh's decision. "We were fighting Israel but Israel cannot see any fighter," he said, speaking in English.

A Hezbollah guerrilla who was on the front lines in southern Lebanon during the 2006 fighting told AP that Mughniyeh was his commander. The guerrilla, who would identify himself only by his first name, Hassan, for fear of reprisals, would not elaborate.

Naccache, a Lebanese who once was a fighter for Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah faction and has known Mughniyeh since Mughniyeh was 13, said the two met dozens of times over recent years.

The last time was in Lebanon two months before the 2006 war. During that meeting, Naccache said, Mughniyeh showed him photographs of anti-tank rockets that Hezbollah had recently obtained, the Russian-made Kornet and the RPG-29.

He said Mughniyeh explained to him how the rockets could be used against Merkavas, the massively armored tanks that are vaunted as symbols of Israeli military might.

Naccache said Mughniyeh "had studied the exact millimeters of the thickness of a Merkava and what was the best point from which to hit the Merkava."

"I understood how serious he was in his preparation for the war," Naccache said. Mughniyeh did not tell him where Hezbollah obtained the weapons, he said. Iran is believed to be Hezbollah's main arms supplier, with some coming from Syria.

Naccache, as a Sunni Muslim, is not a member of the Shiite group Hezbollah but is a close supporter of the organization and a longtime associate of Mughniyeh. He taught Mughniyeh when Mughniyeh showed up at age 13 at a Fatah camp south of Beirut and asked to be given guerrilla training.

Campus News

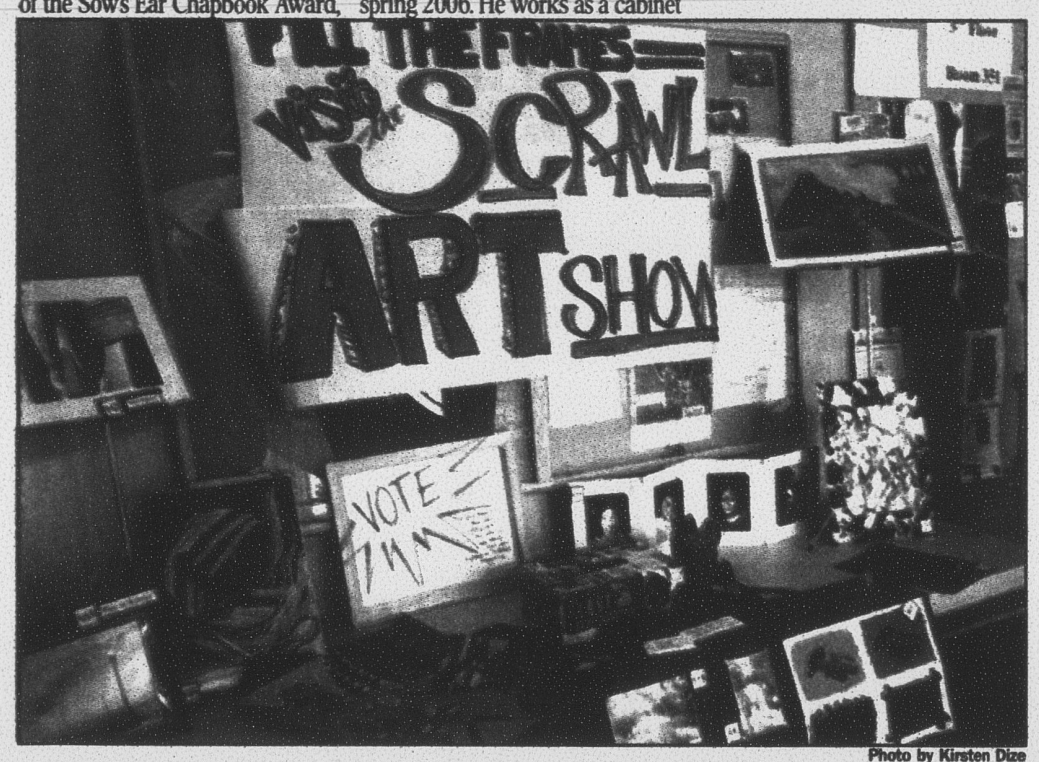
Fill the Frames

Continued from A-1

Philip Terman is a professor of English at Clarion University. His poetry collections include *The House of Sages* (Mammoth books, 1998; 2005), *Book of the Unbroken Days* (Mammoth Books, 2005) *Greatest Hits* (Pudding House Press, 2005) and the forthcoming *Rabbis of the Air* (Autumn House Press, 2007). His poems and essays have appeared in *The Georgia Review, Poetry, The Kenyon Review, The New England Review, The Gettysburg Review, Tikkun,* and other journals. He is the recipient of the Sow's Ear Chapbook Award, The Kenneth Patchen Prize, and the Anna Davidson Rosenberg Award for Poems on the Jewish Experience. Terman co-directs the Chautauqua Writers' Festival at the Chautauqua Institute. He will be reading at 2 p.m.

Steve Scafidi was raised in Virginia and earned his MFA at Arizona State University. His first book, *Sparks from a Nine-Pound Hammer* (LSU, 2001), was nominated for the 2001 National Book Award, the 2002 Pulitzer Prize, and won the Fifth Annual Larry Levis Reading Prize. His second book, *For Love of Common Words* was published by LSU Press in the spring 2006. He works as a cabinet maker and lives in West Virginia with his wife and daughter. He will be reading at 4:10.

"I'm really looking forward to meeting the poets when they arrive on Friday," said Co-Editor in Chief of Scrawl, Julie Tvaruzek. "To have one nationally acclaimed poet come for a reading is a great thing in itself, but to have four in one room is fantastic and it is especially exciting because students from various writing classes have been familiarizing themselves with the poets' work--so they will actually get to meet the authors of the work they have been admiring all semester."



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This Scrawl *Fill the Frames* display showcases student art.

30 hour famine

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Students taking part in the fast must drink plenty of juice and water during the 30 hour period. Chapel staff members will provide both beverages at every event.

The famine concludes with a breakfast menu style dinner at Rev. Mohr's home in New Wilmington. "It's always good to have students come to the house," Mohr said.

A benefit concert with Avodah, a Christian band from Malone College in Canton, takes place at 9:00 p.m. on Sat. in the college chapel. The band acoustically plays all original songs and will be partaking in the fast, according to Bishop. Donation of a canned good or non-perishable food item when entering the concert assists the New Castle City Rescue Mission.

Deborah Ward, then a senior business administration major, introduced the first 30 hour famine at Westminster in 2006. Brizzi plans to help organize another famine next year. "I hope this helps us realize all the blessings we do have," Brizzi said.

Students can register for the famine until 11:30 p.m. on Fri. 29. Contact the Chapel office or Jenna Brizzi with titan card information if interested.

FILL THE DAY: as it happens
SCRAWL poetry and arts festival

9:20am	Reading by William Greenway
10:20am	One on One Poet-to-Student sessions by appointment
11:40am	Reading by Berwyn Moore
12:40 pm	Break for Lunch
2:00 pm	Reading by Philip Terman
3:00 pm	One on One Poet-to-Student sessions –by appointment
4:10 pm	Reading by Steve Scafidi
9:00pm	Scrawl Open Mic Night

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Lady Titans advance to semifinal round of PACs

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Junior guard Gina Brunetti fights off a Chatham player in the 61-41 PAC quarterfinal win on Tuesday Feb. 26. The Titans were led by Senior Emillee Ackerman who had 25 points and 10 rebounds for the night. The team will travel to Thomas More on Friday for the semifinals against Washington & Jefferson.

By Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

The women's basketball team advanced to the semifinal round of the President's Athletic Conference (PAC) Tournament after a 61-41 victory over fifth-seeded Chatham Tuesday, Feb. 26.

The nation's third leading scorer, senior Emilee Ackerman led the Titans to their win at home. Ackerman was honored on the 2007-2008 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America Women's Basketball Team on the same day.

"My reaction when I found out I had received such a wonderful honor is hard to express," Ackerman said. "I was amazed and truly honored to be named to an Academic All-American Team. I never thought I would be where I am today in basketball and academics."

The Titans fell below Chatham (10-16) once in the first half with 17 minutes and 27 seconds remaining. Afterward the Cougars fell behind and were only able to get within four points of the Titans for the rest of the game.

With 13:11 remaining in the game, the Titans nearly tripled the Cougars points when they went on a 23-8 point run resulting in their quarterfinal win.

With 23.0 points per game entering the contest, Ackerman bucketed 25 points, pulled down 10 rebounds and posted a game-high six steals.

Sophomore Amy Dolsak added a career-high 19 points, while senior Terese Marszalek and freshman Kaitlin McCarthy contributed seven points apiece. Marszalek also pulled down 10 rebounds.

Kayla Hilko led the Chatham with 13 points, followed by Barb Petty with 10 points.

Although the Titans shot only 34.0 percent (18-53) from the field, their defense stood strong keeping the Cougars at 28.8 percent (15-52). The Titans also led in rebounds with a 42-28 margin.

The fourth-seeded Titans (16-10) move ahead to the semifinals Friday, Feb. 29 when they will take on second-seeded Washington & Jefferson (20-6) at Thomas More.

"It is going to be a close game," Marszalek said. "When it comes to the PAC Championship, everyone ups their game so every single play is going to be important. We just have to come out with confidence and an attitude that says, 'Nobody is going to take what we want away from us.'"

W&J walked away with two regular season wins against the Titans. The games ended with scores of 49-80 and 65-77.

"It will be a battle from the time the game starts until the buzzer sounds at the end," Ackerman said. "But we are a team that W&J has not seen yet this year and we are ready for a war!"

Grove City and top-seeded Thomas More play on Friday, Feb. 29 after the Titans and Presidents. The winners of the double-header will advance to the PAC Championship Saturday, March 1.

Delivery on Deadline Day

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

Favorites to win the Stanley Cup, best dynamic duo in the NHL, and competition for props between the pipes are not phrases that are exclusive to the Detroit Red Wings.

Although the Red Wings are commonly considered the favorite to win the Stanley Cup, have a prolific pair in Pavel Datsyuk and Henrik Zetterberg, and going by goals against average claim the best two goalies in the game, the Pittsburgh Penguins also fit the bill set forth by the given statements.

The Pens are now considered by some to be a Stanley Cup favorite, have the best duo in the NHL with the likes of Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin, and with Marc-Andre Fleury coming back from injury to complement Ty Conklin, have two nifty net minders.

While the Pens were having a good season, Super Mario has now given them opportunity to have a Stanley Cup caliber season because team owner Mario Lemieux pulled off the NHL's biggest trade deadline transaction. Lemieux brought in last season's fifth ranked goal scorer and sixth ranked points scorer in one Marian Hossa.

At the cusp of the NHL's trading deadline, Lemieux acquired arguably one of the top ten scoring threats in the league. A move of this magnitude certainly suggests that the Pens are not just thinking about the Stanley Cup in the long term, but rather they are thinking about a serious title run this season.

By playoff time, the Pens could sport a first line of Sid the Kid, Marian Hossa, and Gary Roberts. As if that is not enough fire power, the Pens would have a second line with nearly as much talent in the form of Evgeni Malkin, Petr Sykora, and Ryan Malone.

Hossa was not the Pens lone newbie at the trading deadline, as Lemieux made a move to sure up the blue line by adding savvy veteran defenseman Hal Gill. Gill will provide grit and stability to a defensive unit that has been ravaged by injury.

I would suspect Sergei Gonchar will continue to skate with Kris Letang on the first unit with Ryan Malone and Darryl Sydor anchoring the second unit. Gill will likely be paired with either Brooks Orpik or Rob Scuderi and help to bring consistency to a third unit that has struggled this season.

Clearly, the Penguins are solid at the skating positions. It is the goaltending situation that is the enigma Coach Michel Therrien will have to solve if the Pens want to make a deep descent in the NHL playoffs.

With Ty Conkin unquestionably surfacing as the league's biggest surprise and his continued solid play between the pipes, it will be extremely difficult for Coach Therrien to pull him in favor of the often inconsistent Mac-Andre Fleury.

It is no secret in the NHL that goaltending wins in the playoffs, and with goaltending being the Penguins biggest question, this will put added pressure on the Penguin skaters. As the old saying goes, you have got to ride the horse that brought you there, and in this case, it is going to be Ty Conklin who delivers a playoff berth for Pittsburgh.

Although the Hossa deal is exciting for the present, Hossa becomes an unrestricted free agent at season's end. If the Pens do not resign Hossa and do not win Lord Stanley's Cup, they will essentially have given away Colby Armstrong, Erik Christensen, and a first-round draft pick to rent a player for a couple of months. The million dollar question is: will it be worth it?

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Titans end season in PACs

Men's basketball falls to Thomas More after defeating Geneva 81-80

By Andrew Kubincanek
Sports Writer

Following an 81-80 defeat at Geneva, The Titans' season ended on Tuesday night with a 95-77 loss in the first round of the PAC championship to Thomas More.

Thomas More scored first before the Titans (7-19) briefly took the lead at 3-2. However Thomas More scored again within a minute and held off Westminster for the rest of the game. The Titans consistently dealt with a double digit deficit and Thomas More led by as many as 17 points in the first half. At halftime, the Titans cut the lead down to 11 points at 47-36. The second half was more of the same as Thomas More never trailed by less than nine points and finished 18 points ahead at 95-77. Senior Guard Craig Hannon attributed the loss to a better effort on the part of Thomas More.

"We weren't ready to play today," Hannon said.

During the game, Hannon did add to his personal achievement of breaking the career scoring record for men's basketball. With a game-high 31 points against Thomas More, Hannon raised the record to 1,717 points. The previous record was set at 1,629 by Mike Douds between 1987 and 1991.

Hannon felt the evening's loss overshadowed the record but acknowledged the significance of it. "Right now not so much…but down the road…I'll look at it as something individually that I can really hang my hat on."

Westminster also lost to Geneva on Saturday 23 February during the regular season finale. Sophomore forward Ryne Murray drew first blood but the game was left tied 35-35 at halftime The lead changed three times in the second half with the Titans taking an 80-79 advantage at 38 seconds. Geneva scored with 28 seconds remaining to go ahead 81-80. The Titans were unable to respond and retake the lead. Despite the loss the Titans did finish the regular season with some positives.

"We closed well, winning 4 home games," said head coach Larry Ondako.

The last loss at home took place against Geneva on 23 January. The Titans lost their first meeting with Thomas More on 8 December but won at home against during the regular season on 2 February. With the exception of W&J, the Titans split with each PAC opponent, including top-ranked Bethany when the Titans won in an upset on 20 February.

"They're a great group of guys who competed the whole season with effort and enthusiasm from start to finish," Ondako said.

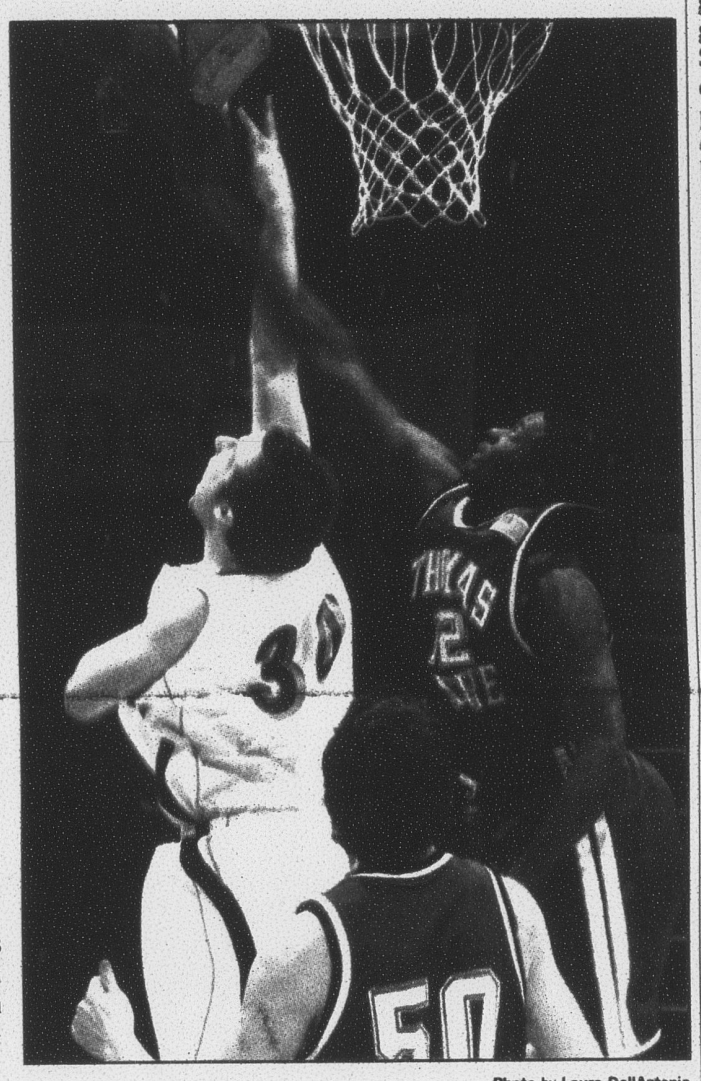

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Peter McNicholl beats out a Thomas More player in the 77-95 loss in the PAC Tournament first round loss. The Titans ended the season 7-19 overall and 5-7 in the PAC.

Indoor track competes at Kenyon College

Women win seven events and men finish in top eight in five events

By Staci McGill
Sports Writer

The men's and women's indoor track and field teams competed at the Kenyon College Last Chance Meet last Friday night.

No team scores were kept; however, the Titan women won seven events and set four new school records and the Titan men had top-eight medalist finishers in five events.

The Titan women occupied the top three spots in the 55-meter dash as junior Megan Harding crossed first at 7.58, followed by senior Seun Olarewaju at 7.69 and sophomore Jill Diamond at 7.88.

Westminster also finished 1-2-3 in the 800-meter dash with sophomore Tiffani Miller at 2:27.95, junior Rebecca Shiner at 2:28.68 and freshman Mandi Thomas at 2:29.52.

The new school women's indoor records included sophomore Elizabeth Beardsley winning the 3,000 meters (11:46.98), senior Jess Cooper winning the high jump (1.65), junior Katelyn Kushner in the 55-meter hurdles (8.96) and the 4x200 relay team (1:49.95) consisting of Diamond, Olarewaju, Harding and sophomore Alicia Crum.

Freshman Kelsie Crowder also won the long jump (4.84) and placed second in the high jump (1.55), while Crum placed second in the 400 (1:06.00).

On the men's side, freshman Adam Griffith placed fifth in the mile run (4:52.90), freshman Mike Cercone took sixth in the long jump (5.65), senior Cory Criss captured seventh in the 800 (2:10.77), sophomore Jeremiah Patterson finished seventh in the 3,000 (10:10.80) and Brad Adams took eight in the 55 dash (7.10).

The indoor track and field teams will compete in its final indoor meet of the season Saturday, March 1 at Mount Union.

Indoor Track Record Breakers

400 x 200 meter relay
Alicia Crum, Seun Olarewaju, Megan Harding, Jill Diamond *1:49.95*

55 meter high hurdles
Kate Kushner *8.96*

55 meter dash
Megan Harding* *7.54*

3000 meter run
Elizabeth Beardsley *11:45*

Long Jump
Kelsie Crowder* *15' 10"*

***Lowered their own, already-existing record.**

Hockey club finishes season, looks to improve for next year

By Bob Long
Sports Writer

With the season ending, Westminster hockey club will be surely looking ahead to next year.

This year's team was a compilation of players who have played for years and some who have just recently started to skate. The combination of experience and inexperience can bring a higher level of excitement to the game but for the most part makes winning in a league with a lot of talent very hard.

"All of the players on the team play because they love the sport," Doug Kunst, a hockey club member said. "Regardless of the outcome, we play our hearts out and never quit."

Though the team only won 1 game this season no one's will to play has gone down. It is also important to note that because the hockey club is sponsored by Westminster, the team basically plays for free. This provides an excellent opportunity for those hockey enthusiasts that may be around on campus.

The team, though it has only 1 win, will be able to play in the playoffs. Every team in the league gets a bid and has a chance to win it all.

It is also interesting that, much like an intramural team, the hockey club has no coach. The team makes its own decisions and determines its own fate without any authority figure.

"I really wish that we had a coach to help organize the team and run our bench," Kunst said. "Being on the team is extremely fun and I made some great friends from it as well."

With the hockey season coming to a close it is easy to see the great opportunity given to this club. The members play their hearts out every time they are on the ice and the college gives them the ability to do so.

"I really love playing this sport; I think it's the best," Kunst said. "See, with hockey, size has nothing to do with it; it is all about skill and fineness."

Arts & Entertainment

This album will not destroy you

Chris Lehberger
A&E Editor

The Kennedy Space Center is where America's dream to put a man on the moon was launched. Located on the eastern coast of Florida, the center has launched hundreds of spacecraft into outer space, such as the Viking mission which was sent to determine if life exists on Mars, while others, such as Galileo, have been sent to the far reaches of our solar system to monitor and research planets.

However, they've yet to launch a mission called This Will Destroy You, probably because the San Marcos, Texas post-rock quartet have already copyrighted the name, or because the band has already erased any misgivings NASA has had about sounds of space.

Either way, the band's most recent self-titled release often makes me feel as if I am on one of the missions, perhaps circling the Earth, repairing a defunct spy satellite, or free floating to an unknown desmise.

The first track, entitled "A Three-Legged Workhorse," opens much as I expected–slowly. By mixing rudimentary synthesizers and other electronically produced sounds, the song slowly decides to include clean guitar with a tone much similar to that found on an Explosions in the Sky record, before building to full capacity behind truly epic instrumentation, with layer upon layer of guitar, synthesizer, and electronics.

Although a simple addition it may be, the static-y electronics truly separate this song from the rest, evoking a feeling of otherworldliness.

Unknowingly, the track then transitions into "Villa Del Refugio," a very lulling and minimalistic track filled with minor guitar swells. I imagine it like the background noise before a rocket takes off, except in this case, the rocket never actually takes off. Instead, the song ends surprisingly, without a climax.

"Threads," however, offers no meandering introduction, but opens with clean electric guitar and drums, which slowly builds into another larger movement. Although it isn't groundbreaking, this music never gets old to me–especially the beautifully layered strings and the domineering guitar melody holding the latter half of the movement together.

"The Mighty Rio Grande" floats on with bass drum and cymbal flourishes, and again slowly builds with thicker cymbal crashes before ever reaching a climax. However, the song seems to be shaped like two bell-curves, with the former having a higher y-value then the latter. Indeed, the second movement marks the some of the most aggressive music on the album.

"They Move On Tracks Of Never-Ending Light," marks a return of the electronics, which innately

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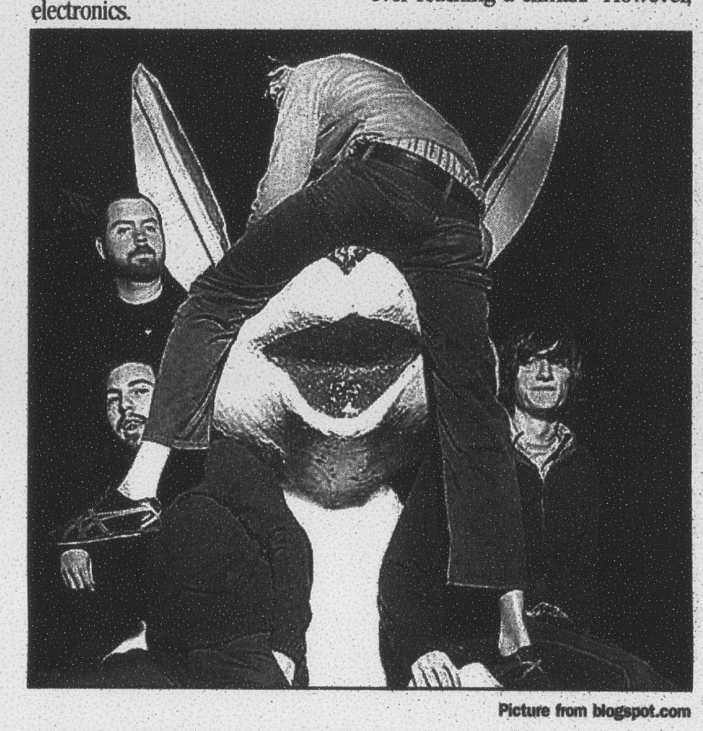
evokes a feeling of mystery. "Burial On The Presidio Banks," however, was my most memorable track upon first listen, but upon second listen, fell short of what I remembered. However, the song still retains a level attractiveness, due chiefly to the four-chord progression that mounts with intensity and tonality before closing heavily among cymbal crashes and delay.

Many times I've heard this band compared with Sigur Rós and Explosions in the Sky, and I must say I have to agree with the comparisons. The truth is, This Will Destroy You haven't reinvented post-rock. But, much like the discovery of a new species of poison frog, the band have uncovered a new layer of it, offering music that differs slightly in scope.

Someone once told me space is silent; that every movie that portrays an open space explosion with digitally enhanced sounds is falsely illustrating what it is really like out there. However, I choose to agree with Hollywood, only because I believe that if the astronauts played This Will Destroy You's music while drifting through space, they'd feel so much more at home.



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Chris' Rating: ★★★☆☆

Penelope brings fantasy to life

By Arthur Salm
Copley News Service

One could have hoped that "Shrek," with its moralizing switcheroo ending, imposed at least a generation-long hold on the ugly-princess-with-a-curse template.

But that would have been a squandering of hope, which, come to think of it, doesn't do you any good when you're born, as the poor little rich girl Penelope (Christina Ricci) was, with the snout of a pig. Because it seems the snout-curse will be lifted only when she is accepted by one of her own - i.e., a blue blood. Until then, she is beyond hope, prayer and rhinoplasty.

(One of the risible conceits of the film is that blue bloods, these wealthy high-society types, all but carry some sort of DNA marker, and aren't where they are simply because some ancestor was more successful than his peers when it came to slaughtering or plundering or both.)

Penelope has spent her life hidden away by her parents in their sprawling mansion. But now she's 25, and Mom (Catherine Harris, way, way over the top) has arranged for interviews with a long string of blue-blooded suitors. The very sight of Penelope, however, invariably causes them to flee in horror.

Because those suitors signed a non-disclosure form, of course, the pig-girl remains a secret. Until, that is, sleazy photojournalist Lemon (Peter Dinklage) hooks up with one of those ex-suitors (Simon Woods, a great, great sniveler), who has his own reasons for wanting to out Penelope. They recruit a young wastrel named Max (James McAvoy) to get close enough to Penelope to secretly photograph her, but once the two of them start talking ...

A good part of "Penelope's" charm lies in its look. It's of this time, sort of. Lemon's newsroom looks like an alcove in "Brazil," while the city to which a scarfed Penelope escapes (it took her 25 years to think of that ploy? But never mind) morphs from London-like to New York-like to Downtown Backstage. Half the actors have British accents; half (including McAvoy, a Scot) seem to be American. You feel like you're in a pleasant nowhere, which, of course, is exactly where some kind of magic can take place.

The rest of the charm comes from Ricci and McAvoy. The intelligence and pain in her eyes actually draw yours away from that snout, while McAvoy nails, just nails scruffy and lovable. The attraction between Penelope and Max never registers much beyond what can be rendered from an old A.C. Gilbert's Chemistry Set, but after all, this is fun, low-key make-believe, not "Body Heat."

"Penelope" is an odd concoction - a witch's gentle brew of modern-day fairy tale, feather-light romance and slapstick comedy. It's not a knockout potion, but it goes down smoothly and is harmless enough to serve to the kids.

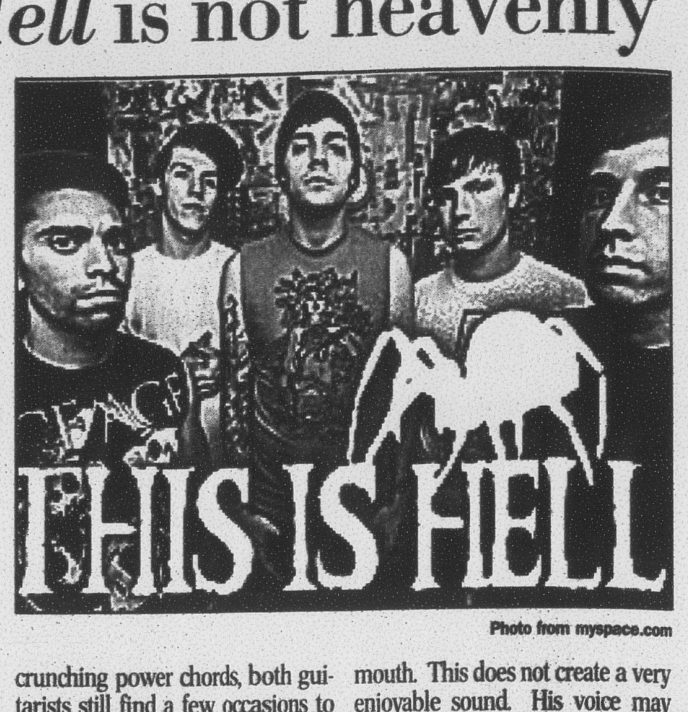
Running time: 1 hour, 29 minutes
Rated: PG

Picture from Copley News

CD reviews

This is Hell is not heavenly

By Max Muska
A&E Writer



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Long Island's This Is Hell plays straightforward hardcore and nothing more than that.

The band must be doing something right, though. Its first full-length on Trustkill Records, released shortly after the band formed in 2005, sold well and the band toured extensively for the next two years, gaining a large and loyal fanbase.

According to the Trustkill Records website, This Is Hell received the award of "Strongest Band of the Year" last year while on tour with Comeback Kid and It Dies Today. But this award is in regards to the band's pre-show workout routine, not the band's music.

Their second record, released February 19th on Trustkill, is energetic, but it will definitely not be the strongest album of the year. The essential elements of hardcore music are heard in every single song, with only a handful of variations from the basics.

The majority of the tracks sound almost exactly alike: one typical hardcore/punk drumbeat with the same tempo throughout, one recycled guitar riff moved to different positions on the neck, the same screamed vocal rhythm, and lots of layered yelling.

Of all the band members, I feel worst for drummer Dan Bourke, who has little opportunity to play different beats. Bourke plays the same rhythm for at least three fourths of the album. Either Bourke is not able to play a variety of beats or his band-mates want him to play the same rhythm for every song.

Guitarists Chris Reynolds and Rick Jiminez tones and abilities compliment each other well. While much of the parts are low, crunching power chords, both guitarists still find a few occasions to play engaging lead parts and clean melodies.

The same can be said for bassist Johnny Moore. He plays deep, grinding bass notes the majority of the time. But a few moments show his diversity by allowing him to stand out above the rest of the band.

"Realization: Remorse" is the best display of this diversity among the band. The song's tempo is a lot slower than any other's on the record. It is, unfortunately, a short interlude.

I would like to hear This Is Hell explore this side of its sound more on future albums. The slow pace of the drums along with the clean guitar riff give this song a beauty not present anywhere else on the album. These things coupled with Travis Reilly's yelling vocals give an uneasiness to the beauty, making the song rather emotionally unstable, unlike the angst-centered sound of the rest of the songs.

Reilly's vocals sound exactly the same on every track. His yelling sounds slightly forced, like he is straining his vocal chords with every word that comes out of his mouth. This does not create a very enjoyable sound. His voice may not last very long if he continues to strain himself so much.

The album suffers greatly from an overall lack of variety. The only tracks worth listening to are "Reckless," "Realization: Remorse," and "End of an Era". All of the other songs sound almost identical to these.

I must say I was disappointed by this album. I expected a lot more from a band labeled the strongest of the year.

Still, fans of Comeback Kid and Modern Life Is War might want to give This Is Hell a listen.

Photo from dreamsofdarkness.com

Max's Rating: ★★☆☆☆

The Band's Visit is gently comedic and clever

Picture from Copley News

By Arthur Salm
Copley News Service

The men in the Alexandria Police Band are way, way out of their element. Having arrived in Israel to play at the opening of an Arab cultural center, they've taken a bus in exactly the wrong direction and now find themselves stranded outside a small desert town.

There they stand, eight Egyptians with their instruments and their rolling luggage, plunked down at a Yawehforsaken bus stop. Stiff in their powder-blue band uniforms, they're ridiculous, pitiful, dazed dignified.

In the middle distance stand the town's bland apartment buildings, looking similarly stranded. Striding purposefully up to an outdoor cafe, Tewfiq (Sasson Gabai), their sad, tightly strung leader, asks Dina (Ronit Elkabetz), the cafe's owner, for directions to the Arab cultural center.

"No Arab culture here," she tells him, bemused. "No Israeli culture. No culture."

"Dead," a local hanger-out agrees.

No more buses today, either. Dina what-the-hells and takes them in, bringing Tewfiq and Khaled (Saleh Bakri), a young, Chet-Baker-crooning Lothario, to her apartment, assigning a coworker to take the rest of the band to his. They will spend the long evening and night together, these disappointed, end-of-the-road Israelis and out-of-their-depth Egyptians.

Nothing much will happen. Dina drags a reluctant Tewfiq out to get something to eat. Khaled accompanies a girl-shy Israeli boy to a roller rink, where, in hilarious slo-mo slapstick, the Egyptian passes along some rudimentary romantic pointers. The other band members share an uncomfortable dinner with a bickering family, from whom the no. 2 conductor, the wistful Simon (Khalifa Natour), finds some musical inspiration.

"The Band's Visit" blends gentle comedy and softly aching pathos into a low-key, deeply affecting wonder, a sort of alternate-universe version of Aki Kaurismaki's raucous 1989 hoot "Leningrad Cowboys Go America." (Both films betray, or rather, brandish Jim Jarmusch roots.)

Wryly written and slyly directed by Eran Kolirin, "The Band's Visit" is grounded by impeccable performances from the Israeli/Palestinian cast, particularly those of Gabai and Elkabetz. She's sexy, cynical, weary, almost but not quite into middle age; he's there and then some, a stolid true believer in the Alexandria Police Band, keeping the faith despite heartbreaking personal tragedy. In their awkward, then increasingly unguarded conversation - charming, even cute without, somehow, veering into cutesy - Tewfiq and Dina discover a soothing congruency in their troubled souls.

The gears in the various story lines whir with so little friction that the mechanism seems overly lubricated - by schmaltz, perhaps? Maybe; but if so, the source of the stuff is genuine.

Running time: 1 hour, 29 minutes.

Rated: PG-13

CALENDAR

Friday, February 29, 2008
All Day Events
30-Hour Famine
Scrawl Poetry/Arts Festival -- "FILL THE DAY" Featuring Readings by Four Nationally Recognized Poets at 9:20, 11:40, 2:00, and 4:10
TBA Women's Basketball @ PAC Championships
9:00 AM - 9:00 PM FILL THE FRAMES (Scrawl Art Show) (MCC Second Level)
11:30 AM College Feminists Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)
11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)
12:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Exec Meeting (MCC Weisel Conference Room 255)
6:30 PM CPC Presents Murder Mystery Dinner (MCC Witherspoon Room.
7:30 PM Wind Ensemble Concert (Orr Auditorium)
8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: No Country for Old Men (MCC Mueller Theater)
9:00 PM Scrawl Presents Open Mic Night (MCC Berlin Lounge)
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller -- Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story (MCC Mueller Theater)

Saturday, March 1, 2008
All Day Events
30-Hour Famine
TBA Men's Track & Field @ Mount Union Invitational (Indoor)
TBA Women's Track & Field @ Mount Union Invitational (Indoor)
TBA Men's Basketball @ PAC Championships
TBA Women's Basketball @ PAC Championships
9:30 AM - 1:00 PM RA Selection Group Process Day (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM SGA Officers Transition (MCC Club and Weisel Conference Room 255)
1:00 PM Baseball @ Pitt-Greensburg
7:00 PM Mass (Wallace Memorial Chapel)
8:00 PM Movie in Mueller -- Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story (MCC Mueller Theater)

Sunday, March 2, 2008
3:00 PM Movie in Mueller -- Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story (MCC Mueller Theater)
3:00 PM Orchestra Concert (Orr Auditorium)
7:00 PM Vespers (Wallace Memorial Chapel)
9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: No Country for Old Men (MCC Mueller Theater)

Monday, March 3, 2008
10:00 AM Campus Ministry Team Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)
11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)
7:30 PM Concerto and Aria Competition (Orr Auditorium)
9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

Tuesday, March 4, 2008
12:40 PM Faculty Meeting (Phillips Lecture Hall)
5:30 PM College Democrats Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)
6:30 PM Japanese Anime Club (TC 210)
7:00 PM Jacob Erhardt International Film Festival: Ikiru (Japanese, 1952) (MCC Mueller Theater)
9:30 PM Newman Club (MCC Witherspoon Maple)
9:40 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting (TC 314)

Wednesday, March 5, 2008
11:45 AM Faires Faculty Forum: Dee Natale, Finding Eudora (MCC Mueller Theater)
12:00 PM Holcad Staff Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)
4:00 PM Academic Standards Committee Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)
5:15 PM CPC Meeting (MCC Club Room)
6:45 PM Newman Club Exec Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)
7:00 PM SGA Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)
7:30 PM Habitat for Humanity Chapter Meeting (MCC 255)
9:30 PM Seekers Meeting (MCC Club/Lounge)

Thursday, March 6, 2008
12:40 PM - 1:50 PM GET REAL! Workshop (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)
12:50 PM Interfraternity Council Meeting (MCC Club Room)
1:00 PM SLAC Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Room)
5:00 PM College Republicans Meeting (PH 231)
5:00 PM SAA Meeting (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)
7:00 PM Gospel Choir (Wallace Memorial Chapel)
9:00 PM Amnesty International Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

Friday, March 7, 2008
All Day Events
Alpha Phi Omega Section Conference
Religious, History, Philosophy, and Classics Department's Undergraduate Conference
11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)
8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: I Am Legend (MCC Mueller Theater)
10:00 PM - 12:00 AM Titan's Tavern (MCC Club/Lounge)
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller -- National Treasure: Book of Secrets (MCC Mueller Theater)

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With the sun in your sign this week, stay focused and get a lot accomplished. Carve out your own personal niche and realize undaunted success.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):

A clandestine entanglement comes to the foreground. Fight off exposure and make an honest effort to keep your relationships pure and positive.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21):

Look for great opportunities to arrive by way of a friend or associate. Actively join group activities and openly share your ideas.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22):

A positive outlook and great expectations for your career or business are par for the course. Approach your superiors or clients with suggestions for change or improvements.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):

Educational pursuits will help improve your self-esteem. Follow through with a class, seminar or training course that is designed to strengthen your weaknesses.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):

It is time to put your money to work. Meet with fiscal advisers to discuss investments in companies deemed environmentally safe and profitable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23):

A partner or mate is willing to match the energy and intensity that you put into the relationship. Be careful not to push it too far.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21):

Strive to breathe some excitement into your daily routine. Stop procrastinating, or waiting for your life to come to you. Step up and make things happen!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):

Children will require extra attention or planning this week. Stay focused on what needs to be done on their behalf for school or recreation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):

Your domestic life is charted for some type of expansion or an increase in family size. Gather together with loved ones and absorb the changes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):

Help your siblings, peers or neighbor along the road toward an educational goal. Point them in the right direction and give them a little push.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):

Welcome the fiscal freedom that comes along with a new job or an increase in your income. Lean toward the extravagant and shop for quality over quantity.

If your birthday is this week:

There is tendency to be boastful or perhaps overconfident during the coming year. You are encouraged to practice moderation and avoid going to extremes in your career, business or professional life. Keep your ambitions or goals realistic and work within the boundaries of a given situation to achieve success. Your mind is easily distracted as you fantasize or daydream a little more than normal. Use "visualize and materialize" as your motto for this forecast period.

Also born this week:

Ravi Shankar, Mary Pickford, Hugh Hefner, Haley Joel Osment, Joss Stone, Tiny Tim and Thomas Jefferson.

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WEEKEND FRATERNITY ACTIVITIES

The brothers of the fraternities open this weekend ask that all guests assist them with their risk management endeavors. Please remember that all non-student guests must be pre-registered on a guest list at the house, you must be 18 to enter a fraternity house and there will be 100% I.D. check at the door.

Only those 21 or over may bring alcohol to the house and the limit is a six pack per person (wine coolers or beer). Please bring cans whenever possible.

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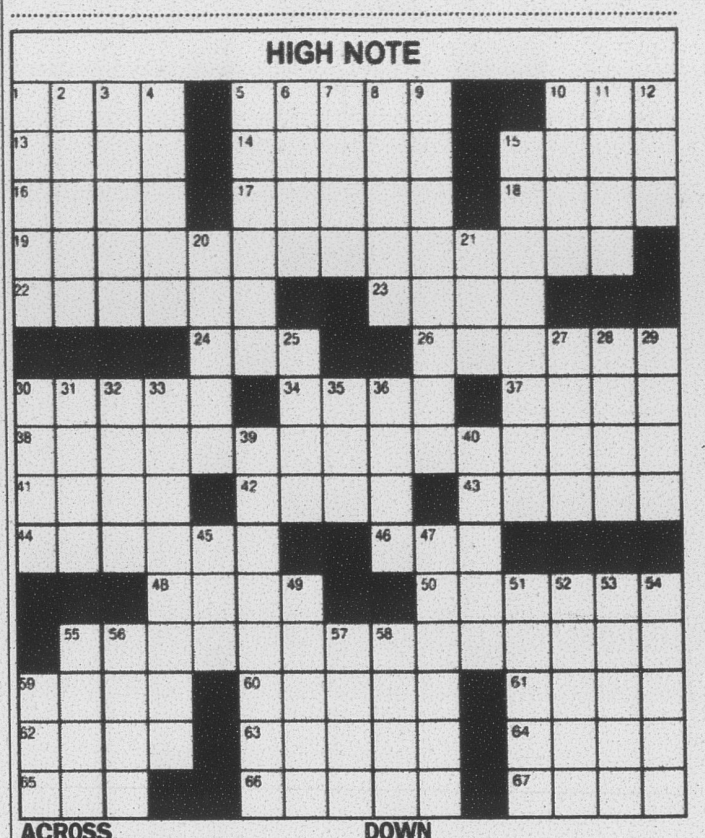

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14 Book of the Old Testament
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18 Author Murdoch or Rainer
19 Bellringers
22 Those who persevere
23 U-boats, for short
24 Creek
26 Chemical compounds
30 Bewildered
34 Ledger perusers: abbr.
37 Greasy
38 What a 19 Across does
41 Puzzle type: abbr.
42 What a frightened horse may do
43 "All, except their sun, ___"
44 Villain in "Uncle Tom's Cabin"
46 Hooter
48 Algerian port
50 Part of an auctioneer's job
55 "... fingers and ___"
59 Reiner
60 Parts of the eye
61 Namesakes of a Spanish king's wife
62 Alack's partner
63 Singer John
64 Embassy personnel
65 God of evil
66 Vassals
67 Volume

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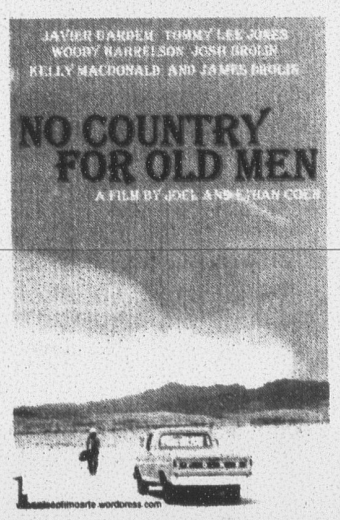
3 Name for a small boy
4 Run off
5 Province on the Yellow River
6 In ___:all
7 German donkey
8 Saarinen, et al.
9 Pine
10 Ord or Bragg
11 Baba and Pasha
12 ___ gestae
15 San Juan Capistrano, et al.
20 Chateau wall-hanging
21 Dow Jones stock
25 Flu symptom
27 Home from home, in Britain
28 Robert ___
29 Org.
30 Shrinking inland sea
31 Fork feature
32 Hitch
33 Chinese provender
35 Sweet flower
36 Height: prefix
39 Island or trove
40 One who is sick
45 ___ king
47 Wrenches
49 Heavenly phenomena
51 Kind of engine
52 Mt. Helicon's district
53 Shows the way
54 Bends
55 Barn-storage unit
56 Long times
57 Bremen's "No"
58 Odium
59 Hack

McKelvey Weekend Entertainment

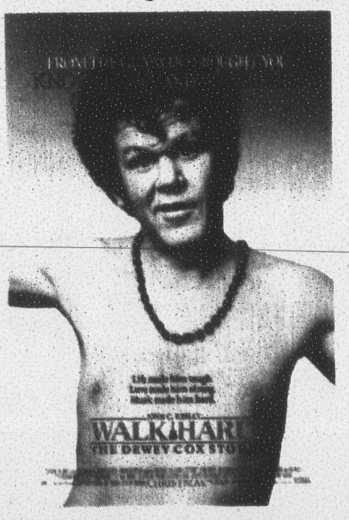
Friday:
7p.m. Witherspoon - Murder Mystery Dinner
(by reservation only!)
All Day in Berlin Lounge - *Scrawl* Festival
Sunday:
9p.m. in Chapel - "Breaking the Fast" Concert
(canned good or non-pershable food item donation)

"No Country for Old Men"



Movies Playing at Mueller Theater

"Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story"



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Movies provided by Club Room
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Westminster ID's will be checked at all movies.
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Late Night in the Club Room
Monday - 8 PM to 1 AM
Tuesday and Thursday - 9 PM to 1 AM

Features

Technology- the new norm

Lurene McDonald
Features Editor

0.22 seconds. That is how long it took Google to find me some 1,290,000 results when I searched the topic of cloud forest.

We live in an instant era. In minutes - usually seconds, endless information is at our finger tips.

My parents can remember when the only things that were instant were pudding, cake mix, and grandma's anger if they came home late.

Today we use technology for everything. This makes most things more or less instant.

We use technology for instant communication through such mediums as AIM, email, and text. They allow us to connect with someone the moment we want to ,no matter where they are.

TiVo and On Demand have been the great television inventions of the past decade. Fast forward, rewind, save, record, watch later - these are all functions that can take place instantly on live TV. Television has hundreds of channels and you can pretty much find something for everyone.

The internet offers more functions then I could dream of naming - the all important facebook, networking, official Web sites, and gaming. This is not to mention the up to the minute news reports and search engines. Anything you may need as far as information goes is more or less hanging out there in cyber space.

How many hours have you used your computer this week or even today? I know I am well above 15 hours for this week.

We need computers. Most college students would say they are essential objects in their life.

Our computers do all the hard stuff for us. They search thousands, millions, of sources for our research, find us friends, draw our graphs, compile our data and provide entertainment for us.

We use computers for classes. Many of us use them for work. In fact, to get many jobs, computer skills are required.

Computers surround our lives and we cannot imagine life without them.

However, I cannot help but question where exactly this leaves us as a society. We demand everything instantly. We want it not just now, but yesterday.

How many of you have yelled at your computer this week for the internet running too slow on the network?

Have we reached the point where we cannot do basic things because we want everything handed to us instantly?

Let's try a simple test. What is 35% of 30?

How many of you either a) reached for your cell phone to utilize your calculator function or b) did not bother to figure it out. It is not something you need to know, so why bother?

One of my professors this week commented on the fact that students do not even bother to try to compute the answers on multiple choice questions on accounting exams. They just choose the answer that looks good.

I think we rely too much on everything being given to us. Our information and knowledge seems only to run as deep what is given to us.

In some ways technology opens up to us a million doors. We can find anything want and figure out most things.

However, a lot of times it is the easy way out. It is an excuse to be ignorant and not try to learn things without technology's assistance. If our computer does not tell us the answer, we just do not bother to figure it out.

Society is decaying because of our instant attitudes. We are demanding, selfish, and ignorant as to what it took to compile the information just handed to us.

It is all right to adopt technology as long as we do not adopt technology's instant air.

Practice a little patience, imagine what your college life would be without your computer and just be glad you do not to hand write your 15-page reports or take your test on mimeograph copies.

Lurene is a sophomore public relations major who enjoys a mug of hot chocolate and cozy afternoon naps. She loves being a member of Kappa Delta Sorority and the Admissions Office Staff.

Professor attends workshop down south in Tennessee

Dr. Joel Postema uses workshop to prepare for Spanish business class

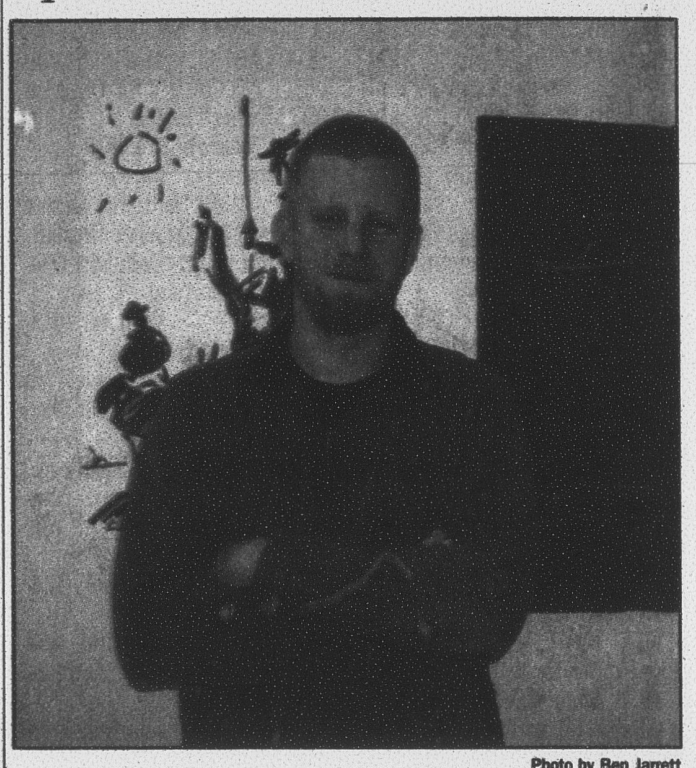

Photo by Ben Jarrett

By Jessica Davis
Staff Writer

Dr. Joel Postema, assistant professor of Spanish, attended the Language and Culture for International Business workshop in Memphis, Tenn. on February 21, 22 and 23 to further develop techniques necessary to teach a course.

The Language and Culture for International Business workshop was intended for foreign language faculty members interested in developing curriculum, resources and exchanging ideas about teaching language in business.

Key note speakers and language specific workshops provided Postema with information valuable for the Spanish Business course he will be teaching next year.

"If a lot of our students are going into international business or working with translation for U.S. companies, our curriculum should reflect that," Postema said.

The workshop educates and trains faculties how to apply foreign language to courses that involve business.

Key note speakers for the Spanish workshop were authors of *Exito Comercial*, a text commonly used in Spanish business classes, Michael Scott Doyle and T. Bruce Fryer.

These authors offered their professional perspectives on teaching courses and producing curriculum for Spanish business.

According to www.allspanish.net, more than 30 million people in the world speak Spanish as a first language.

Postema will be teaching a Spanish business class in Spring 2009.

After attending the Language and Culture for International Business workshop he will prepare for teaching this course. Some ideas for possible texts, resources and activities will have stemmed from the workshop. This will be his first time instructing the course.

Why people should vote in the primaries- the lowdown

By Danielle McCullough
Staff Writer

I hope those who are from Ohio have blocked off a couple of minutes from their day to head back home and vote in the Presidential Primary.

Don't worry students and faculty from Pennsylvania- your turn is coming up on April 22. So plan ahead.

But why do we need to vote in the Primaries? What's the big deal?

The deal is that, in the United States, the public gets to vote on who it wants to run for office. In many other countries, the heads in the political parties, not the people, get to choose who they want to be the front runner in their party.

In many past years the states who came later in the year did not count. The process of the primaries to weed out those who are not fit usually is done by the time it gets around to April and May.

However, this Presidential Primary may be different. The numbers are still quite close. For the Republican Party, John McCain is in the lead with 873 votes and followed by Huckabee with 222. The Democratic Party is much closer with Obama having 1067 and Clinton having 1004.

Ohio holds a semi-open Primary; which means that independent voters can vote.

So why vote? You may think that you are just one person and your one vote may not count. However, many cases in history have shown that one vote was all that made the difference.

For women to vote, passage of the 19th amendment was critical. Tennessee was the last state needed for it to be ratified. The amendment passed by one vote.

In 1845, Texas gained statehood by the difference of one vote in Congress.

The list continues. To be able to vote though, you must be registered to vote.

The registering process is very simple. One way is when you get your drivers license (new or renewed) they will ask you and you'll sign a sheet while you're at the DMV.

Another way is to go online and fill out a form (you can print it out and mail it in if you wish).

The only time you would need to re-register is if you moved to a new residence, changed your name or decided to be affiliated with a different party.

The options for party affiliations are Republican, Democrat, 'no affiliation' or 'other'. In the 'other' box, you could write in parties such as the Green Party.

To vote in a Primary, you must be registered 30 days ahead of time. Sorry, it's a bit late for people from Ohio to register if you had not previously done so. But for those in Pa.- if you get your registration in by March 23, you will be able to vote.

Whether on March 4th or April 22, please go out and vote! Your vote really does count.

Get an inside look at the Circle K club

Group works with other service organizations to help the campus and community

By Shannon Bobbert
Features Writer

There is only one club on campus that can use things like shoes and wood chippers for the benefit of youth programs. If you took your younger sibling to the book reading over Lil' Sibs weekend, you might already know about the club I'm going to introduce.

I caught up with club president, Suzanne McGuire, for a Q&A session about Circle K–an ever-busy club invested in today's youth.

How would you describe Circle K?:

"Circle K is a service organization which works with the local Kiwanis and sometimes other organizations on campus to provide service to the campus and the community."

It sounds like you really get out and about in New Wilmington. What sort of community projects does Circle K participate in?:

"There are more opportunities out in the community than if you just stayed on campus. One project we planned was a checkerboard activity at a local school. We painted a field like a checkerboard and used students as pieces. The teachers and children loved it–it helped the students learn and let them have a lot of fun."

"The Kiwanis has a Christmas tree sale every year out in the community and we help make little tags that talk about recycling–how customers can bring their old trees back to the field station and we will chip them for compost. They also have a pancake breakfast in the community that we help them with."

"There's always a Halloween parade that we help the Kiwanis with in town. We do the Reuse-a-Shoe program here on campus and we also do the wood chipping out at the field station.

Does Circle K especially focus on programs for youth?:

"We like to do a lot of stuff with kids. Every year we have a different fundraiser–this year we raised money for kids with muscular dystrophy. Last year we raised money to provide children with literacy."

We normally do an event for Lil' Sibs weekend. This year we worked with Kappa Delta Pi and we did a reading and made bookmarks."

I understand the Reuse-A-Shoe project benefits children as well: "We take the shoes to the Outlet Mall in Grove City and they ship them off to Oregon, where they take the soles and the upper leather part, chop them up and grind them, and create playground services for children."

What goals has the Circle K Club set?:

"As part of a district (our district includes all of Pennsylvania), our district goals are to have every member have 30 service hours by the end of the semester."

That's a lot of service–how many hours do you usually have?: "Last year we averaged about 45 hours per member–it was a lot!"

What does the Circle K Club discuss at meetings?:

"We meet and talk about any upcoming events that we have so we can plan those. We talk about any new ideas for other services–we always try to come up with new fundraising ideas."

Can you pinpoint any part of Circle K that might make it different from other service organizations on campus?:

"Probably the interaction with the Kiwanis. We try to do something with the Key Club at the local high school. We interact with the community instead of just doing everything on our own."

If you could give students one good reason to come to a Circle K meeting, what would it be?:

"It's a lot fun–we really have a good time. We really like to help people, and it's a really good opportunity to get out there and help others."

Is there still time for students to join Circle K this semester?:

"Yeah! Students are welcome to join. They are free to send me an e-mail so I can keep them updated!"

Time: Every other Wednesday, at 8:30p.m.

Place: Patterson Hall 112

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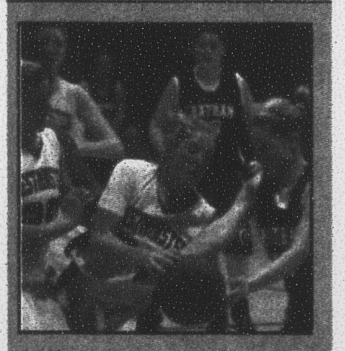

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Campus Statistic of the Week

The number that Chuck Norris has counted to. Twice.

Weekend Weather
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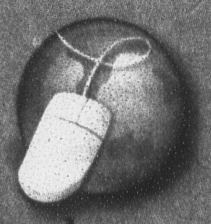
Rain / Snow
34°/25°

Saturday
Snow / Wind
26°/12°

Sunday
Few Snow Showers
24°/12°



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Eight students selected to participate in the Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Band

By Rachael Gresley
Campus Writer

Eight music students were selected to travel to West Chester University Friday, March 7 - 9 to participate in the 61st annual Intercollegiate Band.

There are 120 students from 26 different colleges and universities that participate in the longest running music competition. Dr. R. Tad Greig, assistant professor of music and director of bands, will be attending with the students.

Attending Intercollegiate Band is a great opportunity for these musicians as they are challeged by the pieces they play and by the other participants as they audition for chairs.

"After the musicians audition it's good to see where our kids place," Greig said. "We have had quite a few students place high in the ensemble and in the principal chairs. This is a great chance to show off our musicians."

To become a participant in the program, students had to fill out an application and submit a resume of past experiences. Greig evaluated their submissions and sent them in.

Junior Jon Nickel, a second year participant, is excited to have the opportunity to go. He takes this as a valuable learning experience to get to work with many other musicians and a fine conductor.

"I feel prepared in my musical abilities and this institution gave me the space to improve my talents" Nickel said.

Sophomore Jennie Smith is a first year participant in the intercollegiate band.

"I cannot wait to meet other college musicians from PA," Smith said. "I am a little nervous about chair placements, but I am sure it will be a great experience no matter what happens."

The labor intensive weekend starts when the students arrive to West Chester at 11 am. They will be seated onstage and have an hour rehearsal with all of the other students.

After the rehearsal, the woodwind section will be pulled off stage to audition for chair placement. During this time, the guest conductor, Dr. Peter Boonshaft, will work with the brass section. Then the woodwinds will come back and the brass section will leave for their auditions.

Senior Bethany Morse, another second year participant, feels honored to participate in a group of top musicians and represent the college.

"It's an enjoyable experience to meet people with similar interests," Morse said.

The auditions are done by three o'clock, and from 3:00 to 5:00 the whole ensemble rehearses together. They have down time for about an hour, and then from six to nine they have more practice.

On Saturday, rehearsals will run for about twelve hours. On Sunday, they rehearse for about four hours and the concert starts at 2:30 prn.

"Dr. Greig has helped mold us into the musicians we are," Nickel said. "He is a not only a teacher, but also a mentor."

Photo by Nicky Pisczcor

Front Row (L to R): Amber Kunder, Ali Gerginski, Jennie Smith, Cortney Fry.
Back Row (L to R): Jon Nickel, JP Scanga, Steve Wheeler, Bethany Morse.

The eight students above were selected to participate in the 61st annual Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Band at West Chester University. They will rehearse with the other particpants and conclude the weekend with a concert on Sunday, March 9.

Chapel Drama presents "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown"

By Laura Henry
Staff Writer

The Chapel Drama will present "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" on Sunday, March 9, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. in Wallace Memorial Chapel. This event is free and open to the public.

The original Peanuts drama will star Joel Montgomery as Charlie Brown, Rose Hassell as Snoopy, Aaron Eisenreich as Linus, Aaron Zavora as Schroeder, Deanna Owens as Lucy, and Jessica Mriso as Peppermint Patty. Behind the scenes people include Derek Deremer, responsible for the set and props and Sonia Firster overseeing costumes. This drama presents a series of Peanuts comic strips beginning with Charlie Brown's view on life as he attempts to discover what happiness really is. Co-directors Jason Perry and Shauna Oles have high expectations for the performance.

"We are all very excited about the event and I am expecting a large turn out," Perry said. "It has been a lot of fun and the show should be pretty good. This is a student-run drama and everyone has cooperated and worked really well together. We needed a good team this year and I think we have that. It has been a lot of fun."

During the performance there will be several key songs. The first song, "The Kite", will be sung by Montgomery. Closing the first act, "Book Report" will be sung by the entire cast except Mriso. Other songs include "Little Known Facts" , sung by Owens and Eisenreich and "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown", sung by the entire cast. Concluding the performance, the cast and ensemble will sing "Happiness."

Junior and drama choreographer Catherine Bishop is very enthusiastic about the performance.

"I am so excited. I love the show [Charlie Brown]. It has been one of my favorites since I was little," Bishop said. "Everyone has been working really hard and I am excited to finally get to see it all come together. It [the show] is funny, the music is really good, and the cast has done a great job."

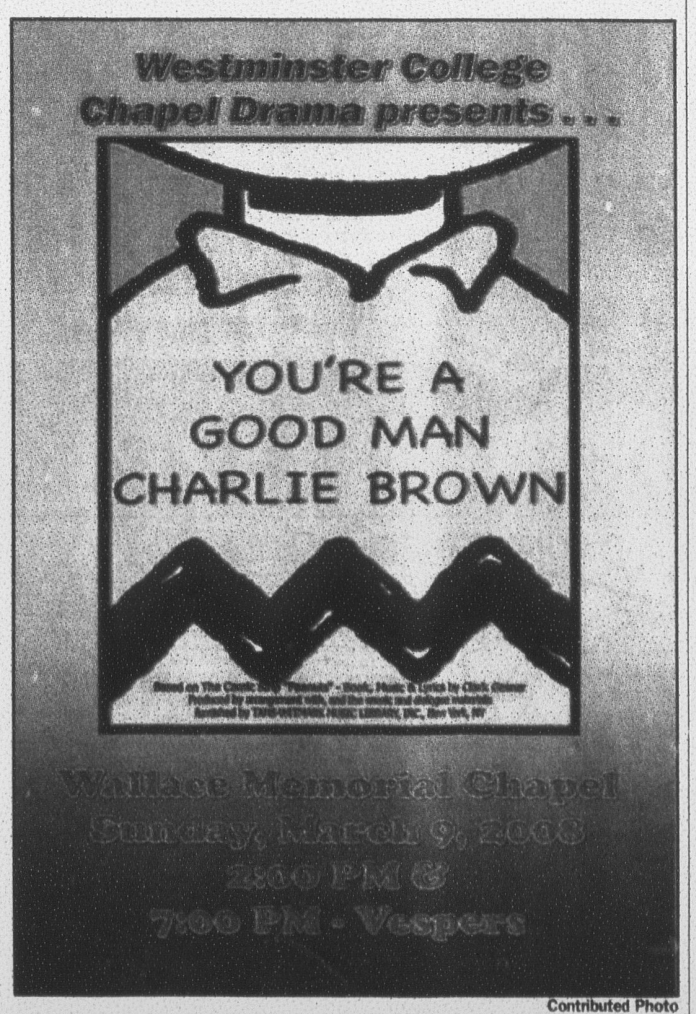
This performance is not merely for audience entertainment, but also informs viewers that not everyone is perfect and happiness can be discovered.

Oles has been involved in Chapel Drama since her freshman year, noticing the same drama rotation.

"This year we wanted a drama that was not in the usual cycle," Oles said. "Through meeting with several people involved in the drama, we decided upon 'You're a Good Man Charlie Brown' because it has a good Christian overtone, good moral lessons, and it is comical."

This is the first year "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" has been performed at the college and many are excited for the premiere.

"It is a really great show and everyone should come see it," Bishop said.



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Pre-law travels to Washington D.C.

Students visit political landmarks to see government in action

By Courtney Williams
Campus Writer

Pre-law students recently experienced a three-day supreme preview of their potential futures.

Members of the Pre-Law Association and other interested students traveled by charter bus to Washington, D.C., March 1-3 to witness the government in action. The group toured the west wing of the White House, the Capitol building, and even sat in on a Supreme Court lecture.

This year's annual trip left a lasting impression on senior Ashley Ray, president of the Pre-Law Association.

"The most memorable experience was the White House tour that 18 of us went on," Ray said. "Not everyone could go because the secret service only allowed so many in a group. This was the first time we've gotten to do this in the three years we've gone to D.C. for Pre-Law, and the history and sights that we got to see were something most people aren't ever privileged to experience; they're [memories] I'll never forget."

Ray planned the trip with help from Dr. Cohen, the group's advisor. The $80 cost per student covered transportation and hotel fees. All White House tours are free and offered Tuesday through Saturday to groups of 10 or more. The Supreme Court presents educational lectures every hour on the half hour when not in session, and the Capitol staff provides guided tours to the public six days a week. These expeditions are kept free of charge to allow U.S. citizens to better understand government procedure.

According to the school Web site, the aim of the Westminster Student Pre-Law Association is to provide support and a forum for students interested in attending law school and pursuing a career in law. The mission of the group is to provide information concerning options available in a legal career, the process of applying to and choosing a law school and the types of undergraduate coursework and experience that provide the best preparation for law school. Membership is open to any student interested in the legal profession wishing to become better informed and qualified for law school.

The group regularly invites past graduates and successful lawyers to impart insight into the daily life of a lawyer and also arrange tours of nearby law schools. Consisting of approximately 15 members, the organization meets every other Wednesday.

Opinion

RANT & RAVE

Crapstone. Again.

Hooray Wind Ensemble!

Thanks for stopping by.

Retort and Nuzzo = heroes

Quiero regresar a Granada.

Fleeting 50-degree weather.

Dr. Perkins can rock climb!

My friend mooned Ukrainians.

Spinning. Whoa.

It's like death on a stick

Christian won Project Runway

So fierce

Your face is indeed killing me.

I see you.

Come stai?

mmmm cheese!

General Tso's at lunch!

I like your new green chair.

I fancy the Spring

It's never too late.

I have a dream.

Want to Rant & Rave? Email *The Holcad* with RNR as the subject.

The weekly glip: Sick

Current faculty retiring without potential professors to fill positions

Anthony Colwell
Weekly Glipper

I assume since I did not receive a letter in the mail or a response of any kind to my column in my email that Mr. Neal Edman would not like to comment on my request for a compromise in the smoking ban area.

He may not have had time to do so, however, considering taking on all the responsibilities that Dean Lechner left behind, and trying to run fraternities and sororities off campus through the board of trustees. I guess that is why he makes the big bucks.

It seems to me that the administrators do not care what students think most of the time. Honestly, I do not blame them, considering the only response I have gotten from saying any of this has been from an alumni. Maybe if some of you actually tried to spur change they would take us seriously.

By the way, if you are ever interested in how much our prestigious administrators are making, just go online and do a search for Form 990, click on the first link and search for Westminster College. It will tell you where all of the money goes. I sure do love public domain.

What I really want to comment on this week should be a blast from last semester but it has really been getting to me again the more I hear about it. Plus ever since I made the comment about organization of the month last week, I seem to have more readers so I hope that means I can get through to more people.

This week I am again bringing up the fact that there are professors retiring that are not being replaced within their departments. The departments here are very shorthanded and with professors leaving there is no telling what classes are going to be canceled.

The fact is that most of the professors leaving have been here for a long period of time and have served the college for many years to the best of their ability. This also means that their salaries have gone up due to the fact that they have been here for quite some time.

What does this have to do with hiring new professors, you may ask? Well, if a professor that is making substantially more than a new professor makes leaves, doesn't that mean that the school should have no problem hiring a new professor that will be making substantially less?

It seems logical to me that new professors could be hired to fill the positions of retirees without the school losing any money. It would more than likely have money left over to spend on whatever they wanted, whether it is the football field or the president's benefits package.

So why isn't the school hiring new professors? I have no idea but for the rest of my column I would like to advertise for something some of the current professors are sponsoring for us this weekend. That is The North American Undergraduate Conference in Religion and Philosophy.

This conference is being sponsored by the RHPC department among others and will be taking place Friday 5:30 – 8:30 pm, Saturday 9:00 am – 8:30 pm, and Sunday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Come hear some of your fellow students speak as well as students from colleges from all around the area. There will also be talks from professors from other schools as well, including the University of Oxford.

Anthony is a senior mathematics and philosophy major. He is currently attempting to stabilize his orbit utilizing the correct images, and is voting for Reagan in 2008.

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Wind Ensemble has impressive year

By Jenna Retort
Interim Editor-in-Chief

After an eventful weekend here in Amish country, we arrive at the day of the week that I would like to refer to as "Mocha Monday."

Mocha sounds far less depressing than manic, and that chocolatey, caffeine-infused beverage is the only thing that keeps my eyes open long enough for me to day dream.

Like the rest of civilized society, I meander from class to class, half aware of my surroundings, until the bells strike 5 o'clock.

What happens at 5 o'clock you may ask? Well, let me tell you. I enter Patterson and descend into the catacombs beneath Orr. The staircase keeps winding down until you can't see light anymore, and it's so hot that you think you have descended into the depths of, well, you know.

You think I'm crazy, right? Who would go down *there*? Is there a secret city or society? The answer is: yes. There is this group of people who willingly torture themselves. They go days without sleep and work themselves into exhaustion and fatigue. You're thinking masochists, right? Wrong. They call themselves music majors.

While that was a bit of a dramatization, I would like to discuss this group of students. Music majors take about a million labor intensive, one-credit courses, take required courses that aren't for credit, and complete five years worth of musicality in four. In addition, they sing and play in multiple ensembles which accounts for a 14 hour day, that doesn't include the heap of homework they must complete back in their respective domiciles.

This past weekend was a great showcase of what our music department has to offer and the hard work that these students put forth everyday.

I attended the Wind Ensemble's concert last Friday and I was both pleased and surprised to see an overwhelming turnout of the student body in the audience. Furthermore, I was even more pleased to see an absence of the usual renegades: The students who arrive late, wade through the sea of audience members, text on their phones, then leave in the middle of a piece because they were only there to fulfill a course requirement.

As a tried and true music department groupie, I was enthralled with the student support of their peers who had an impressive year in music.

In the fall semester, this wind band premiered a piece from an area band director entitled *Pirates!*, the three winners of the Young Conductors Competition each conducted a piece for this audition-only ensemble, and they premiered a movement of T*he Fall of the House of Usher*, a piece composed by one of their own for an honors project.

Impressive, eh? I thought it was, and that was just one concert. The concert this past weekend was no less remarkable as they premiered two more pieces.

Of all the wind ensemble concerts that I have attended here, the last two were truly a testament of the quality of the music program, the quality of the faculty, and the quality of the students.

Well children, the bells just chimed, so that means that I must make my descent into the catacombs that you now know as the music department. I know what you're thinking; that I am one of *them*. Alas, I am not. They just allow me to hang around, and make an occasional sound on my tuba.

Jenna enjoys reading the works of David Sedaris and is excited to have her IPod back so she can rock out to the Moody Blues again.

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Opinion

YPS students deserve recognition, not ridicule

By Christine Line
Managing Editor

I'm writing in response to the MANY letters criticizing the Young Presbyterian Scholars Program and how it has hindered diversity. Even more disturbing is the accusation that the program's students add nothing outstanding to the school. I'd like to highlight several important points regarding the YPS program.

Westminster's mission

First, let's look at Westminster's mission statement. A mission statement, by definition, is a summary describing the aims, values, and overall plan of an organization or individual. With that in mind, I went to our website. Westminster's goal reads: To enhance and widen appreciation of the value of a Westminster liberal arts education and the values imbued in a church-related environment. For as long as it is listed as affiliated, it is understandable that the college can have some connection to the church with which it is affiliated. And, although this is not the point of my discussion today, Westminster offers many different ways in which to nurture and enrich spirituality without forcing it upon students.

Diversity is important. No one is denying that fact. However, before students or alumni begin to throw the term around, I suggest that people consider all sides and delve into the root of the issue at hand.

Dictionary matters

This brings me diversity and its definition. Several dictionaries list variations of: the state or fact of being different or diverse. In essence, this could be an eternal theoretical discussion with millions of valid points. At first glance, many YPS students may seem to be Caucasian, middle-class, etc. The same, right? One of my good friends comes from Cleveland, and I come from Carlisle. We are both Caucasian and from a middle-class family. Yet we are very different. She went to live in Pittsburgh for the year while I traveled across the Atlantic to live in Spain for the semester. Does that make us the same? Not according to the definition of diversity. Even two people of the same gender, religion, ethnicity, and geographic region can be starkly diverse. Every day I come into contact with people who are incredibly different than me, no matter what "label" they fit. THAT is diversity.

Both sides of the story

Secondly, it is important to understand that many scholarships are available to students who fit certain criteria. The YPS scholarship is awarded to young Presbyterians. This both helps and hinders diversity in one way. There are scholarships that are especially for minorities. Same deal. What about the Vance, Trustees' or President's scholarships? These three types are only given to those with high GPAs, SAT scores and/or 4.0 GPAs in college preparatory subjects. Or the Jerb Miller scholarship, whose recipients are more numerous on campus than the YPS program. These students have to be nominated by educators that are Westminster alumni. I'm not criticizing any type of scholarship; merely I am mentioning that there is a multitude available for different circumstances, backgrounds and interests.

On the theoretical side, the school could only offer scholarships without any criteria, so that all could apply for it. How would you choose who gets them and who doesn't? In a sense, scholarships celebrate individuality and diversity. Without funds geared for a particular type of person, the school would lose its identity, because its students would have no reason to be different. This could cause the other extreme of the lack of diversity.

Why is it wrong to have a Presbyterian scholarship, especially when the school is Presbyterian-affiliated? The YPS scholarship enables students to come to Westminster that would not have been able to without it, which incidentally brings up yet another type- financial diversity. The college works to increase diversity and utilizes many types of scholarships to achieve that goal. The YPS scholarship is just one of them, so why is it that its students and the program itself are exhibited so frequently for ridicule? It would be worth peoples' while to accept and bear in mind that no program is perfect. Yes, I can understand that the program has its pros and cons. It is still a young program, and there are concerns that are continually dealt with and those involved work very hard to improve the program.

YPS students as leaders

As far as the accusation that YPS students don't add anything outstanding for the school or contribute to diversity...Wow. First let's understand that the YPS is one organization. It cannot account for achievements or diversity of the entire student body. However, current YPS students hail from 16 different states. According to the Admissions Office, Westminster students represent 28 states entering between the years of 2004 and 2007. If YPS students did not come to Westminster otherwise, that total would drop to 24. Additionally, the number from other states represented would drop. Current YPS students, although they are Christians, also come from a variety of different backgrounds. Some are Asian-American, while others are German-American. Others have a Jewish heritage, and other ethnicities are represented as well. A potential student for next year is of Nigerian descent. There have also been interested international students that have had to forego considering Westminster, because there wasn't enough financial help (grants or loans) available for them.

Finally, the nominees for 2008 alone represent 15 different states, and 46% of them from outside of Westminster's general recruiting area. Now as far as not adding anything outstanding for the school. Many of the YPS students are leaders on campus through countless organizations. While being involved in a variety of activities, 39% of YPS students this past semester made the Dean's List. For being just one entity on campus, I think that is pretty significant.

I beg the college administrators to address alumni and/or student concerns regarding the YPS program, if they have not done so. For those who have labeled the scholarship program as some version of a murderer of diversity, I would suggest accepting the positive aspects it has brought to our school, or even better, applauding them.

Stop attacking students

For those who are concerned with diversity, I would suggest looking in a dictionary to see what its stated meaning is. In addition, consult several people actually involved with the program instead of facilitating gossip and fictitious statements. Consider all the facts if you want to make a sound argument.

While all types of diversity are important, those who have criticized the YPS program fail to see the benefits of the program and the diversity it does bring. I guess some people believe that their opinions should be accepted as is. Sorry folks, I'm not that kind of girl.

Lastly, if the real problem is the affiliation with the church or the fact that the college is issuing a scholarship with ties to a certain faith, then these letters should be directed to those who run the college. There is no need to attack students personally in a mission to criticize the college's actions.

Move on!

If alumni or students have a real problem with the YPS scholarship or any college decision, it would be most effective to seek the source of power. Some are not in a position to judge, especially considering they are no longer around to understand the circumstances. They stick to one repeated and one-sided argument, thinking that their so-called "persuasive argument" will cause others to believe the same way.

After this long editorial, I have only six more words left for those who have continually and repeatedly ridiculed the YPS program: Get over yourselves and move on.

How about focusing on what is newsworthy?

A college student taps into the media's focus on entertainment figures rather than news impacting the world

(U-WIRE) BLOOMINGTON, Ind. -- Over break, while most of us were catching up on much needed sleep or doing other nonproductive things that we just don't have the time to do during the regular semester, one 19-year-old college student discovered that he was selected for a very important political position in his home country just days after his mother was killed under some very fishy circumstances.

This young man is a history major at Oxford University. His hobbies include cricket, shooting, horse-riding, Tae-kwon-do, pina coladas and getting caught in the rain (just a little humor for a serious subject). He is Pakistani, but raised outside of Pakistan.

His mother was known through out the world for her efforts for peace in the Middle East. She served as Pakistan's Prime Minister for several years before being fired on corruption charges, which she denied. Her father created the Pakistan People's Party and led it from 1967 to 1979 when he was executed. She then took over and has led the party since then until she was killed in December in an apparent suicide bombing that some have tried to pass off as her bumping her head on a door handle, although this isn't widely accepted because generally door handles don't cause bullet holes.

Anyone have any guesses who I am talking about? No? How about this one?

In the late 1990s, a teenager from Louisiana became an international pop star overnight. Over the next few years, she became notorious for her crazy and usually risque antics that include kissing Madonna on national television and using a live snake in one of her performances. However, since 2005-ish, her reputation has quickly crossed from pop superstar to ridiculous, bitchy drama queen. Her 'drama queen' antics include screaming obscenities at an overweight member of the paparazzi, being cited for hitting a parked car in a parking lot and leaving the scene and shaving her head in a moment of (hilarious) insanity. She was in the news over break for her mental breakdown after losing custody of her kids in a bitter divorce battle.

I'm going to guess that just about everyone knows what I'm talking about and if you don't, you should crawl out from the rock you have been living under for the last 10 years (and it's Britney Spears, btw). The first two people mentioned are 19-year-old Bilawal Bhutto and his recently deceased mother, Benazir Bhutto.

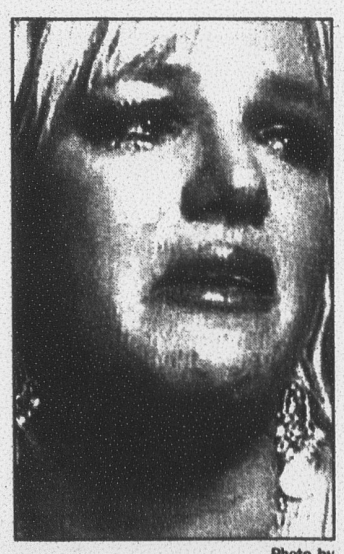
In terms of worldwide importance, Benazir and Bilawal are highly significant figures. Bilawal, a teen who is younger than probably 80 percent of ISU's campus, now holds the power to revolutionize the political climate of Pakistan and ultimately, bring peace to the nation.

What did media cover over break though? Britney's standoff with police over losing her kids, her family's decision to seek mental help for her and (of all people) Dr. Phil's asinine decision to get involved with the situation.

This makes me sad.

It is sad that Benazir Bhutto was killed and the media barely took notice. Famous weekly tabloid Parade did a cover story on her, granted, but even that was botched by them completely acting like she had never died. The BBC did cover it, but not nearly enough to make people understand how important her death is and how crazy it is that a 19-year-old kid is now in charge of a major political party in the Middle East. It makes me sad that many media networks gave days, literally days, of coverage to Britney Spears. They brought in psychoanalysts to speculate on the status of Britney's mind and the effect that fame has on teenagers. This is ridiculous!

Journalists today have a responsibility more than ever to give the people what is important to understand and recognize. Britney Spears' va-jay-jay is not one of these things.



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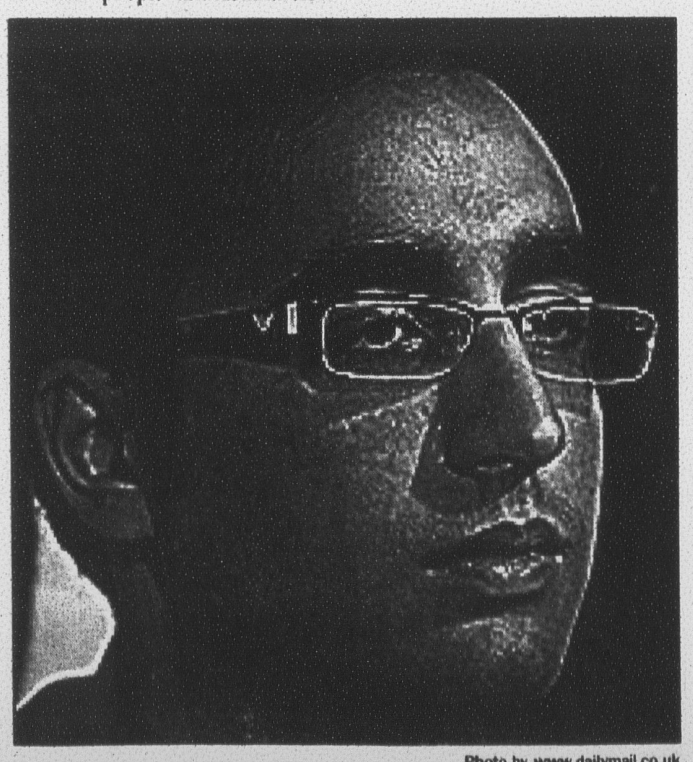

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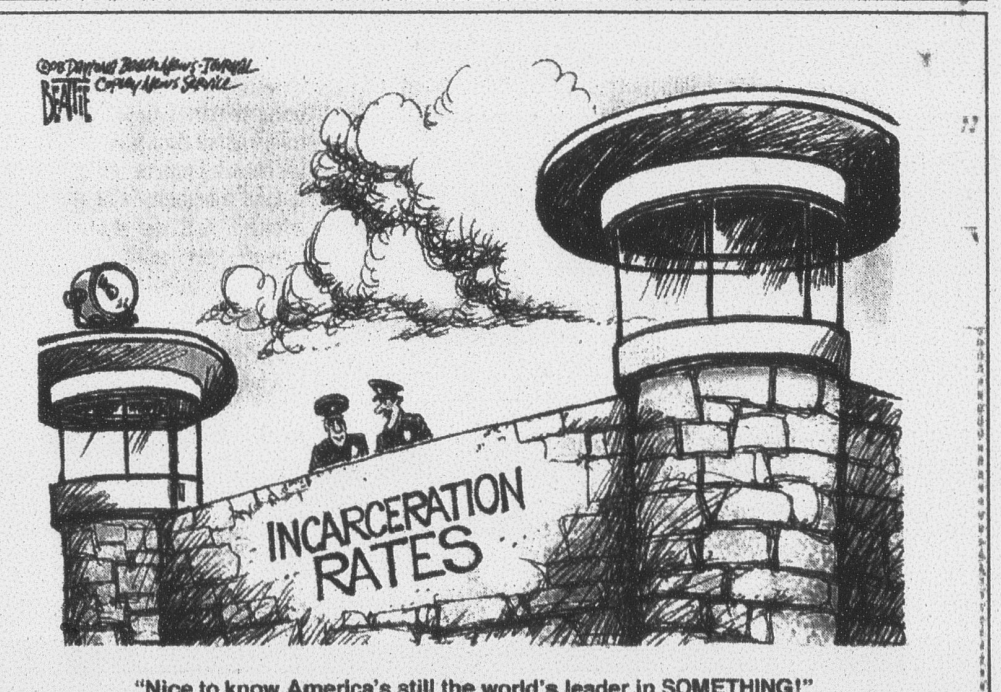

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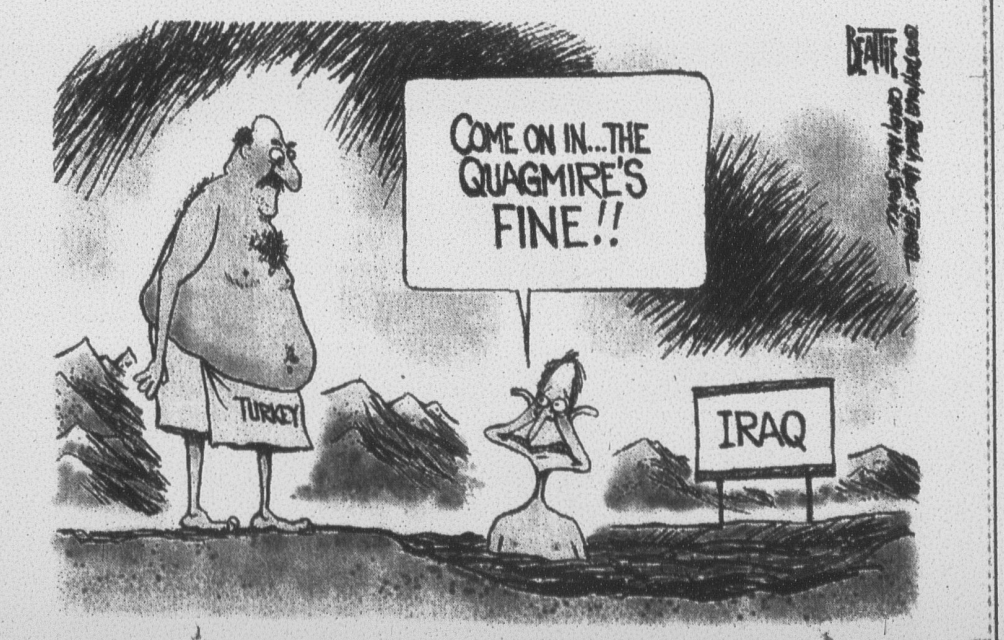

Outside the Bubble

Ripped from the wire

REGIONAL

Bomb squad removes four grenades from Westmoreland Cty. Goodwill

BELLE VERNON, Pa. (AP) - Police are searching for a person who left four hand grenades in a Westmoreland County Goodwill shop.

The grenades were found Tuesday afternoon in a plastic box. The Allegheny County Bomb Squad rushed to the scene in Rostraver Township.

Police say the grenades were of a military surplus variety. They were removed from the store.

The store's assistant manager, Dawn Graham, says the grenades may have been in the store for days before they were discovered.

5 plead guilty in immigration raid at Poconos plastics plan

SCRANTON, Pa. (AP) -Five Indonesian nationals have pleaded guilty to federal charges stemming from a raid at a Poconos manufacturing plant that netted 81 suspected illegal immigrants.

The defendants pleaded guilty to conspiracy to transport illegal immigrants. They also agreed to cooperate with federal prosecutors investigating the situation at Iridium Industries.

Charges are still pending against Jimmy Nguyen, the owner of a Wilkes-Barre employment agency that supplied temporary workers to Iridium. Nguyen has pleaded innocent.

Iridium officials have said that last summer's raid at its East Stroudsburg plant was focused on the temp agency, not on Iridium itself. No charges have been filed against the plant, which makes plastic squeeze tubes for lotions and other products.

Police: Mom charged after son stole $22,000 from neighbor's safe

BLOOMSBURG, Pa. (AP) - A boy stole $22,000 from a neighbor's safe and used the money to dole out $100 bills to his middle school classmates and finance a Wal-Mart spending spree for his mother, police said.

After finding out where the money came from, the 38-year-old mother, Wendy Mae Lizardi, allegedly told the boy to break into the neighbor's home again to return the stolen loot.

Lizardi was charged last week with receiving stolen goods and with corruption of minors.

"Oh my gosh, I am so devastated, you do not understand," Lizardi told The Associated Press on Wednesday. "I am sick. I can't eat. I can't sleep. It's a nightmare."

Police said the 14-year-old boy, whose name was not disclosed in court papers, confessed to taking the money out of his neighbor's home in Bloomsburg. Lizardi reportedly told investigators she became suspicious and found cash under his mattress. Police said Lizardi told her son to break into the neighbor's home and return the money.

Lizardi's lawyer, however, said she only told her son to "take the money back."

"We deny that she committed a crime," said the lawyer, Greg Moro. "We don't think that it rises to the level of a crime as it relates to her."

Lizardi, who is unemployed, believed her son had earned the $400 that was spent at Wal-Mart by performing odd jobs, Moro said.

Moro said the boy may been trying to become more popular at school.

"You can certainly do that by giving $100 bills out to people," Moro said.

Bloomsburg Middle School Principal Lee Gump called police Jan. 30 to report a possible theft and told investigators he got conflicting stories from Lizardi and the boy.

Moro said some money was returned to the neighbor, and it is unclear how much money was lost.

W. Pa. racial spree killer appealing death penalty

PITTSBURGH (AP) - A man on death row for a racially motivated shooting spree that eventually left six people dead contends that jurors should have heard more evidence about his mental illness in deciding whether he should be sentenced to death or to life in prison.

Richard Baumhammers, 42, was an unemployed immigration attorney living in his parents' home in the Pittsburgh suburb of Mount Lebanon on April 28, 2000, when he shot his Jewish neighbor, two Indian men, two men of Asian descent and a black man.

He was sentenced to death for five of the murders. The sixth victim, who had been left paralyzed, died a year ago of complications from pneumonia. Prosecutors maintained that Baumhammers, who is white, selected his victims because of their religious or ethnic background.

Baumhammers' attorney, Thomas Farrell, told the state Supreme Court on Wednesday that the trial court erred when it allowed only part of a taped phone conversation between his client and his parents to be played for the jury.

At the time of the call, Baumhammers was in jail and his mother chastised him after learning that he had given other prisoners newspaper articles about the Confederate flag and a cross burning after signing them.

She also called him a racist, but later, acknowledging that the call was being taped, his parents described him as "crazy." Whether Baumhammers was a racist or mentally ill was key for the jury, Farrell said.

Justice Max Baer asked whether Baumhammers could be both. Farrell said he could, and that his client's racist views could stem from his mental illness.

"I think it's unfortunate that this case was tried as it's an either-or," Farrell said.

Farrell also said jurors in the sentencing phase should have been able to hear a doctor's testimony about Baumhammers' mental illness. Francesco Nepa, an assistant Allegheny County district attorney, said the doctor testified during the guilt phase that Baumhammers was paranoid-schizophrenic.

Baumhammers is serving at least 112 additional years in prison for 20 other convictions, including ethnic intimidation.

He killed his Jewish next-door neighbor, Anita Gordon, 63, and then drove through the Pittsburgh area, targeting minorities. Also killed were Anil Thakur, 31, an Indian man; two Asian men, Ji-Ye Sun, 34, of Churchill, and Thao Pham, 27, of Castle Shannon, at a Chinese restaurant; and Garry Lee, 22, a black man from Aliquippa, at a Beaver County karate school.

Sandip Patel, 32, who had been paralyzed from the neck down as a result of the attack, died in February 2007 of complications from pneumonia.

The Supreme Court did not indicate when it may rule.

NATIONAL

Newly discovered 1888 photo offers rare glimpse of young Helen Keller, teacher Anne Sullivan

BOSTON (AP) - Researchers have uncovered a rare photograph of a young Helen Keller with her teacher Anne Sullivan, nearly 120 years after it was taken on Cape Cod and tucked inside a family album.

The photograph, shot in July 1888 in Brewster, shows an 8-year-old Helen sitting outside in a light-colored dress, holding Sullivan's hand and cradling one of her beloved dolls.

Experts on Keller's life believe it could be the earliest photo of the two women together and the only one showing the blind and deaf child with a doll – the first word Sullivan spelled for Keller after they met in 1887 – according to the New England Historic Genealogical Society, which now has the photo.

"It's really one of the best images I've seen in a long, long time," said Helen Selsdon, an archivist at the American Foundation for the Blind, where Keller worked for more than 40 years. "This is just a huge visual addition to the history of Helen and Annie."

For more than a century, though, the photograph was hidden in an album that belonged to the family of Thaxter Spencer, an 87-year-old man in Waltham.

Spencer's mother, Hope Thaxter Parks, often stayed at the Elijah Cobb House on Cape Cod during the summer as a child. In July 1888, she played with Keller, whose family had traveled from Tuscumbia, Ala., to vacation in Massachusetts.

Spencer, who doesn't know which of his relatives took the picture, told the society that his mother, four years younger than Helen, remembered Helen exploring her face with her hands.

In June, Spencer donated a large collection of photo albums, letters, diaries and other heirlooms to the genealogical society, which preserves artifacts from New England families for future research.

"I never thought much about it," Spencer said in a statement released by the society. "It just seemed like something no one would find very interesting." Spencer has recently been hospitalized and could not be reached for comment.

It wasn't until recently that staff at the society realized the photograph's significance.

D. Brenton Simons, the society's president and CEO, said the photograph offers a glimpse of what was a very important time in Keller's life.

Sullivan was hired in 1887 to teach Keller, who had been left blind and deaf after an illness at the age of 1½. With her new teacher, Keller learned language from words spelled manually into her hand. Not quite 7, the girl went from an angry, frustrated child without a way to communicate to an eager scholar.

While "doll" was the first word spelled into her hand, Helen finally comprehended the meaning of language a few weeks later with the word "water," as famously depicted in the film "The Miracle Worker." Sullivan stayed at her side until her death in 1936, and Keller became a world-famous author and humanitarian. She died in 1968.

Jan Seymour-Ford, a research librarian at the Perkins School for the Blind in Watertown, which both Sullivan and Keller attended, said she was moved to see how deeply connected the women were, even in 1888.

"The way Anne is gazing so intently at Helen, I think it's a beautiful portrait of the devotion that lasted between these two women all of Anne's life," Seymour-Ford said.

Selsdon said the photograph is valuable because it shows many elements of Keller's childhood: that devotion, Sullivan's push to teach Helen outdoors and Helen's attachment to her baby dolls, one of which was given to her upon Sullivan's arrival as her teacher.

"It's a beautiful composition," she said. "It's not even the individual elements. It's the fact that it has all of the components."

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Court showdown marks anniversary of NCHS student's death

Monday, March 3, 2008

NEW CASTLE / LAWRENCE COUNTY– A Lawrence County judge must decide whether the family of a New Castle High School student who died from a drug overdose can move forward with a civil lawsuit involving wrongful death in spite of the fact the criminal case has stalled. A year ago this week, 16-year old Erica Million collapsed at the school. She later died in what a medical examiner ruled was an accidental death from oxycodone. 17-year old Joshua Stewart was expelled from school for allegedly giving Million the drug. He denies he gave her the drugt. The criminal case against Stewart has failed to move forward in the juvenile justice system. Meanwhile Million's family wants to begin the civil lawsuit. Stewart's lawyer is claiming his client has a right to due process under the Constitution and can't be forced to defend himself in civil court before the criminal case is resolved. The Lawrence County District Attorney has postponed Stewart's case several times. The next court date for the criminal case is scheduled for late March. The D.A.'s office says Stewart will not be tried as an adult.

INTERNATIONAL

Rice wins Palestinian pledge to restart talks, yet no solution on how to confront Hamas

JERUSALEM (AP) - The moderate Palestinian leadership agreed under heavy U.S. pressure Wednesday to resume peace talks with Israel, dropping a demand that Israel first reach a truce with Islamic Hamas militants acting as spoilers.

The announcement gave Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice a modest accomplishment for a brief troubleshooting mission. It left open the question of how both sides will eventually confront Hamas militants in charge of the 1.4 million Palestinians – nearly half the population – living in the sealed-off Gaza Strip.

"The peace process is a strategic choice and we have the intention of resuming the peace process," Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas said. He did not say when talks would restart, but U.S. and other officials predicted it would be in about a week.

Rice said Abbas had assured her he will return to talks. Doing so is a political risk for Abbas, who had broken off negotiations last weekend to protest an especially deadly Israeli military incursion into Gaza. More than 120 Palestinians were killed, along with three Israelis, over a week of heightened violence.

If Israeli-Palestinian talks resume as pledged it will essentially restore the precarious balance in place since President Bush announced last fall that the two sides would resume full negotiations for the first time in seven years. The talks are supposed to frame a deal for a Palestinian state this year.

Israeli and West Bank Palestinian negotiators had been meeting regularly, and keeping their discussions secret, before Abbas pulled out. The talks had produced nothing in public, and were undermined on the one hand by continued Israeli housing activity on land the Palestinians claim and on the other by the inability of Palestinian security forces to control militants.

Earlier Wednesday, Abbas had said he would not restart negotiations until Israel declared a truce in Hamas-controlled Gaza.

Although he holds no authority in Gaza since Hamas' violent takeover there last June, a Gaza truce could benefit Abbas. Israeli military action is so unpopular in both territories, and across the Arab world, that it undermines Abbas' authority and makes it politically difficult for him to negotiate with Israel.

Israel and the United States fear that negotiations for a cease-fire would give Hamas a political legitimacy it does not deserve.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert convened his Security Cabinet to discuss the Gaza situation. His office said the officials had pledged to continue battling Hamas while moving forward with peace talks with Abbas. Olmert did leave the door open to an unofficial truce with Hamas.

"If there is no rocket fire at Israel, there won't be Israeli attacks on Gaza," he told reporters.

Abbas backed down after Rice called him in alarm just before an afternoon press conference with Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni, where Rice planned to announce an agreement reached that morning to revive talks.

Gaza, and the deep Palestinian leadership split it represents, hangs over the discussions. Israel and the United States have pinned peace hopes on Abbas' moderate-led government in the West Bank while refusing contact with Hamas, which they call a terrorist organization. Israel has also tried to punish the militants for indiscriminate rocket attacks from Gaza into southern Israel by closing borders with Gaza and cutting utilities.

With Hamas dug in, it is unclear whether Abbas could carry through on any deal he makes with Israel. Meanwhile, the crisis over Abbas' boycott demonstrated Hamas' power to sabotage negotiations.

Militants had provoked the Israeli onslaught by escalating their rocket attacks last week, killing one Israeli civilian. Israel's response was viewed by Palestinians and some outsiders as disproportionate, and Abbas was under huge domestic pressure to cancel talks.

The U.S.-backed peace program is meant to offer Palestinians both in the West Bank and Gaza an alternative to Hamas – a vision of a future independent state made possible only by renouncing terrorism and coming to terms with Israel. But Hamas has established firm control in Gaza since a violent takeover from forces loyal to Abbas last June, and has withstood months of an Israeli embargo and international ostracism.

Israeli leaders are under increasing pressure to find some way to deal with Hamas – either through negotiation or a full-on military assault and re-invasion of Gaza, the once-occupied territory Israel abandoned three years ago. The U.S., as shepherds of the peace process, is also under pressure to acknowledge that Hamas is a political force and an integral part of any eventual solution to the Palestinian problem.

"There are enemies of peace that will always try to hold hostage the Palestinian cause and the future of the Palestinian people for their own state," Rice said. "And Hamas, which in effect holds the people of Gaza hostage in their hands, is now trying to make the path to a Palestinian state hostage to them. We cannot permit that to happen."

Campus News

Sierra Student Coalition 'Sponsor-a-Bin' program expanded

By Cody Bernardini
Campus Writer

The Sierra Student Coalition recently expanded its 'Sponsor-a-Bin' program

to include all five academic buildings on campus.

The bins can be used to recycle newspapers, but the SSC asks that students not recycle any other kind of paper at this point. They also ask that students please not bring newspapers from home, because they currently do not have the capacity to handle that many papers.

The program started in 2005 when SSC member Holly Leach realized that the campus did not have a formal newspaper recycling program. Two bins were placed in McKelvey for a trial run, but when the trial concluded the program was disbanded. .

"The amount of newspaper we received was too large for just the SSC to deal with on our own," said Leach.

It was not until just recently that the SSC decided to bring back the program by having other groups on campus sponsor the newspaper bins.

The newspapers are collected every Friday and put into a large Dumpster along with all the cardboard collected on campus. From there the newspaper and cardboard is trucked off to a recycling facility in Mars, Pa. and compacted, then sent to various paper mills in the area. The paper is ground into a pulp, and made into a lower grade paper, which is then made into cardboard, newsprint (for more newspapers), and phonebooks.

"We must remember to reduce our consumption, in the mean time, recycling is the next best thing to make a greener campus," said President of the SSC Leanna Stitt. "I hope that more people will be aware that they can recycle their newspapers, and less will get thrown into the trash."

Recycling your daily newspaper for one year would provide the pulp equivalent of 2/3 acre of commercial forest. Manufacturing recycled paper produces 55% less air and water pollution than manufacturing paper from virgin wood.

Although the program has been running well so far, not all students are aware that they have the option to recycle their old newspapers.

"I have never even heard of this program, I didn't know that there were newspaper recycling bins on campus anywhere," said sophomore Jon Morrow.

The SSC currently meets in TC 314 on Tuesday nights at 9:40 p.m. and is involved with various programs on campus including the "Do It In The Dark" energy conservation competition.

Photo by Kirsten Dize

Jeff Downey and Natasha Kassim show their recycling spirit.

SGA MINUTES

I. Prayer- Cory Mathias

II. Roll was called

-All senators were present and accounted for except for the following: Tom Campana, Leigha Krivacek and Nate Dodd

III. Approval of minutes

-The minutes from the last meeting were approved without objection.

IV. All Senators were sworn

-Council chairs were approved and sworn in.

V. Executive Officers Report

President-Ashley Camahan

-Voting on student speaker for the seniors in new business.

-Voting on parliamentarian, chaplain, smoke free task force, food advisory committee members, and green chairs in new business.

-There will be an open floor portion of the meeting for students to voice their concerns.

-All senators should bring a buddy list for the SGA screen name, in order to better help the student body.

Vice-President-Jenna Cunningham

-Senators will be filling out information cards in new business.

-We will need two students to join the Board of Trustees Committee, contact Jenna Cunningham if you are interested.

-We will be having a buddy system for the meetings in which at the end of the month a senator who brings the most buddies will be given a prize.

-We are accepting T-shirt ideas for VolleyRock, please send them to Jenna Cunningham and the winning design will be given a $50 prize.

Secretary-Jordan Flaim

-There are 39 Senators in attendance.

Treasurer-Ryan Kirk

- Received the budget and will be reporting monthly on it's status.

-Working with the president to create a document for organization presidents and treasurers for the allocations process.

-Committee Meetings

-Each chair discussed their committees and their purpose.

Finance- Ashley Stebor

-Will be holding an informational meeting for all of the presidents and treasurers or on-campus organizations interested in receiving funding from SGA next Tuesday, March 11th at 6:30 PM in the Maple Witherspoon Room.

Student Concerns- Jake Shaffer

-The borough limited parking between Shaw and the commuter parking lot entrance for safety reasons, a total of 7-8 spots will be eliminated between 3am-4pm, Monday-Friday.

-Accepting positions for lifeguarding and park manager positions

-Electing a food advisory committee chair in new business. Academics- Cory Mathias

-COC met and discussed principles and regulations.

Public Relations- Sarah Geist

-In the process of choosing a date for the Spring SGA day, we are tentatively looking at April 18th for a possible date.

-Please pass out Toilet Papers and return the envelopes to Sarah.

Special Events-Aimee Gerber

-The Chicago trip is filled and we will only be taking one bus.

Diversity Chair- Kylee Bennett

-Talking with Jeanette Hooks Hubbard about new diversity ideas.

-Talking with the admissions house to see how she can help them and also contact student organizations in order to get meeting times in order to stay better informed.

VI. Old Business

-No Old Business.

VII. New Business

-Travis Gulling was approved as the Parliamentarian.

-John Marlowe was approved as the Chaplain.

-Tony Gomez, Mandie Zoller and Jeremiah Patterson were approved as McGinness representative, TUB representative and Food Advisory Committee.

-Natasha Kassim and Jeff Downey were approved as Green Chairs.

-Steve Ruperto was approved for the committee to choose the senior speaker.

-Tricia Homonai was approved as the representative for the Smoke Free Task Force.

-An allocation in the amount of $1250 was granted for a Take Back the Night speaker.

VIII. Open Floor

-A concern was mentioned about sidewalk drainage and broken sidewalks.

- Looking into a new used computer for the TUB.

-Discussed food issues.

- The time of the month was discussed.

- ATM issues were discussed.

-Discussed moving the 3rd floor recycling bin.

IX. Announcements

-There will be a First Book informational meeting in order to get new members, Mueller Theater next Wednesday at 5:30, there will be free pizza.

-Starting Monday, Jimmy's Corner Restaurant is now implementing a 10% discount with a Titan card.

-Titan Tavern with JD Eicher and Ben Portz will be performing Friday in the Club Room.

-Kappa Delta will be selling Girl Scout cookies in the TUB.

-The Business and Professional Communication class will be having a Food Drive for local families to sponsor the East Side Bread Basket Food Pantry the week of March 11th-14th, senators will be given 1 point per 1 can donation.

-Big Brothers and Big Brothers is trying to get bowling teams together, contact Mandie Zoller if you are interested.

X. Adjournment

* A motion to adjourn was made by Lindsey Thomas was passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jordan Flaim, Secretary

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Create a team of 4-6 people (friends, groups, roommates, etc.) and call the number below for a team packet
For more Informaion, call 724.657.3680

Campus News

Students play detective while they dine

By Evangelina Figueroa
Campus Writer

"I took my loved one over cross the tracks"… and he never came back.

The Campus Programming Council, which plans the entertainment on campus, has done it again: solved a mystery, that is.

Rock N. Roley, the Murder Mystery Dinner's theme this year, brought in more than 60 guests to the Witherspoon Rooms on Fri., Feb. 29, 2008. The dinner started at 7:00 p.m. as guests sat in their semi-formal attire, eager for the Roley City High School Class of 1954 reunion celebration to begin.

This is CPC's second time bringing the Murder Mystery Dinner to the campus. Last year's theme was Pasta, Passion and Pistols.

"It went over really well last year, and we wanted to bring it back," senior Kelly Corbin said.

CPC has been planning this event since the fall semester. The council voted on this year's theme to be set in the 1950s, and the Witherspoon Rooms were decorated accordingly. Balloons in the black and blue colors that represent CPC were afloat, along with ice cream sundae center pieces that complimented the Malt Shop setting.

The menu consisted of Roley's Rockin' Meatloaf, Penny Pasta with Meatballs, "Dee"lightful Mashed Potatoes, "Del"lectable Corn, Maltie's Root beer Floats and "Rick"diculous Banana Splits, all cleverly named after the suspects in Rock N. Roley's murder.

Actors hired from Thomas Ball Entertainment, which is located in Harrisburg, Pa., walked around the room as the scene from Maltie's Falcon, Malt Shop and Café, came to life. Richard C. Alcitrent, Calvin Q. Layder, Joseph K. Awledge, Dierdre C. Deucer, Penelope Lofer, Delbert Toydes, Priscilla E. Teene and Evelyn C. Leigh, all RCHS Class of 1954 graduates were in attendance as the reunion celebration began.

Detective Lacy Kagney entered Maltie's Falcon with breaking news of the international rock star Rock N. Roley's murder. All of those in attendance were deemed suspects. The "live clue game," according to Jim Jowers, CPC secretary, had begun.

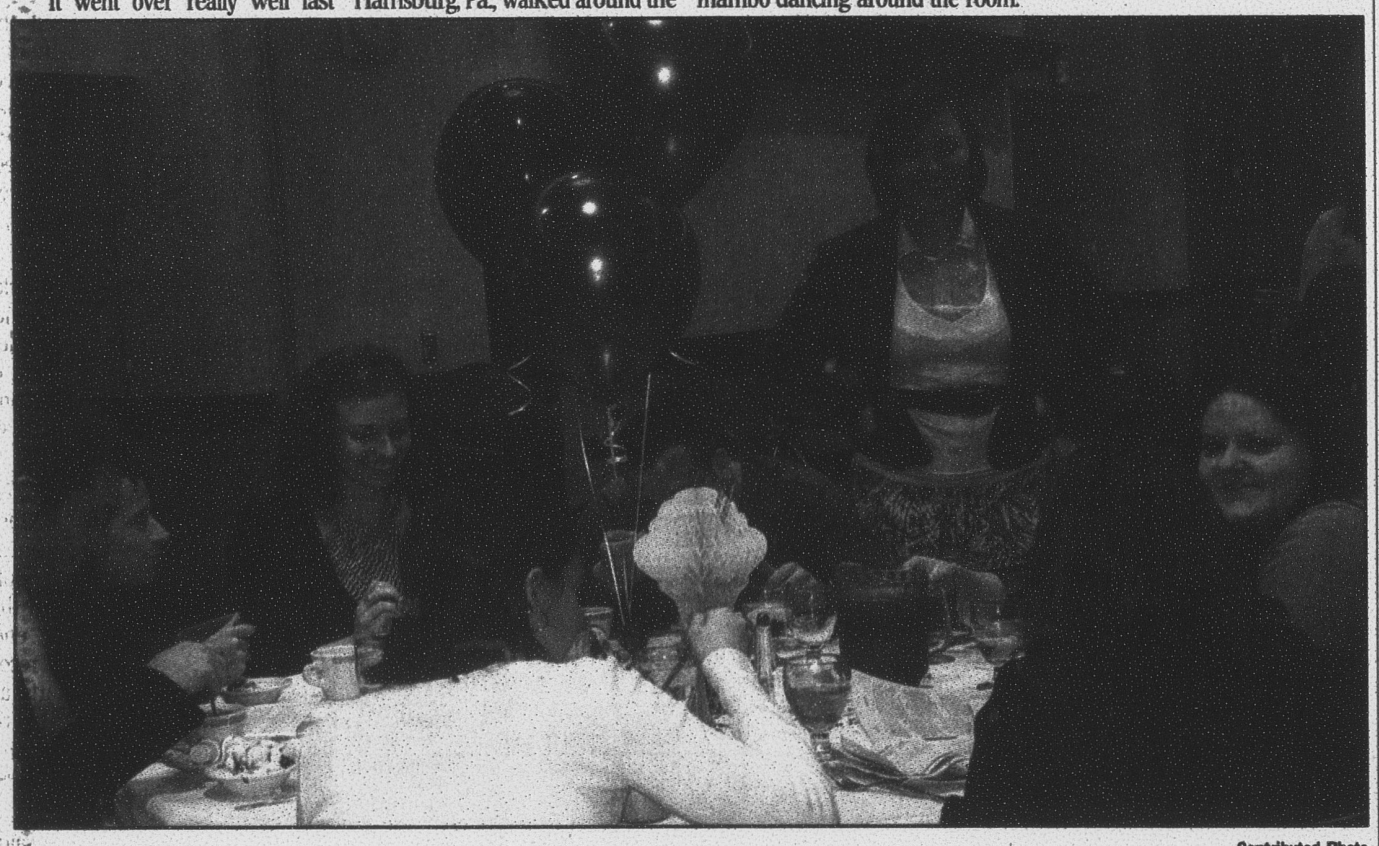
The suspects in Roley's murder mingled with guests over dinner. In order to receive clues on who committed the murder, guests were asked to do tasks. Some tasks included front flips, chants and mambo dancing around the room.

At the end of the dinner, verdict sheets were passed out as the killers were closer to being exposed.

As the verdict sheets were read, juniors Stef Niziol and Megan Hoffman stood as they received praise for solving the mystery and exposing Roley's murderers, Penny Lofer, Cal Q. Layder and Joe K. Awledge. CPC awarded the winners with $20 gift cards to Sheetz, Walmart and the campus book store.

Many of the guests attended the Murder Mystery Dinner last year and are planning on attending next year.

"I will come again next year," freshman Katie Gray said. "I would like to see a beach party type of theme or even a wedding reception."



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Students leave legacy through senior gift

By Gina Guyer
Campus Writer

Rather than just leaving the campus after graduation, students can leave a legacy behind as a lasting impression.

Each year, students in the graduating class have the opportunity of participating in the Senior Gift. This serves as a great way to make a lasting impression here while benefiting younger students and faculty members.

One of the main designations for senior gift contributions is the Burry Stadium Project. The Burry Stadium Project is estimated at $1.7 million and includes renovations to Memorial Field and Harold Burry Stadium. By making a senior gift contribution to this designation, students can help finance expenses from the lighting, artificial turf, the Joseph B. Fusco Plaza and the Joseph B. Fusco Entranceway planned to be constructed in the future.

Students also have the opportunity to designate a senior gift in areas that reflect their legacy here. Athletes can designate their senior gifts to varsity sports teams that they participated in while musicians and band members can designate their contributions to the band and music department. Other students who find academics most important can designate their gifts to their individual fields of study such as the biology, chemistry and mathematics departments.

"What I really like most about the senior class gift is that we have the opportunity to say where our money will go. I am a public relations major and spend a lot of time in the English department, so I want my contribution to go there," senior Allison Houser said. Students making contributions to academic departments, clubs, and sports teams only need to donate $1. This will help improve campus life and offer more opportunities for future students.

In addition to contributing to extra curricular activities, students also have the opportunity to donate to a scholarship and honor someone special who impacted their college experience. When honoring a special someone, students are asked to contribute a gift of $20.08 or more. "The money can help fund a future student's education, and it can help underclassmen and future students know that we truly value the education we've received here," a fellow senior said.

The individual who made the contribution and those honored will be listed on the Westminster website and in the Westminster Magazine.

Last year, the Class of 2007 donated a total of 162 gifts totaling $3,307. Nearly 60 percent of the senior class participated with the majority of the money going toward the McGill Library Project. This year, the Senior Gifts Committee hopes to increase class participation, the total of the senior gifts and the funds used toward the Burry Stadium Project.

All seniors are encouraged to participate and to designate their contributions to areas they find most important. Senior Gift Committee members feel strongly about this project and believe that with more participation, Westminster will flourish. By donating just $1, seniors can improve the lives of future students and faculty while making a positive last impression on campus.

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Sports

Basketball season draws to a close with broken records to boast

Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

History repeated itself Saturday, March 1 as the women's basketball team advanced to the President's Athletic Conference (PAC) Championship game to play Thomas More for the second consecutive year.

The Titans lost to the Saints, 59-50, last year and were upset this year with a score of 65-58. Preceding the championship was the match-up against Washington & Jefferson, which resulted in a Titan victory after overtime (82-77).

"As soon as we came back and brought the game (against W&J) into overtime I knew we had a good shot," freshman Kaitlin McCarthy said. "Both teams were tired, but we wanted it more and I think that helped us through overtime."

Second-seeded W&J met the fourth-seeded Titans Friday, Feb. 29 at Thomas More in Crestview, Ky. where the two teams competed in the PAC semifinals.

The first half was an all-out battle beginning with the Titans grabbing the lead. With 10 minutes and 45 seconds left, the Presidents tied up the score and then took the lead until there were 48 seconds on the clock. The half ended with a tie of 29-29 with neither team taking more than a six-point lead.

The Presidents dominated most of the second half, until two free throw shots by McCarthy tied the game and took the teams into overtime. With 3:22 left in overtime, the Titans clutched the lead and did not let up until the final buzzer rang.

Senior Emilee Ackerman led the Titans scoring a game-high 36 points, giving her 1,462 career points and the title of all-time leading scorer in Titan women's basketball history.

Junior Gina Brunetti bucketed 13 points, followed by senior Terese Marszalek and sophomore Amy Dolsak with 12 and 10 points, respectively.

Ackerman pulled down nine rebounds, followed by Marszalek with eight and Brunetti with six.

Kennan Killeen led the Presidents with 20 points, while Stephanie Smith and Emily Hays added 14 and 13 points, respectively. Jen Rogers pulled down a game-high 11 rebounds.

The Titans went on to the tournament finals to play against defending champion and top-seeded Thomas More. The Saints were also ranked No. 3 in the nation with a 27-0 record.

"I feel we have come to play each time we have seen Thomas More," Ackerman said. "We did not back down to them and I am proud of the way we played."

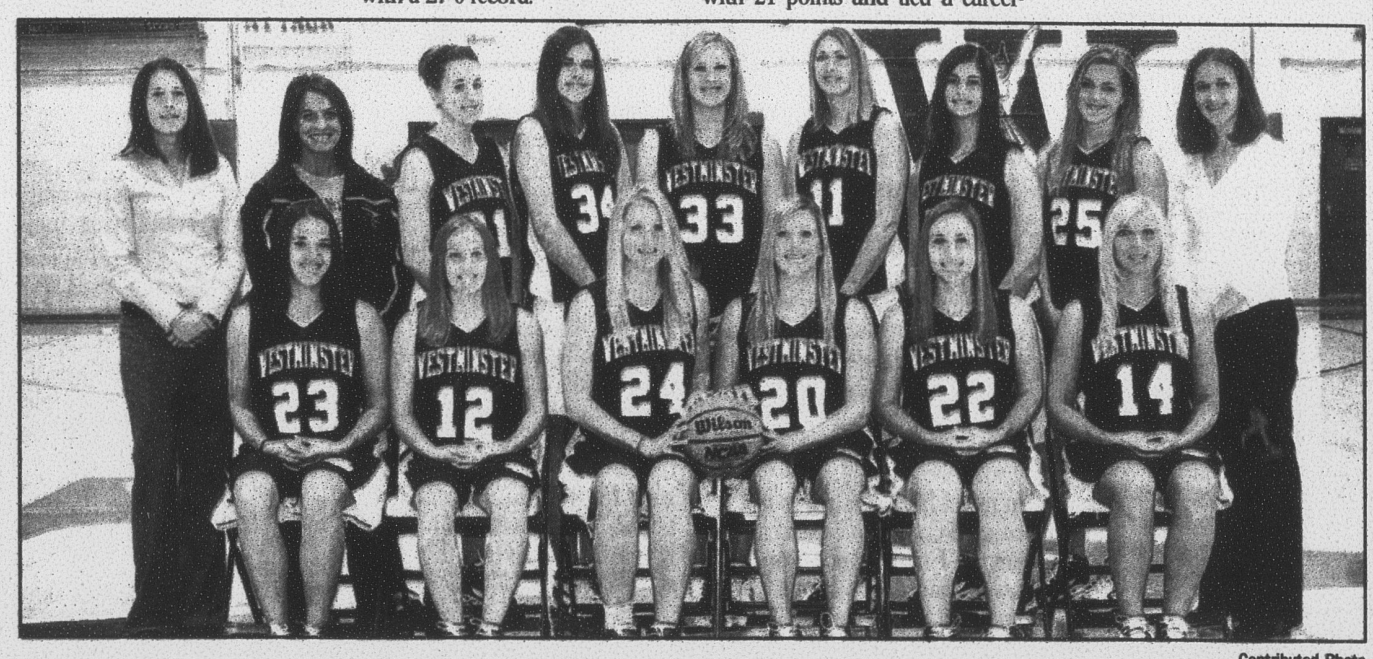
The Saints held on to the lead until 13:55 remained on the clock in the first half. The Titans then took the upper hand, but only temporarily. Thomas More pulled ahead and finished the half with a score of 35-28.

After returning from halftime, the Saints held on to their lead for the remainder of the game.

Ackerman led the Titans again with 21 points and tied a career-high with 13 rebounds in her final college game. She finishes her college basketball career with 1,483 points.

Marszalek, also playing in her final game, scored 11 points. McCarthy added eight points and eight rebounds.

After looking back on the season, most Titans said that the win against W&J is their favorite memory. The women's basketball team's season ends with a record of 17-11 and the satisfaction of going from the four seed to the PAC Finals.



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Farewell Favre

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

Refusing to recite the pledge of allegiance, not standing during the national anthem, and not liking Brett Favre are acts that would have a person accused of being anti-American.

Favre has become the symbol and embodiment of all that is American sport. 17 short years ago, "Country Time" entered the NFL and joined the Atlanta Falcons with fellow superstar "Primetime," or Deion Sanders. Gee, just imagine where the Falcons would be today had they held on to these two.

When Favre took the field, his love and passion for the game was unrivaled. Favre made the legend and lore of Lambeau Field come alive every time he played and his legacy may be greater than all those that came before.

160 wins as a starter, 5377 completions, 61655 passing yards, and 442 passing touchdowns are all accompanied in the record books by Brett Favre's name. As if this resume is not impressive enough, Favre's most incredible record is his 253 consecutive starts at the quarterback position. This record speaks to the heart, determination, and other intangible qualities possessed by Favre.

With all of this being said, certainly a compelling argument can be made for Brett Favre being the greatest quarterback ever to play the game of football. However, I would disagree.

Immediately after Brett Favre retired, the popular debate became where to rank Brett Favre among the most elite quarterbacks to ever play the game. Is he above Elway and Marino, how does he compare to the yesteryears when Nameth and Unitas were waging war?

Consider that in addition to his platoon of records were the facts that Favre managed only one Super Bowl win, attempted more passes than any other quarterback, and threw more interceptions than any other quarterback.

I rank Brett Favre as the third best quarterback of all-time, with Johnny Unitas being named runner-up, and with Joe Montana wearing the crown of best quarterback to ever play the game of football.

Joe Montana won four Super Bowls, three of which he was named the MVP. He was also named NFL MVP twice in his unprecedented career and boasts a career quarterback rating of 92.3.

Johnny U won one Super Bowl Title and three NFL championships prior to the Super Bowl era. Unitas also has three league MVP's to his credit and put up a career quarterback rating of 78.2.

While Favre has three NFL MVP awards, and a career quarterback rating of 85.7, his lone Super Bowl victory is not enough to push him past the likes of Johnny Unitas and Joe Montana.

While Favre currently is third on this illustrious list, he and his company had better not get too comfortable because Tom Brady and Peyton Manning could possibly head the list depending on how the remainder of their careers plays out.

After 17 seasons of highs and lows, bumps and bruises, and wins and losses Brett Favre will forever be enshrined in American sport and be remembered as the man who played football like he loved it more than anyone else.

Summarizing Favre's career, as only John Madden can, "Brett Favre is the Brett Favre of football and that's that."

Brandon is a junior mathematics major and an education minor. He is also the voice of Titan Basketball and Greyhound Football on Titan Radio.

Student- athletes end record-breaking careers

Andrew Kubincanek
Sports Writer

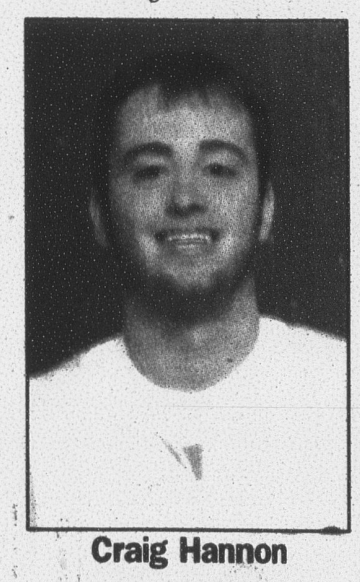
The Titans may have fallen short in the PAC Basketball Championships but Emilee Ackerman and Craig Hannon finished their college careers with record-breaking seasons.

Senior guard/forward Emilee Ackerman broke the Westminster all-time scoring record, passing the 1,451 points set by Desiree Sterling between 2004 and 2007 with 1,483. Senior guard Craig Hannon also set a new record for the men, finishing with 1,717 points. The old record of 1,629 was set by Mike Douds between 1987 and 1991. During the season Hannon finished 13 games with 20 points or more, including three with 30 points or more. Ackerman finished as the third leading scorer in the nation, averaging 23.6 points per game. In addition, both made All-PAC team rosters and were named PAC players of the week during the season. Ackerman was also named on the ESPN Academic All-America Women's Basketball team. Hannon had a simple assessment of both his and Ackerman's performances.

"It must be the number 20!"

Despite scoring consistently high, neither player realized a record was in their grasp until they were very close. Hannon did not think about the scoring record until he was "within striking distance" or only a few points away. Ackerman agreed.

"I guess I realized it was possible after the Geneva game, going into the first round of playoffs," she said. Ackerman broke the record in the third round upset against W&J.



Craig Hannon

Emilee Ackerman

Both players put the success of their teams ahead of record setting. In some ways, however, their personal success was linked to that of the team.

"…I felt like if I didn't score it hurt the team. I think that really sat in my mind throughout the year," Hannon said.

Hannon went on to say that the loss to Thomas More in the first round of the PAC championship overshadowed his achievements, at least for the time being.

"I would trade every point in this year for a chance at the PAC championship and a birth in the NCAA tournament," Hannon said.

Ackerman and the Lady Titans did make it to the finals of the PAC championship and she remembers it as one of her most important moments in the season.

"I have two things that meant the most to me," she said. "My first was upsetting Washington and Jefferson in the semifinal game and playing in the championship game. Being named to the Academic All American team was an honor that personally meant a lot to me."

Both players recognized that even though their achievements were personal, the support they received from family and teammates was crucial. Ackerman also credited her coach for encouraging her to make the most of her athletic career.

"I would say that Coach Scott has made me the player I am today," she said. "She truly saw something in me that other coaches did not."

While the previous high score for the men's team stood since 1991, Ackerman broke a record set by a former teammate in 2007. Although Hannon says he will enjoy having the record for now, neither he nor Ackerman are concerned about someone else breaking it.

"Records are made to be broken. When someone breaks the record I will be happy for the Lady Titans program," Ackerman said.

Double Yoi

The legacy of Myron Cope, part I

Christina Roseto
Contributing Writer

As I sit here this snowy, Friday morning in my over worn Pittsburgh Steelers shirt, I can't help but think, "Yoi, we've lost a legend." Myron Cope, the man with the screechy voice who served as color announcer for the Steelers for 35 years, passed away this past week. Call me biased, which I'm not, but Cope was an institution, not only in his native Pittsburgh, but also across the entire nation. After all, the Steeler following doesn't stop as soon as you leave the greater Pittsburgh area; therefore, Cope's fans don't either.

Cope was best known for his over-the-top persona during Steeler games and his sports show on WTAE radio. He coined the phrases that Pittsburghers emphatically yell at their TV screens during games to this very day.

Every Pittsburgher knows them. "Yoi", a commonly used word for a good play. "Double yoi", Cope's saying for an outstanding play and the name of his autobiography. "Okle-dokle", simply, "okay" in the book of Cope-isms. "The Bus", the nickname for Super Bowl winning running back, Jerome Bettis, was also Cope's doing. I could go on for hours. As a lifelong Steelers fan, I've heard them all, time and again.

Cope exuded life on the radio. It was almost entirely by accident that he became as popular of an announcer as he was. Cope appeared on television and radio for WTAE, but the station was looking to hire him full time as color announcer for the Steelers. Cope was reluctant about his voice being broadcast over the airwaves; however, his boss assured him that obnoxious voices were in and that he should consider the proposal.

Cope seized the opportunity and changed the face of sports broadcasting. Never had anyone ever heard a voice like his. Cope made the likes of Harry Carey sound like polished newsmen. You could not and will not ever hear someone quite like Myron Cope in this day and age. By broadcast standards, his voice defied the refined way broadcasters are trained to speak. It didn't seem to matter: Pittsburghers loved him, squawks and all. His voice became synonymous with everything Pittsburgh.

The thing about Myron Cope that most people don't realize is that he was a true writer. He was, a journalist. His journalistic career began at the Erie Times, where he stayed seven months before retuning to Pittsburgh to work for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. Cope realized, though, that his future was as a free-lance writer in the sports magazine industry.

Catch the second part of *Double Yoi: The Legacy of Myron Cope* in *The Holcad*'s March 28 edition!

Spring preview: the softball team

By Corey Kendall
Sports Writer

As the winter season quickly begins to wind down, the Westminster women's softball team is just beginning to wind up. After coming back from a great 2007 season, the Lady Titans are looking to improve even more from the last season.

Last year, the Titans finished the season with an overall record of 24-15 and a league-best record of 11-1 in the President's Athletic Conference. Aside from this great team record a few of the players were able to set their own records.

Pitcher/first baseman Jennifer Pancake set the school single-season home run and RBI records by putting 9 balls over the fence and sending 42 to runners to the home plate. Pancake was named PAC Player of the Year and also received PAC first team along with Kristin Zyskowski and Jennifer Emery. Stephanie Cornicelli and Addie Parker were awarded with PAC second team honors while head coach Jan Reddinger was named PAC coach of the year.

Coming from a season like that, the Titans have a lot to match up to. After losing five of last years seniors to graduation and having only one returning senior this year, the Titans will certainly have a young team and a lot of work to do.

None of that really seems to worry head coach Jan Reddinger, "We will have a young team. But the returning upperclassmen have worked hard during the off season…plus we have a group of talented freshmen. We are definitely capable of having a very good season; it's just a matter of everyone adjusting to their roles."

And hopefully the Titans will be able to adjust to their roles very quickly as they are being thrown into the fire right off the bat. The Titans will be traveling to Florida over spring break to play in the Rebel Spring Games. Their first opponent on March 15 will be Rutger-Camden out of New Jersey, which may not seem intimidating until you know that they are the defending NCAA Div. III National Champions.

Arts & Entertainment

CD reviews

First came the law, then came the axe

Once Nothing disappoint on debut release

Chris Lehberger
A&E Editor

"The Steel City," they call it–the home of Heinz Ketchup, Primanti Brothers, and the beloved Steelers. If there was every such a town made for a man to live, it would be Pittsburgh. Buried deep in southwestern Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh and the surrounding areas are a hotbed for the blue collar worker. In fact, one time I've heard good 'ole Pennsylvania referenced as three states in one–Philadelphia on the east, Pittsburgh on the west, and Alabama in the middle. The Pittsburgh music scene, unlike the Philadelphia area, however, leaves little to be desired, except for one small metal band that calls itself Once Nothing.

Photo from myspace.com

"Blue Collar Metal" is what reads on the back sleeve of the band's debut release via Solid State Records. Entitled First Came The Law, the twelve track record is a collection of reverently heavy songs. The keyword here, however, is heavy, not great.

The album kicks off with vocalist Todd Lowry yelling "You wanna go for a ride?" on the album opener, "The Intimidator." Molded by chugging guitar rhythms, the song immediately reminds me of Maylene and The Sons of Disaster with its feeling of southern hospitality, one trait that forms the embodiment of the record. All in the all, the song doesn't offer much to make my jaw drop, instead it reverts back to the tried and true Solid State formula of combining syncopated drums, bass, and guitar on the breakdowns while offering riff-oriented verses. "Avoid Me Like The Plague" opens with some different sounding stress chords, creating a more chaotic musical landscape, but switches to a southern oriented second verse, which again is in the same vein as Maylene and The Sons of Disaster. "Juliet or What's Left of Her" shows little diversity, although there is an interlude where "tribal" drums are pushed to the forefront. "Gunfire Is the Sound of Freedom" offers an incredibly familiar introduction, one pattern I'm sure I've heard at least twice before on other releases. The only thing that breaks my boredom with the song is when Lowry, with a certain gruffness, yells "Aww, SWING IT!" Moving along, "The Dust of a Town," the first song to appear on the band's myspace, is a bit of an outlier, offering the most attitude and diversity, establishing a strong metal hook behind the pounding bass drum of Giuseppe Capolupo and the hoarse voice of Lowry as he yells "Aye! Aye! Aye!" "My Sweet Medusa," however, changes the pace, opening with the sounds of a western Pennsylvania summer night, including a chorus of tree frogs, behind a soft acoustic guitar. Lowry, in a singing voice unlike the rest of album, seems to parallel the biblical story of Jezebel, singing of a man and his weakness to be seduced by a wayward women. All in all the song doesn't amount to much other than an opportunity to get up from your computer and grab a Gatorade.

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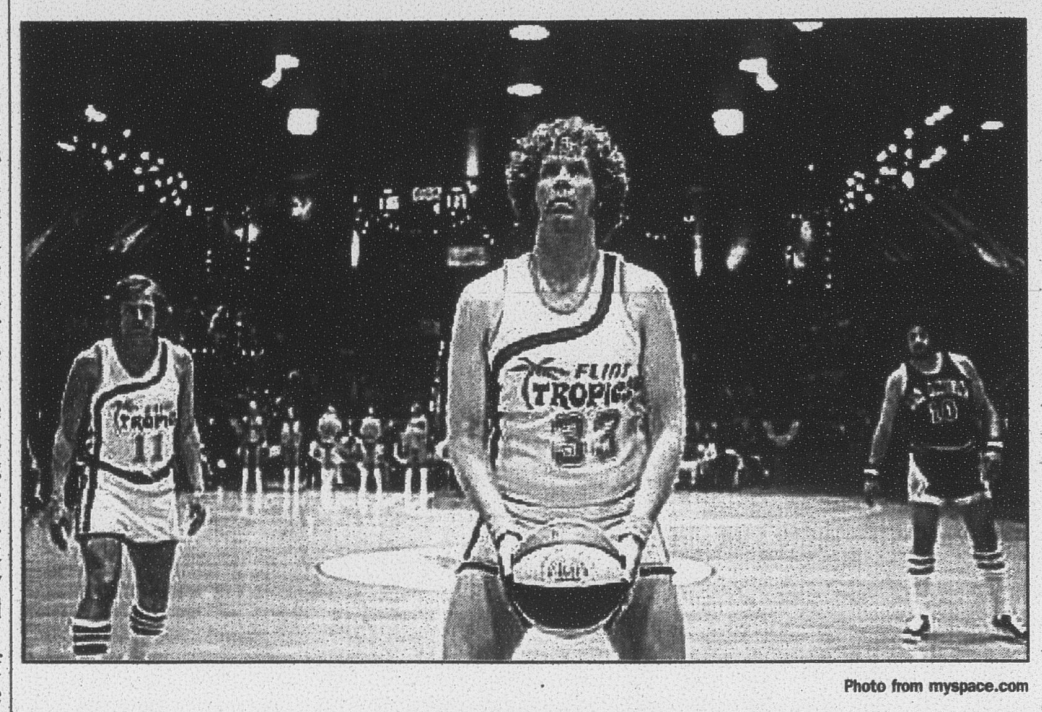
It seems that I'm running out of space. However, reflecting on the rest of the album would be much like listening to it–repetitive and boring. In fact, the only song even worth noting is the "...And Then Came Grace," an eight minute long instrumental track featuring sonically different elements, such as a piano. However, long and heavy instrumental tracks are like "that's what she said" jokes; everyone is using them.

Trust me; tearing apart a record from one of the decent few bands in recent history to arise out of my beloved city is more than disheartening. However, not everyone is saying bad things about it. The president of Tooth and Nail records once described the album cover as not being "bad" (you know, bad as in rad) enough to complement the record. Although I disagree completely with that claim, I can say one thing–the booklet actually smells like sawdust, and that, my friend, is rad.

Chris is a junior public relations major who's addicted to *LOST* and *the Office*, and despite being a writing minor, can't finish books. Or sing. At all.

Chris' Rating: ★★★☆☆

Will Ferrell scores big with another sports flick



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Associated Press

Will Ferrell hasn't run out of sports to exploit in the name of comedy, but if Semi-Pro is any indication, he has run out of original ideas.

The funnyman's stable of petulant and grossly overconfident buffoons grows with the addition of Jackie Moon, owner, coach, and starting power forward for the Flint Tropics, a fictional ABA basketball squad hoping to survive the 1976 merger with the NBA.

Too bad Moon's team is terrible. Star player Clarence "Coffee" Black (Andre Benjamin) doesn't understand the concept of teamwork. And Moon would rather plan a memorable halftime show than hit a game-winning shot. So the coach puts all his eggs in one basket, trading the team's washing machine for an over-the-hill shooting guard (Woody Harrelson) with his own set of troubles.

The Ferrell formula remains alive and semi-well here. Moon is another deluded man-child in need of personal salvation. And Ferrell knows how to surround his lead characters with amusing (and distractible) supporting players. The funniest is Andrew Daly, half of a two-man analyst team (the other is Will Arnett), who plays straight man to the ensemble's locker-room antics. And Harrelson understands how to aggressively counterbalance Ferrell's ego-heavy comedy. He probably researched the role by studying the approaches of Christina Applegate, Sacha Baron Cohen and, most recently, Jon Heder in Blades of Glory.

Semi-Pro has its moments. Screenwriter Scot Armstrong wrote similarly juvenile comedies like Starsky & Hutch and Road Trip and manages two or three laugh-out-loud sequences. Where else but a Ferrell comedy could a skit about calling someone a "jive turkey" escalate into a crude game of Russian roulette?

But the material bridging the amusing scenes is noticeably thin. Semi-Pro runs a scant 90 minutes, and still has trouble with dead spots. Armstrong recycles jokes Ferrell fans will recognize. To lure larger crowds to Tropics games, Moon agrees to wrestle a bear. It's almost like the time Ferrell wrestled a cougar in Talladega Nights. And it's exactly like the time he wrestled a bear in Anchorman.

Other jokes sputter and fade before reaching an actual punch line. There's a great gag where Moon tries to prevent his team from making unnecessary baskets because he has promised the crowd tacos if the Tropics score over 100 points and he can't afford to make good on the promotion. Moon fails, the point total is reached, and the scene ends with no payoff.

Ferrell's shtick still makes me laugh, and I look forward to his next project. But it's time he gives these sports comedies a little time on the bench before his big-screen career fouls out.

The Afters better than OK

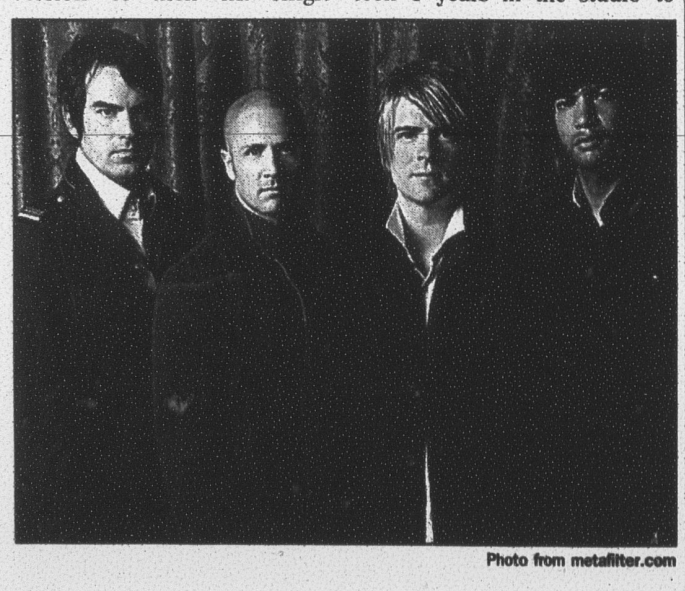
By Ben Portz
A&E Writer

After three years in the studio, The Afters are back with their second album. This album entitled "Never Going Back to OK" is filled with catchy choruses and depicts American life through lyrics that reflects religious life and fads that come and go. These reasons make this album quite different from their first debut album.

This mid-west based band was originally formed in the late nineties by now members Josh Havens and Matt Fuqua. Both of them worked in a Starbucks in Texas, and performed for customers in their time off. Eventually the other two members, Brad Wigg and Marc Dodd, became employed at the same exact Starbucks, creating the then name of "Blisse". By 2002, they changed their name to "The Afters" once they realized that the name "Blisse" was already taken. Their first album "I Wish We All Could Win" gained national attention due to the hit MTV show "8th and Ocean" having The Afters hit single "Beautiful Love" to be it's theme song.

The title track, "Never Going Back to OK" is the band's way of saying "go out and make a difference in this world". As drummer Marc Dodd says, "The title track encourages people not to just go through the motions, but to try and make an impact on the world and help someone change their perspective on how life can really be." This entire album has a little bit of everything. Whether you are looking for a soft meaningful ballad such as the track "Ocean Wide", or upbeat rocking tunes such as "We Are the Sound", it most likely has what you want to hear. On top of all of that, there is a Reliant K, "Sadie Hawkins Dance" like hit on the record called "Myspace Girl". I can expect this song to become an anthem summing up the teen life. It's catchy melody and idea was inspired by a friend of the band who met a girl at a restaurant and "myspaced" her later that night. As it turned out, this couple ended up getting married. In my opinion, the lyrics are slightly creepy, talking about a guy who knows what clothes the girl wears just based on pictures he's seen of her. Although unfortunately "myspacing" is how people are meeting these days, so props to The Afters on picking a theme that is widely known.

One of my favorite tracks on this album is the acoustic version of their hit single "Beautiful Love". Josh Havens vocals are superb on this track, and the mix between the piano and acoustic guitar are more beautiful than ever. The thing I like about The Afters is that they are bringing some talent and innovative musicianship to Christian rock music. Unfortunately, many Christian rock artists just tend to bank their popularity on pop-like catchy melodies rather than the expertise in creating an art within the music. Furthermore, the messages within the songs are not direct which means many listeners can have their own interpretation of the song. So those who normally hate Christian rock music may find The Afters to be a breath of fresh air, due to not being so overwhelming with Jesus lectures in their songs. Overall, The Afters tend to mix Bono-like vocals with the eerie guitar riffs of Radiohead into their music. It makes sense that it took 3 years in the studio to finally come out with another album. It is obvious that they took time into thinking about track listing and what they wanted their listeners to get out of after hearing the record. This album is one that I very much recommend for any alternative-rock fans.



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Album: Never Going Back to OK

The Lineup:
Josh Havens-vocals/guitars,
Matt Fuqua-vocals/guitars,
Brad Wigg-bass guitar/vocals,
Marc Dodd-drums

Ben's Rating: ★★★☆☆

Vantage Point perspectives create exceptional suspense

By Brett Gerthoffer
A&E Writer

I didn't have many expectations for *Vantage Point* for I only saw the trailer once and hadn't heard anything about it.

Right from the start this movie had me guessing what would happen next, not to mention I was on the edge of my uncomfortable movie theater seat, glued to the big screen. If you've seen The Kingdom, you will find the beginning of *Vantage Point* is comparable in suspense and surprise right from the get go. There is a lot I could say about the events of this movie but I would reveal too many spoilers so a basic overview should do just fine.

The movie begins inside a large news production truck where they are doing a story at the summit meeting in Spain on terrorism. Several world leaders from across the globe meet in this country to show their support for the anti-terrorist movement, one of these world leaders includes the president of the United States (performed by William Hurt).

The president arrives to the summit meeting, held in an outside courtyard in a major city in Spain. Accompanying the president is a famous secret agent Thomas Barnes (Dennis Quaid) who took a bullet for the president some months prior to this summit. The mayor of Spain introduces the US president as he approaches the stand, when, minutes into the President's speech…BAM, panic hits the courtyard and people start screaming and running around as the President hits the ground.

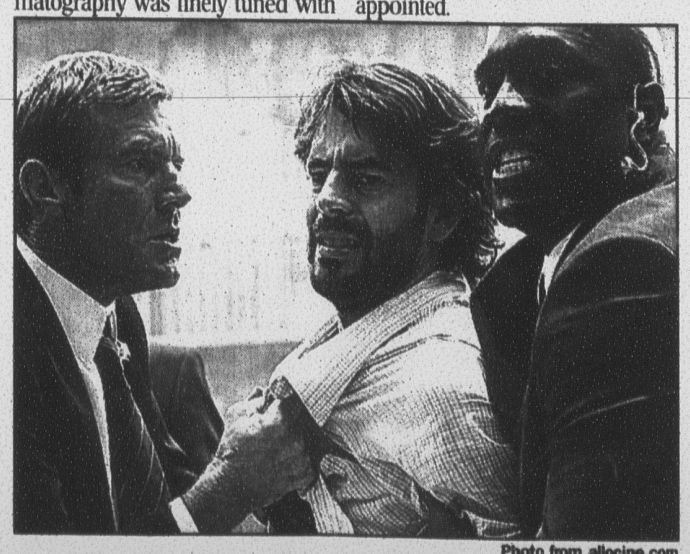
Then an explosion is heard from outside the building. More panic. All of these events are viewed through the different cameras and news reporters of the news truck. A fearful reporter at the scene tries to explain what is happening when another bomb goes off, but this time its right inside the courtyard. The main stage blows up in a fiery violent explosion. The news reporter is seen lying dead on the debris ridden ground. Innocent people are lying bloody on the floor while the rest of the area reaches a state of turmoil. Then the events we just saw go into rewind and we are sent back to 23 minutes earlier. The first of five vantage points is over.

The second vantage point is that of Agent Barnes. For this vantage point we see basically the same things as the first one, but a couple more clues are unveiled to whom the shooter was. This vantage point leads to another that reveals even more information. At this point, you can tell that all of these vantage points will tie in at the end. And they do quite nicely and smoothly.

So we see two more vantage points that show basically the same events through the eyes of Forest Whitaker, the innocent bystander who catches everything on film, and a local cop to the mayor of Spain. Don't worry (like I did) that all the points will be the same thing again and again, because after these two the next ones are very different and unfold loads of the plotline. All the points are interlaced and each one shows you more than the last. The cinematography was finely tuned with beautiful shots of the city. Fast paced off the shoulder shots keep the suspenseful thrill of the movie rolling perfectly and the acting was overall very good and surprisingly uniform. Forest Whitaker played a great part and symbolized the average human that becomes a hero in a time of great turmoil. Dennis Quaid met his standards to his usual great performances but presented a few cheesy lines. I guess you'll have that though.

The direction of the film was exceptional, especially from the very new director Pete Travis. The setup and flow of each point to the next was nearly flawless, and I couldn't find too many continuation errors, which is excellent due to the fact that you see the same series of events in different shots during each different point. You'll be glad to see that the ending is awesome despite any skepticism that might arise because of how much stuff is going on in each person's perspective. Not to mention writer Barry Levy ends with a stab at our "honest" mass media in today's world. I won't say how so, but its pretty cool.

If you're looking for a finely tuned movie with flawless fluidity, off the edge suspense, and an ending comparable to *Crash* go see *Vantage Point*. You won't be disappointed.



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CALENDAR

Friday, March 7, 2008

All Day Events

Alpha Phi Omega Section Conference

Deadline for SCRAWL Submissions

Religious, History, Philosophy, and Classics Department's Undergraduate Conference

11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

7:00 PM North American Undergraduate Conference in Religion and Philosophy Speaker: Dr. Robert Abernathy, "Talking About Religion" (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: I Am Legend (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:00 PM - 12:00 AM Titan's Tavern (MCC Club/Lounge)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller -- National Treasure: Book of Secrets (MCC Mueller Theater)

Saturday, March 8, 2008

All Day Events

Alpha Phi Omega Section Conference

Religious, History, Philosophy, and Classics Department's Undergraduate Conference

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Section 64 Conference (MCC Berlin Lounge)

10:45 AM North American Undergraduate Conference in Religion and Philosophy Speaker -- Dr. Justin Barrett, "Cognitive Science of Religion: What Is It and Why Does It Matter?" (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

1:00 PM Baseball @ Southern Virginia

3:00 PM Senior Percussion Recital: Michael Mullin (Orr Auditorium)

7:00 PM Mass (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller -- National Treasure: Book of Secrets (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: I Am Legend (MCC Mueller Theater)

Sunday, March 9, 2008

All Day Events

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS (turn clocks ahead one hour)

Religious, History, Philosophy, and Classics Department's Undergraduate Conference

1:00 PM Baseball @ Washington & Lee

2:00 PM Chapel Drama: You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller -- National Treasure: Book of Secrets (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:00 PM Chapel Drama: You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: I Am Legend (MCC Mueller Theater)

Monday, March 10, 2008

All Day Events

Last Day for First 7-Week Courses

11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM SAA Interviews (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM Chapel Continuing Education Event: Rev. Dr. Donald Optiz (MCC Witherspoon Rooms)

9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

All Day Events

PE-2 and Second 7-Week Courses Begin

5:30 PM College Democrats Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM SAA Interviews (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

6:30 PM Japanese Anime Club (TC 210)

9:30 PM Newman Club (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

9:40 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting (TC 314)

Wednesday, March 12, 2008

All Day Events

Double Room Drawing for Current Sophomores

PE-2 and Second 7-Week Courses Begin

6:00 AM Titan Traverse Meeting (MCC Berlin Lounge)

11:45 AM Faires Faculty Forum: Marosh Furimsky, What Use is a Fish? (MCC Mueller Theater)

12:00 PM Holcad Staff Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

4:00 PM Academic Standards Committee Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

4:15 PM Green Party Meeting (MCC Weisel Conference Room 255)

4:30 PM Children's Literature Group Discussion: Candyfloss by Jacqueline Wilson (Mugsies)

5:15 PM CPC Meeting (MCC Club Room)

6:45 PM Newman Club Exec Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

7:00 PM Double Room Drawing for Current Senior Men (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

7:00 PM Double Room Drawing for Current Senior Women (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

7:00 PM SGA Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:15 PM Double Room Drawing for Current Junior Men (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

7:15 PM Double Room Drawing for Current Junior Women (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

7:30 PM Habitat for Humanity Chapter Meeting (MCC 255)

7:45 PM Double Room Drawing for Current Sophomores (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

8:00 PM Double Room Drawing for Current Sophomore Women (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

8:15 PM Double Room Drawing for Current First-Year Men (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

8:30 PM Circle K Meeting (PH 112)

8:45 PM Double Room Drawing for Current First-Year Women (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

9:30 PM Seekers Meeting (MCC Club/Lounge)

Thursday, March 13, 2008

TBA Women's Swimming @ NCAA Championships (at Oxford, Ohio)

11:00 AM Support Staff Meeting (MCC Club Room)

12:40 PM COC Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

12:40 PM Med PAC Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

2:00 PM - 7:00 PM Poverty Simulation (MCC Witherspoon Rooms)

5:00 PM College Republicans Meeting (PH 231)

5:30 PM BSU Meeting (MCC Weisel Conference Room 255)

6:00 PM Psychology Club (Hoyt 152)

7:00 PM Gospel Choir (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

7:00 PM Interfraternity Council Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

9:00 PM Amnesty International Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

11:45 PM Triple and Quad Rooms Drawing (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

Friday, March 14, 2008

All Day Events

Incomplete Grades Due

TBA Women's Swimming @ NCAA Championships (at Oxford, Ohio)

11:30 AM College Feminists Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

12:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Exec Meeting

(MCC Weisel Conference Room 255)

6:00 PM Residence Halls Close

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21 - April 19):

With the sun in your sign, you are encouraged to take a more active role in your environment. Adapt your plans to accommodate or better serve others.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):

Find time for meditation or perhaps some much-needed contemplation this week. Stay mentally focused; avoid imagining the worst.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21):

Consider yourself lucky to have friends who are willing to help you out of a financial bind. Swallow your pride and ask for what you need.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22):

Guard your reputation against false accusations. Honor your word, no matter what it takes, and listen to the advice offered by a parent or mentor.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):

The knowledge that you seek is within your scope. Continue in your quest for truth and understanding; keep an open mind.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):

You should play it safe when looking to secure your financial future. Shy away from speculative ventures and take the slow road to profitability.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23):

New information will add another dimension to a close personal relationship. Compare notes and look for answers to some unsettling questions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21):

Pace yourself for success. Start early in the week in order to have enough time and energy to accomplish or complete an important mission.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):

It is OK to appear intelligent and informed among your peers. Take a stance and express your ideas and opinions without the fear of rejection.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):

Family matters or dilemmas will come to light this week. Allow your partner or loved ones equal input in the decision-making process.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):

Accurate communication should be your No. 1 concern. Devise a system to improve the exchange of information among your peers and co-workers.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):

Monetary issues are brought to the forefront. Gather the necessary data, facts or figures to explain your current budgetary needs and future fiscal plans.

If your birthday is this week:

You are gifted with the ability to receive and process a large amount of information with relative ease during the coming year. Use this talent to study and master difficult concepts, take challenging courses or to understand complicated ideas. If you are uncertain about your fiscal status or direction, all you have to do is ask for legal guidance or financial counsel.

Also born this week:

Loretta Lynn, Leonardo da Vinci, Charlie Chaplin, Harry Reasoner, Maria Sharapova and Carmen Electra.

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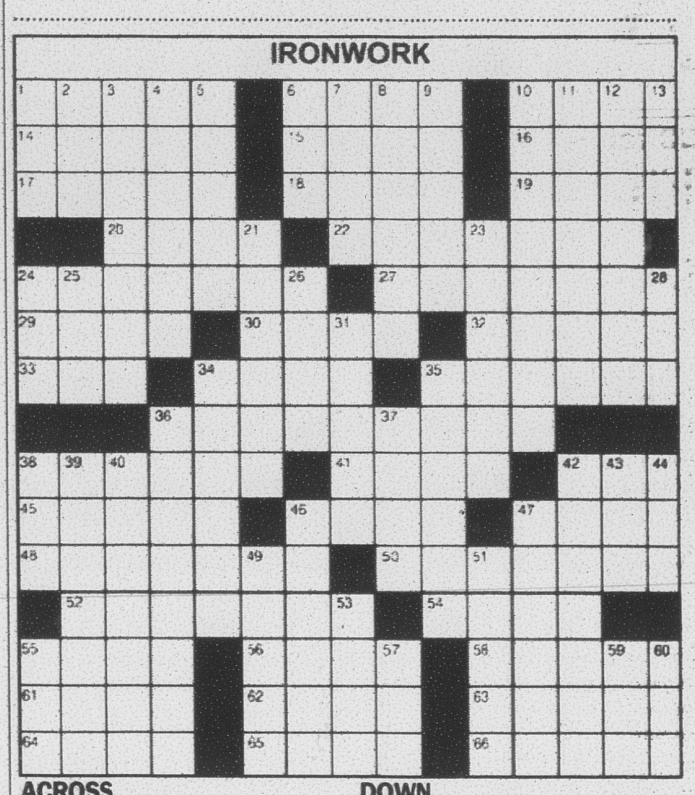

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48 Nitpick?
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54 Author Waugh, brother of 47 Down
55 Actress Virna
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58 It may be stuffed
61 Lode
62 Speck
63 AT&T spin-off
64 Vaunt
65 Once again
66 Kind of iron

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1 Tony's daughter in "Who's the Boss?"
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5 Zoroastrian living in India
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25 Hagen or Pippig
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31 Preserves
34 Roman god of sleep
35 Sawtooth range: Sp.
36 Kind of iron
37 Map line, perhaps
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39 Lair of Matisse or Monet
40 Mineral-rich area of Poland
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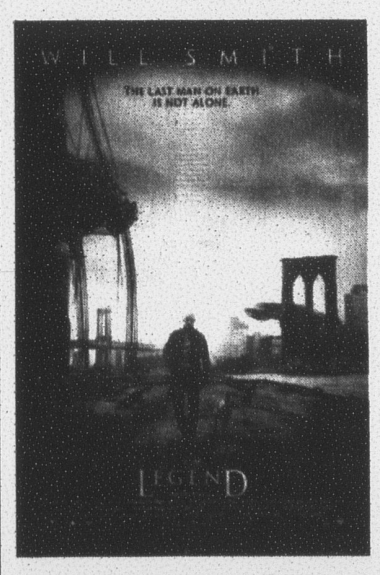
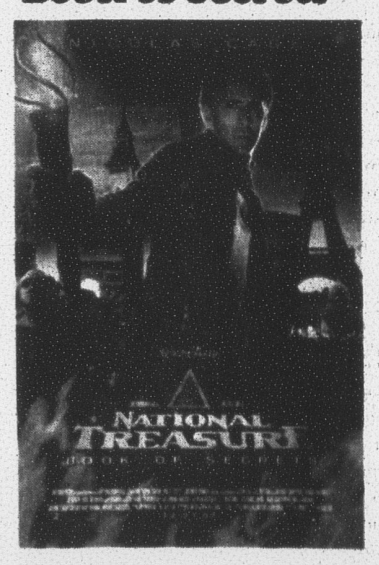
McKelvey Weekend Entertainment

"I Am Legend"



Movies Playing at Mueller Theater

"National Treasure: Book of Secrets"



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10:30 PM	Saturday	8:00 PM
9:00PM	Sunday	3:00 PM

Late Night in the Club Room

Monday - 8 PM to 1 AM

Tuesday and Thursday - 9 PM to 1 AM

Movies provided by Club Room Entertainment provided by CPC

Westminster ID's will be checked at all movies. ID will admit you and one guest. There is no charge; it's just for a count.

Features

Why you came to college

If someone asked you why you were in college, what would your response be?

Most students would say to get an education or a degree. Others may say it was because it was the next step in life. Either way, the common consensus is that we came to college to get some sort of preparation for life.

So what exactly is an education? Is it sitting in a classroom for 15 hours or so a week?

Do we earn our degree for listening to lectures? We obviously learn something from this, but we definitely participate in other activities to be given our degree.

We cannot simply be book smart. Westminster prides itself in ensuring that the students receive a well-rounded education with plenty of experience.

Most majors require an internship or research. Every department has the infamous capstone project. All of this is to help us gain a better education.

Lurene McDonald
Features Editor

However, is this what college is all about? Are there other forms of learning to experience during our college years?

I am sure the resounding answer is yes.

College is about learning to do a juggling act of classes, jobs, organizations, relationships, friendships and life.

Most students have some sort of job. Some are on campus and others are off. Some people have multiple jobs. The bills, including tuition, have to be paid. Employers and professors demand the same attention. Sometimes time does not seem in enough supply. College is just the beginning of this feeling.

A large portion of the students are active in organizations on campus. There are so many of them, sometimes it is hard not to be involved.

For numerous students, that is where the problem is. We get over-involved in activities. We love what we are doing and try to do everything.

Not to mention it will build your resume. We are told we need activities and leadership experience to get a job. Your degree is not enough.

This is where a fine line comes in. Do you sacrifice your dedication to your school work in order to pursue your activities and jobs? Or do you focus solely on homework and reading and leave the activities part of your resume lacking?

This is a difficult balance for a lot of students to figure out. Some people cannot handle both. What is the most important?

Why did you come to college? To earn a degree. Please earn your degree.

Do not let everything else come first. Do not bite off more than you can chew.

If you cannot achieve balance, choose school work first. The fact is if you do everything on campus but do not walk out of here with a degree, you have wasted your time.

Students must put earning that degree first. Then, prioritize from there. Do not join everything you can. Trust me, I tried that. It probably will not work out for you.

College is about learning. The most important lesson you can learn is how to deal with it and become the best juggler that you can.

Lurene is a sophomore public relations major who enjoys a mug of hot chocolate and cozy afternoon naps. She loves being a member of Kappa Delta Sorority and the Admissions Office Staff.

Nowhere, Pa.

Barry Unis
Diversity Columnist

Often times, the feelings of Westminster students surprise me. We attend a liberal arts college in the middle of Nowhere, PA, so why do some people feel like they are not getting what they signed up for?

First, I love students' complaints about the curriculum. "Why do I have to take swimming?" "Ugh, here goes another stupid IP class." Whoa, whoa, whoa, wait a minute here. This is a liberal arts college, right? Nobody should complain about the Intellectual Perspectives considering that is what a liberal arts curriculum is all about. Here's a quick history lesson on liberal arts.

In medieval Western institutions, the liberal arts consisted of grammar, rhetoric, logic, geometry, arithmetic, music, and astronomy. This curriculum was termed "liberal arts" because "liberal" meant "free," indicating non-slaves. Slaves practiced illiberal arts, or vocational education. After the Renaissance, architecture, painting, and sculpture were also considered to be liberal arts.

Today, a liberal arts curriculum includes theology, literature, languages, philosophy, history, mathematics, and science (according to wikipedia). Those subjects directly relate to the intellectual perspective program.

Perhaps you are thinking, "Hey, swimming isn't listed as a liberal art!" You would be right, at least according to wikipedia; however, the definition doesn't consider the practicality of other subjects. How bad would it look if a person spent years upon years of "proper schooling" but couldn't save himself or herself when falling into a body of water?

Another interesting complaint that I hear is the lack of businesses in the surrounding area of the school. Hmm, when I was considering attending Westminster, I was never under the assumption that it was located in a bustling metropolis.

Why do some people think that the world owes them something? "I worked hard to come here, so I demand a beer distributor be placed in town!" I think that in this day and age, it is easy for people, Americans especially, to take things for granted. People have conveniences and options. Did you ever consider how much cafeteria food is wasted each day?

I guess what I'm trying to say is that it is easy to want more, to be unsatisfied with the current situation. Westminster College vehemently advertises its 94% placement rate, so obviously it must be doing something right. Give it a break. Be thankful. I know I am.

I'd much rather take the fifteen-minute drive to McDonald's for a delicious shamrock shake than milk a cow and make it myself like our Amish friends.

Hey, McDonald's, I demand monetary reimbursement for that advertisement!

Barry Unis is a senior psychology major and theatre minor. He is all over the campus and is unfortunately known as a fictional rapist.

The bowling club: a striking experience

An interview with Lauren Ritter gives an inside look at those aiming to improve their skills at the alley

By Shannon Bobbert
Features Writer

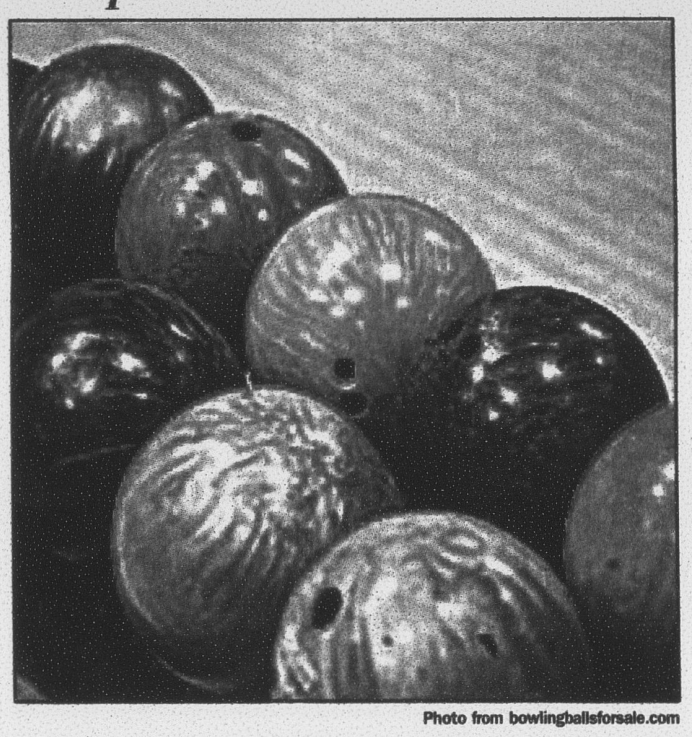

Photo from bowlingballsforsale.com

There is only one club on campus that unwinds after a long week by tossing around a ten pound ball to knock over objects. The sound of this method of destressing probably appeals to most students, all of which are invited to join the Bowling Club to work on their aim.

Club president, Lauren Ritter, sat down for a Q&A session to discuss the Bowling Club, a brand new student organization this year.

You just organized the club this year–how do you feel about it so far?:

"It's extremely exciting. I also started a bowling club at my high school. I just wanted to bring bowling with me wherever I went."

Since the club is so new, have you had the opportunity to participate in any events this year?:

"We had five people who just bowled in an intercollegiate tournament over Lil' Sibs weekend. That was a blast! We advanced twice in the stepladder finals–we beat two teams before we were out. I thought we were going to be in the lowest bracket because we were the only team who had been there for the first time. All the other teams have been established for years and have coaches on campus. A lot of them are bowling-based schools, so a lot of these kids are recruited on scholarship to bowl at these universities."

"We were bowling against big competition when we had just come out of nowhere. I was very proud of our team."

"We might go to another competition in April."

So what do you think about bowling as a sport?:

"The thing that I really love about bowling is that any type of person of any age can bowl. I've seen handicapped people bowl–I saw a man who was quadriplegic bowl, and he was really good. It's incredible, old people can bowl, people who are mentally challenged can bowl, little kids can bowl. Everyone bowls, and I think that's a huge appeal to it. People shouldn't think: 'just because I'm a certain way, I shouldn't bowl.' You should because it's a blast! In football, the pros quit when they're in their 30's usually, and in bowling you can bowl forever.

Is the bowling club looking for members who know how to bowl, or students who want to learn how to bowl?:

"Actually both! We're looking for people who have experience and are interested in bowling in intercollegiate matches–those who probably have an average around 170. We're also looking for bowlers who just love to have fun with bowling. I would like to improve my coaching skills with bowling, so I can help coach them."

Who is your team coach?:

"My dad is our coach for the bowling team. Although we live in Pittsburgh about an hour and twenty minutes away, he comes to intercollegiate matches with us. He's a former professional, so he's pretty helpful!"

Where do you get in all your practice?:

"We meet at Colonial Lanes, that's where we practice. We set up a deal with the owner–he gave us certain hours we can come in and practice."

Is there still time to join the club and do some bowling?:

"Yes, definitely! I should be planning an end of the year finale to the first year of bowling club. Then next year it will pick up in September."

Why would you tell students to join the Bowling Club?:

"Bowling is relaxing. I think most people look at it as an outlet to relieve stress–you just throw the ball and you see the pins fly. It's also a great bonding experience with people. It's such a fun relaxed atmosphere. No one is a professional out there, so no one should feel intimidated. I think everyone is there because they enjoy bowling and coming together as a unit for a sport that they all like."

Anyone interested in joining the Bowling Club can send Lauren an e-mail.

A Westminster Tale: Part V

By Jared McConkey
Features Writer

The screams. Those screams. I can still hear them echoing in my head today. The shrill, piercing sound of torment escaping through someone's, or something's, mouth.

I clapped my hands over my ears to dull the sound but it did little to lessen the noise. Within moments, the screams ceased and the silence that filled the air held a different kind of terror. The kind you feel when you think there is something under your bed or in your closet, but you are too afraid to look. I know that I could've run but something in me felt compelled to stay.

I crept through the narrow cave, orange light flickering dimly off the rocks, and drew closer to the source of light. A reeking odor began to fill my nose; burnt meat mingling with the same smell that had come from behind the Mortuary sign. I peaked around a corner and saw a large bonfire burning brightly in the center of a large open space. It was about the size of the gym in Old 77. I hadn't realized that my trek had taken my down deeper into the earth. The fire was so bright that I could barely see the people standing around it.

I waited for my eyes to adjust and saw that there were five people in thick, dark robes. They had their heads bowed and arms folded in prayer. I think that I could hear them mumbling. On the large pyre lay a human body, already completely charred.

I nearly vomited right there but I clenched my teeth, shut my eyes and refused to let the vomit rise. The bile burned on the back of my throat but I knew that if I let my stomach spill the figures would hear me.

After a moment, my stomach began to settle. I opened my eyes and relaxed my jaw. The hooded figures began to move to the other side of the cavern, arms still twisted in prayer, and exit through another passageway. I waited a moment after the last person disappeared through the passage before creeping out to follow them.

As I passed the fire, I avoided looking at the blackened body. The smell of charred meat drifted by my nose and forced me to quicken my pace as I made my way to the other side of the room. I quietly snuck after those horrible individuals who had murdered a human being. It was another narrow pass that grew wet with slime as I progressed further and further from the fire.

I lost track of how long I was walking through that twisted corridor but once I reached the end, I nearly exposed myself. I rounded a corner without thinking and nearly stepped into the middle of a congregation of dark robed figures.

It was another cavern, similar to the one before it, and was obviously a place of dark worship. There were a few torches set along the wall that allowed me to observe the area.

The room looked like a mockery of a church. There were two columns of stone pews that were stained with mud, a stone altar with a ragged red cloth, and, behind the altar, an image of some creature. It had a human body, but where the head should be was a squid. It also had these great wings, like some kind of demon or dragon. It stood there, glaring down at the occupants of the room. There was a presence about it, as though it wasn't just a painting staring down but the actual creature.

In the room were about 30 figures, all sitting in the pews, waiting for something. I stared at the scene before me, knowing that I had stumbled upon some great, dark secret. I wasn't sure that I wanted to stick around for the events that were about to unfold but my feet refused to move.

Check out the next segment of *A Westminster Tale* in the April 4 edition of The Holcad!

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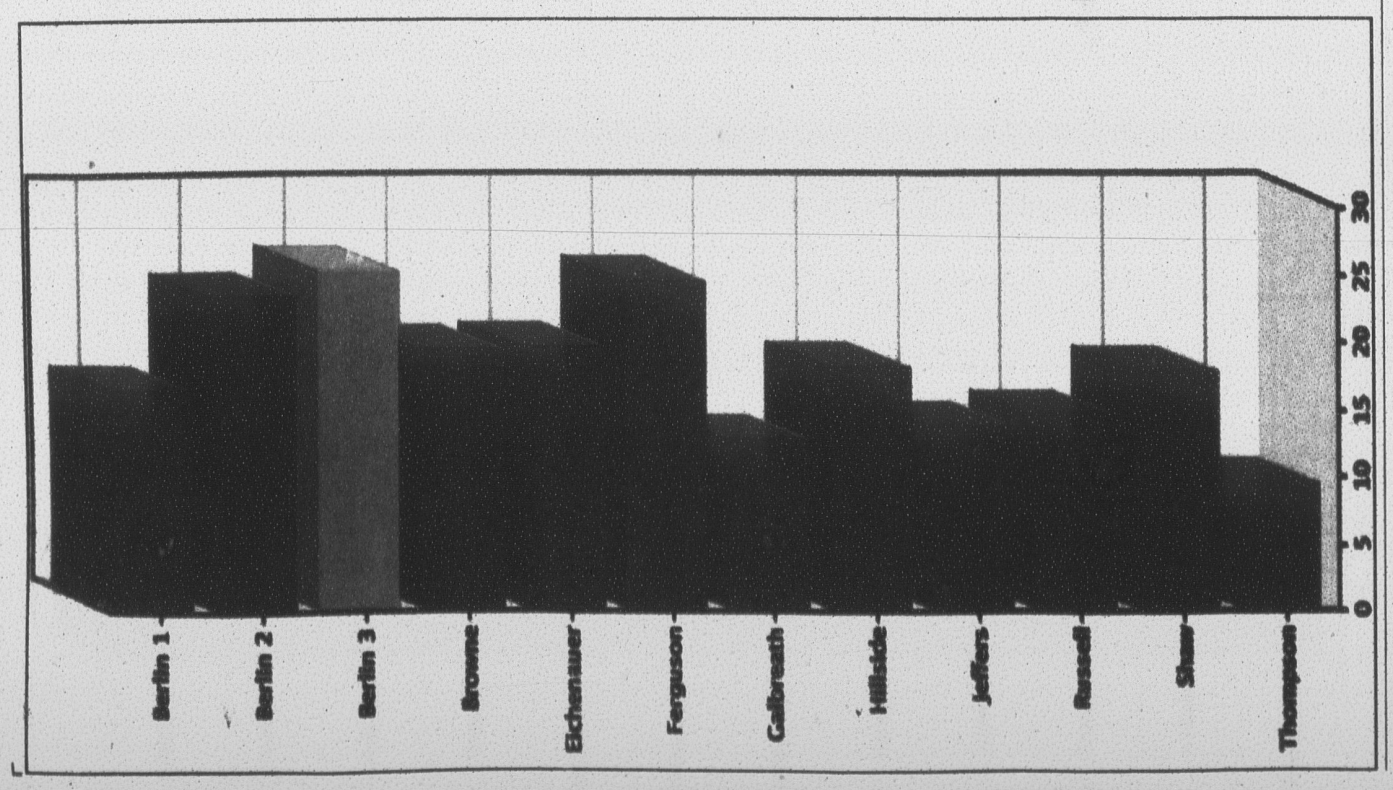

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Eight muscians particpate in Intercollegiate Band

Students fair well against 120 musicians from 26 institutions across the state

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The Intercollegiate band students pose with guest conductor Dr. Peter Loel Boonshaft, director of bands at Hofstra University. The students had a strong showing as two students were selected as principal musicians and three were chosen as first chair players.

By Kathryn Zetzer
Staff Writer

Eight Westminster College music students were chosen to participate in the 61st annual Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Band, March 7-9, hosted by West Chester Universtity.

Students were accepted into the intercollegiate band through an audition process. Directors compile a list of students and submit them to the selection committee. Each student must attach a resume chronicling their performance experience.

"At the beginning of each fall semester, Dr. Greig approaches people who he thinks would be successful, and enjoy participating in the ensemble," said senior Bethany Morse.

The band invited 120 musicians from 26 colleges and universities in Pennsylvania. Dr. Peter Boonshaft, wind conductor and director of bands at Hofstra University was the guest conductor.

Westminster has been represented for over 45 years and this year eight instrumantalists including; Amber Kunder- Flute II, Jennie Smith- Oboe II, Stephen Wheeler- Bassoon I, Jon Nickel- Cornet I, J.P. Scanga- Trumpet II, Bethany Morse- Horn I, Courtney Fry- Horn IV, and Alison Gerginski- Tuba participated in the event. Dr. Greig accompanied the students to the festival.

"What is important to note is that the competition between colleges is regardless of school size," said Dr. Greig. "Our students compete with musicians from Universities such as West Chester, Mansfield, Clarion, Carnegie Mellon and many others."

When the students arrived on Friday they were introduced to their guest conductor and then rehearsed for an hour. During this hour the band directors meet to create audition committees. Each director is responsible for a separate section and during the hour rehearsal students audition for chairs. Following the dinner break, the students are seated in the chairs earned through auditions.

"Everyone from Westminster did very well," said Morse.

Saturday rehearsal began at 8:30 A.M. and concluded at 8: 30 P.M. Sunday rehearsal began at 8: 30 and ended at 11:30A.M. That afternoon the students attended a banquet and the concert was at 2:30 P.M.

"As a member of our music faculty, I am so proud of the talent of our students and just as proud with how professionally our students handled themselves among their peer group," said Dr. Greig. "Our students are engaged and focused in rehearsal and are respectful to the hosts and my colleagues throughout the event."

Alpha Psi Omega to host One Act Festival

By Benjamin O'Keefe
Campus Writer

Westminster is ready to show off its unsung heroes of the stage in this year's One Act Festival.

The 11th One Act Festival is taking place on Friday, March 28. There will be two showings at 8 and 11 p.m. in the Berlin Lounge. There is a parental advisory for mature content.

The One Act Festival consists of four 10 minute plays. Each of the four plays is directed by a different student. All acts are produced, managed and performed without any involvement of professors.

"It's a good opportunity on campus to step out of the box and do something you normally wouldn't do" junior Megan Hoffman said.

The plays include "The Big Exit"; where reality TV meets "Saw", "Cinnamon Rainbow"; a botched robbery and a failed attempt at seduction, "Family 2.0"; Upgrading families like you upgrade computers, and "Ziggy", trouble that stems from a stuffed monkey.

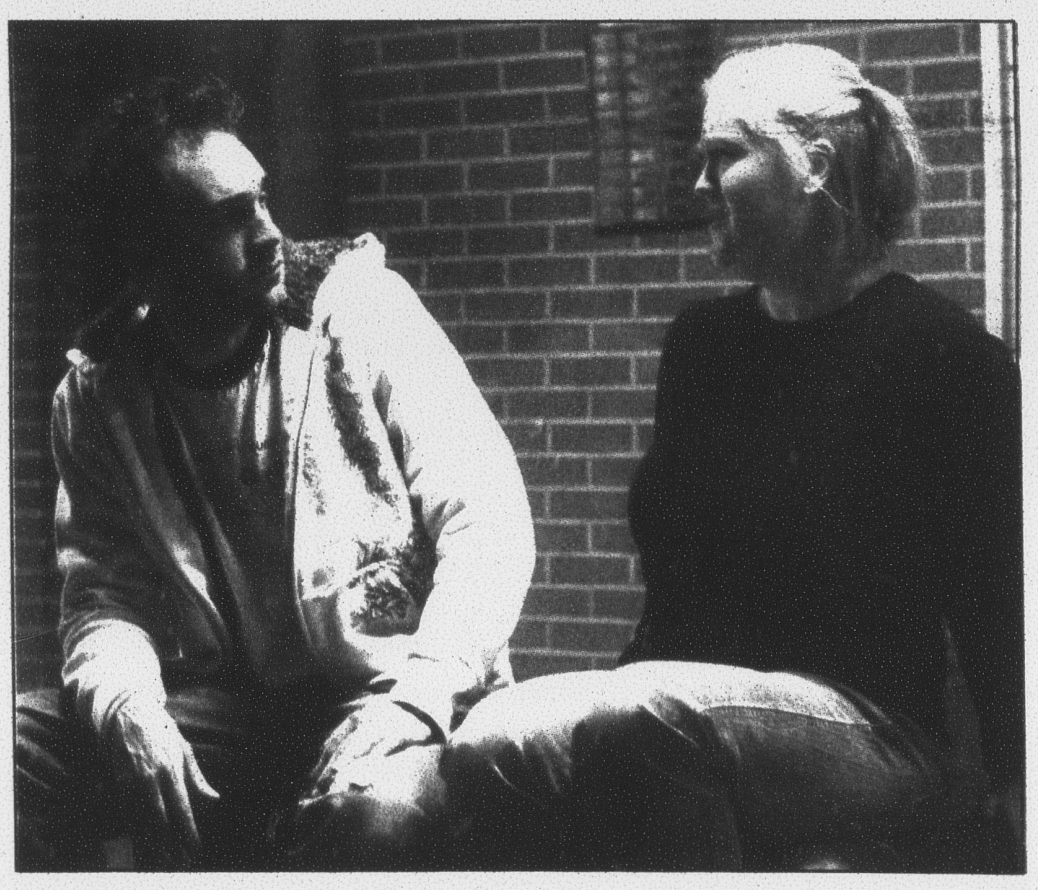
The event gives students outside the theater department an opportunity to participate in something new. In the festival students can gain acting and directing experience. Students may also contribute writings and plays to be performed at the event.

"It is a good chance to see actors and actresses that you wouldn't normally see on the Westminster stage" senior One Act actor Travis Levers said.

The event is free for everyone. They will be asking for donations of either one dollar or a canned good to help support their philanthropy.

"Got a formal that night? Just come after! Its going to be a good time" producing and managing president Tracy Harmon said.

The Event is being held by Alpha Psi Omega, a nationally recognized honorary theater fraternity. However, you do not need to be a member of the organization to participate in the festival.



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Barry Unis and Amanda Ehrhardt rehearse for the One Act Festival.

Get your vote on

By Danielle McCullough
Staff Writer

Recently the students in the Mock Convention class held a voter drive for all campus. Anyone could register to participate in the upcoming Pennsylvania Primary.

"I was surprised by the amount of people who were not registered to vote" stated Leah Herskovitz, a Mock Convention member.

The last day to register to vote was March 24th. However, students registered to vote may wonder how to go about it, especially those who do not live close by.

Absentee ballots can be obtained by contacting the city or town clerk or local election commission and they will send an application form. This form is also available online.

These ballots are designed for people who are absent from their city or town on election day, have a physical disability that prevents them from voting at the polls or cannot vote on election day due to religious beliefs.

The deadline for applying for an absentee ballot is noon the day before an election.

For the ballot to be cast with the rest of the votes it must arrive at the local election office before the polls close on election day (generally around 8 p.m.) The ballot can be hand delivered (for example, parents could take it in) or just sent through the mail.

The Mock convention class is hosting another event on Thursday April 10th at 7pm in the Berlin Lounge called "Vote Out Loud: Voter Awareness." Information tables for each candidate left in the race–republican and democrat–will be set up. In addition a comedy troupe will be performing.

Attend to see what each candidate stands for and become more informed about the election.

Applications for 2008-2009 academic year increase by 125%

By Eilis McCulloh
Staff Writer

Westminster College sees an increase in applications for the upcoming academic year.

The number of applicants rose 125% from last year. An increase of 125% might be easier to comprehend if one looks at the numbers. 1,368 high school seniors applied last year. As of last week, 2,884 high school seniors have applied to Westminster. The last class to have this many applications is the current senior class; 1,444 high school seniors applied for admission that year.

This year's number is almost twice as many students currently enrolled at the college, which sits around 1,500.

Just because there is an increase in applications does not mean that there are lower standards for admissions. Prospective students have an average SAT score of 1100 and 3.6 GPA in core subjects.

The number of prospective students who will choose to attend is unknown. Westminster usually accepts around 350 incoming freshmen.Prospective students still need to choose Westminster.

Brad Tokar, Dean of Admissions, explained that financial packages recently went out to accepted students, which is one item that helps students choose a college.

The question remains: what helped the application numbers jump? Tokar pointed out a few reasons including a new web based admissions program and a joint effort by college faculty, the athletic department, and counselors.

The web based admissions program allows prospective students to apply online instead of through the traditional paper application. There are also links to request information, schedule a campus visit, take a virtual tour, and learn more about academic and other college programs.

Tokar believes that the increase in applications is due in large part to the efforts of "a lot of people." He explained that the athletic department has increased recruitment efforts. Additionally, many prospective students meet with faculty members.

Tokar added that the communication department has done a great job advertising the college.

Application season is not over yet. Tokar believes that the number of applicants will still rise.

"It's exciting that so many high school students are interested in attending Westminster College," senior Deborah Ward said.

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Number of people registered to vote during the registration drive

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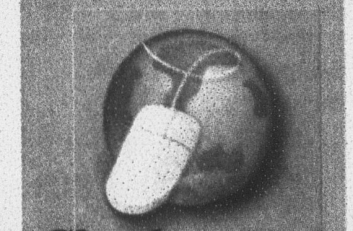
Rain/Snow showers
38°/23°

Saturday
AM clouds/PM sun
41°/23°

Sunday
Rain/Snow showers
43°/39°



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Opinion

RANT & RAVE

Rockin' Redneck Rejects!

Drama is for the birds.

End of spring break woes.

Hooray Habitat!!!!

Mullins will never be the same.

50 days until graduation!

A little more beach, please.

Life after graduation..eek!!

More than one usable door in Browne please!

Creeper Bob!

Ppl taking things personally..

Easter candy!!!

I less than three you.

Surprise birthday parties!

**Sniff, sniff* Can I have it?*

Good eye, Brian. Nice torso.

No class rocks my world.

Friday!!!!!

Hooooooked on pahonnics.

Yay warmer weather!

Woooo Chicago!!

March Madness!

Honors. Bad life decision.

Have fun with that.

Computers suck. Obviously.

Aren't dryers supposed to dry?

Take luck!

Rant and Rave is back. Info desk.

Your face is depressing.

I don't wanna be a big kid.

Bubble wrap! Always fun.

Sarcasm is a virtue.

Spring birthdays :-)

Technology hates me.

Want to Rant & Rave? Email *The Holcad* with RNR as the subject.

The Weekly Glip: Logic

Anthony Colwell
Weekly Glipper

This week I thought that I would talk about something that I myself strive to do on a daily basis. That is creating logically sound arguments that are structured in such a way that no fallacies, formal or otherwise, are committed.

In order to make sure this does not happen, one must understand what it means to make a logical fallacy, so I will start by defining what it means to make a fallacious argument and then move on by giving some specific examples of fallacious arguments.

A fallacy is an "argument" in which the premises given for the conclusion do not provide the needed degree of support. A premise can be understood as a statement that provides support for a conclusion. It is important to note that a fallacy is not a factual error, but more an error in reasoning or form.

From this information it is evident that when a fallacy is committed, an argument will surely lose its soundness because the line of reasoning has been presented in such a way that it contains holes. Now I will move on by presenting some examples and definitions of logical fallacies,

The first logical fallacy that I would like to present is the fallacy known as ad hominem abusive. This type of fallacy is committed when the arguer makes a personal attack on the individual(s) that they are speaking with.

An example of an attack like this can be seen in the following argument. Person A: I think that your argument has faulty foundations. Person B: Well that's just because you have a grade school understanding of the subject, get over yourself! Person B is clearly not making a sound defense of their argument.

When people make these types of attacks it severely weakens the credibility of their argument because it shows that they have not done the research needed to defend it so they attack the other arguer directly to attempt to end the argument prematurely.

Another type of fallacy that is frequently made is that of Missing the Point. This type of fallacy occurs when the stated premises of an argument should lead to a certain conclusion yet the arguer draws a different conclusion, possibly to strengthen their own argument.

A good example of this can be seen in the following statement: without funds being geared towards particular types of students at a school, the school will lose its sense of identity. This conclusion is faulty in that more premises would be needed to substantiate it.

A proper argument containing the ladder premise would have looked something like this: without funds being geared towards particular types of students at a school, the school could possibly lose some students of that type. This is a sounder argument with a much more realistic conclusion.

The last fallacy that I want to briefly point out is ad hominem circumstantial. This is a fallacy in which someone points out a particular way of arguing that their opponent utilizes and says that they have a bias for arguing in this way.

An example would be an arguer stating: They stick to one repeated argument type such as a "persuasive argument" in order to get their point across. This may be true but it is considered a fallacious statement in argument because although they utilize the same type of argument that does not have any bearing on whether or not the argument that they presented was a logically sound one. In other words, no matter how many times someone argues in a particular way it does not have any effect on the strength of their argument.

So I hope I have enlightened some of you on how to make sure that any argument that you make is a sound one. I hope that you will do additional research as well and learn about some of the other fallacies that are habitually committed in arguments. Perhaps we can avoid them in the future.

Anthony is a senior mathematics and philosophy major. He is currently attempting to stabilize his orbit utilizing the correct images, and is voting for Reagan in 2008.

Let's talk about: *Greek Week*

Allison Houser
Discussion Leader

There are many things I could have chosen to write about this week: the annoying fence surrounding the library, the fact that there are still Christmas lights around the tree on the quad, or how my senioritis has taken over everything around me.

Instead, though, I chose to write about Greek Week. Yes, I am fully aware that Greek Week is more than three weeks away, but planning began a month ago and there are some things involving the momentous event which need to change. So, if you aren't a member of a Greek organization on campus, I completely understand if you choose to stop reading my column now. If you are Greek, I suggest you continue.

First of all, we all need to keep in mind that Greek Week is supposed to be about Greek unity. Sure, a little friendly competition is great and a lot of fun. But we've got to cut the crap; the fighting and screaming is just unnecessary and makes us look like we're in elementary school. Dodgeball does not need to give anyone bruises. Relay races should not break arms. Softball must not lead to black eyes.

So let's make a few changes this year. Let's not yell at the referees if we happen to disagree with their calls. They're not going to change their minds, so it's a pointless argument that makes us look like immature college kids. Yes, we are immature college kids, but we don't need to act like it.

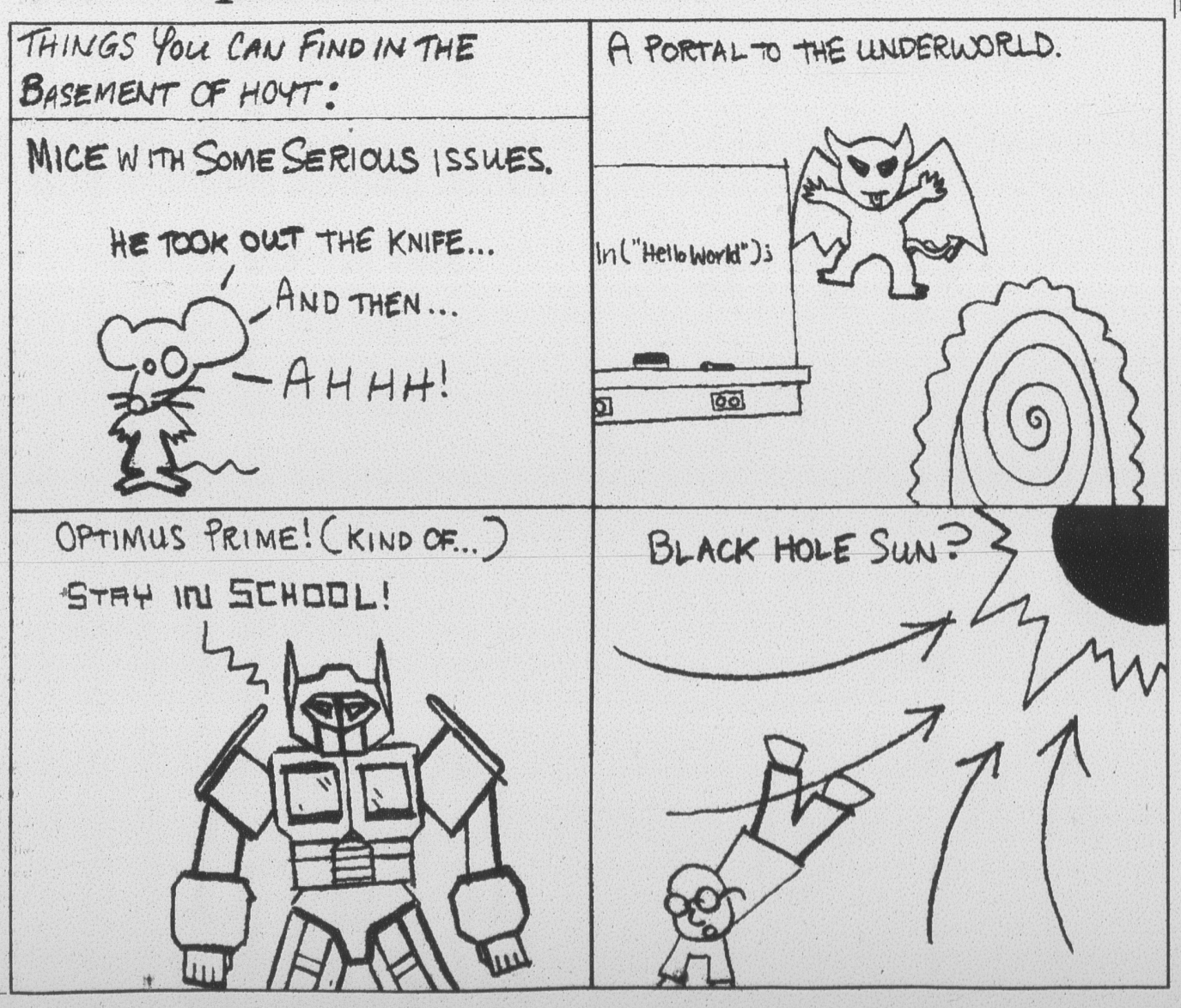
The chairpersons of Greek Week put more hours into planning our week than we can probably imagine, and they're probably the least biased members of the Greek community at the WC. For that week, they are no longer members of their respective groups. They do not need to be ridiculed or yelled at. They are just trying to do their job and what is best for the Greek community as a whole. They have to make decisions that we're not always happy with, but those decisions keep things fair.

Greek Week is one of the most fun parts of being Greek. But to keep it fun and everyone's spirits high, we need to remind ourselves that winning is not the point. The point is to have fun with your sisters and brothers, as well as members of other Greek organizations. If you win, great. If you don't, you'll live. Trust me.

This year, we have the opportunity to change Greek Week for the better. Let's remind ourselves of that fact as the week draws nearer.

Allison Houser is a senior PR major with minors in Spanish and communication studies. She is a member of Sigma Kappa Sorority, and she hopes the next seven weeks never end.

The Superfantastic Comic of Sweetness



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dean Edman responds to Smoke Free Task Force inquiries

Dear Anthony,

My regrets for not having had the opportunity to read your opinion piece in the February 29th edition of *The Holcad*. Now that I have had the chance to read your comments, please allow me to share some thoughts.

The students, faculty, administration and staff who comprise the Smoke Free Campus 2010 Task Force have spent a considerable amount of time over the past two years poring over enough scientific evidence, anecdotal evidence, programmatic results, and other related literature about smoking that if placed in a stack, I suspect would span from New Wilmington to a globular star in the Milky Way Galaxy known as NHC 6397.

Seriously though, you can rest assured that we have, and will continue to evaluate a broad range of options, including compromise solutions.

I would also like to note that members of the Task Force include smokers and non-smokers. The Task Force was purposely constructed so that multiple perspectives could be heard. That has always been a critical component, both practically and philosophically.

Anthony, I hope this sheds some additional light on the subject. Please know that my door is always open to students. Feel free to stop by to chat should you have any additional concerns or questions.

Sincerely,
Dr. Neal Edman Dean of Student Affairs

Correction to "Students leave legacy through senior gift."

Dear Editor,

In the March 7, 2008 edition of the Holcad you featured the story "Students leave legacy through senior gift". I want to bring it to your attention that the entranceway to the Joseph B. Fusco Plaza is named in memory of Jerome C. Neff, class of 1954, a member of the Board of Trustees at Westminster College and Towering Titan Organization co-founder who passed away on October 2, 2007. Mr. Neff was a basketball player at Westminster in the early 1950's and a member of the Titan Sports Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,
Merrianne H. McGill L'05

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Rendell drops plan for stimulus checks for lower-income families

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) - Gov. Ed Rendell says he's abandoned his proposal to give lower-income families special payments of up to $400 this year to help stimulate the economy.

Rendell said at a state Capitol news conference Wednesday that there wasn't sufficient support in the Legislature for the proposal.

Even fellow Democrats balked at the idea, which called for dipping into the state's fiscal reserve to pay the $130 million cost.

The plan would have directed the payments to about 475,000 families, typically those who have at least one dependent but don't earn enough to pay state income taxes.

Pa. begins campaign for long-term care planning

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) - Gov. Ed Rendell is urging Pennsylvanians to start planning now for any long-term care needs they might have as they get older.

Rendell on Wednesday announced an effort to encourage adults to start thinking about long-term care insurance.

It can be purchased to cover services such as nursing home care, home health care and assisted living.

The governor is sending letters about the "Own Your Future" campaign this week to nearly 2 million residents between the ages of 45 and 65.

Acting Insurance Commissioner Joel Ario says long-term care insurance isn't for everyone.

But he says it can help middle-income residents whose savings and other assets are too high for them to qualify for Medicaid.

Regulators review security at Three Mile Island nuclear plant

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) - A security problem occurred last year at Pennsylvania's Three Mile Island nuclear power plant, but federal regulators who are reviewing it have refused to reveal what happened.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission examined the issue as part of a routine security inspection that was completed Feb. 8, agency spokeswoman Diane Screnci said Wednesday.

Screnci would not describe the problem, saying federal rules prohibit the disclosure of nuclear plant security deficiencies. A letter with a preliminary report released by the agency characterized the matter as having moderate to serious significance.

The problem was identified last summer by the plant's operator, AmerGen Energy LLC, and was quickly corrected, The Patriot-News of Harrisburg reported in Wednesday's editions.

AmerGen spokesman Ralph DeSantis also declined to explain the nature of the security lapse, citing NRC rules, but said no one was disciplined as a result of it.

"At no time was public health and safety compromised," DeSantis said.

Although AmerGen, a subsidiary of Chicago-based Exelon Corp., was not required to report the problem when it occurred, the NRC was aware of it, Screnci said.

Screnci said the lapse did not involve sleeping or inattentiveness by plant guards – something that occurred last year at another Exelon-owned plant on the Susquehanna River, Peach Bottom. Exelon fired the private security company, Wackenhut Corp., it had been using at Peach Bottom and nine other nuclear power plants after a videotape surfaced of guards napping on the job.

AmerGen has 10 days to respond to the preliminary report, Screnci said.

Three Mile Island, about 10 miles southeast of Harrisburg, was the site of the nation's worst nuclear accident when a partial meltdown occurred in a reactor in March 1979. Its other reactor continues to operate.

Mother charged with leaving newborn in toilet

BETHLEHEM, Pa. (AP) - A Pennsylvania woman is facing charges after she gave birth over a toilet and then refused to remove her newborn child from the water below.

Twenty-seven-year-old Melissa Regalis was arraigned Tuesday on charges of reckless endangerment and endangering the welfare of a child.

Police say that Regalis gave birth to a boy on Aug. 30 at the Bethlehem home of the child's father. Regalis called 911, but police say she refused the dispatcher's instruction to remove the baby from the water.

Police say the child's father found the infant sitting in an upright position in the toilet bowl, submerged to his chest. The baby was treated for hypothermia and an infection. He is now in the care of a foster family.

Regalis declined to comment and she was set free on $35,000 bail.

Postal carrier wounded in attempted robbery on route

PITTSBURGH (AP) - A United States Postal Service carrier has been grazed by a bullet after he ran away from two men who tried to rob him on his route in Pittsburgh.

City police are not naming the 49-year-old mail carrier. Police are looking for two men who accosted the carrier Wednesday morning and demanded his for cash.

At least one of the men had a gun and fired shots at the postal carrier as he ran away.

The mail carrier is being treated at a Pittsburgh hospital. His injury is not believed to be life-threatening.

Police expect to turn over the investigation to federal authorities because assaulting a mail carrier is a federal crime. Postal inspectors in Pittsburgh did not immediately return calls for comment.

NATIONAL

Clinton says she would have parted with Obama's pastor

GREENSBURG, Pa. (AP) _ Hillary Rodham Clinton said Tuesday she would have parted company with a minister who talked about America the way Barack Obama's pastor has.

Clinton's comments marked a clear shift in her handling of the Obama church controversy, which she had generally avoided until now. Some Democrats see Obama's refusal to dissociate himself from the Chicago church and its recently retired minister, Jeremiah Wright, as his stickiest campaign challenge so far.

"I think that given all we have heard and seen, he would not have been my pastor," Clinton said at a news conference after being asked if Obama should have left the church. She declined to say what Obama should have done, or whether the subject is now a legitimate topic for her appeals to Democratic superdelegates, the party leaders who will decide whether she or Obama will be the presidential nominee.

Over the years, Wright has preached fiery sermons to his predominantly black congregation in which he shouted "God damn America" for its treatment of minorities. He has said the U.S. government invented AIDS to destroy "people of color." He also suggested that U.S. policies in the Middle East and elsewhere were partly responsible for the 2001 terrorist attacks on New York and Washington.

Videos of the remarks have circulated widely on the Internet and news programs.

While politically controversial, Wright is renowned for leading the church's long fight against poverty, homelessness, AIDS and racial oppression. He attended a White House prayer breakfast in September 1998 and shook hands with President Clinton. The Obama campaign has provided reporters a copy of a photo of the former president and Wright from that meeting.

In a highly publicized speech last week, Obama sharply condemned Wright's remarks and the preacher's refusal to acknowledge progress in race relations. But the Illinois senator refused to repudiate his longtime spiritual mentor, saying he could no more disown Wright than he could disown his white grandmother.

Clinton was ready for the question at her news conference, and read much of her response from notes, unlike her handling of other questions.

"We don't have a choice when it comes to our relatives," she said. "We have a choice when it comes to our pastors and the churches we attend. Everyone will have to decide these matters for themselves. They are obviously very personal matters."

If Wright were her pastor, she said, "the choice would be clear."

FBI investigating whether parachute found by children in Northwest was hijacker D.B. Cooper's

SEATTLE (AP) _ The FBI is analyzing a torn, tangled parachute found buried by children in southwest Washington to determine whether it might have been used by famed plane hijacker D.B. Cooper, the agency said Tuesday.

Children playing outside their home near Amboy found the chute's fabric sticking up from the ground in an area where their father had been grading a road, agent Larry Carr said. They pulled it out as far as they could, then cut the parachute's ropes with scissors.

The children had seen recent media coverage of the case – the FBI launched a publicity campaign last fall, hoping to generate tips to solve the 36-year-old mystery – and they urged their dad to call the agency.

"When we went to the public, the whole idea was that the public is going to bring the answers to us," Carr said. "This is exactly what we were hoping for."

A man identifying himself as Dan Cooper – later mistakenly but enduringly identified as D.B. Cooper – hijacked a Northwest Orient flight from Portland, Ore., to Seattle in November 1971, claiming he had a bomb.

When the plane landed at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, he released the passengers in exchange for $200,000 and asked to be flown to Mexico. He apparently parachuted from the plane's back stairs somewhere near the Oregon border.

Agents doubt he survived because conditions were poor and the terrain was rough, but few signs of his fate have been found.

Carr spoke with the children's father, whom he declined to identify, early this month and learned the chute was white, the same color as Cooper's.

And when Carr overlaid the family's address onto a map investigators made in the early days of the investigation, he learned another encouraging fact: They lived right in Cooper's most probable landing zone, between Green and Bald mountains.

Carr hopped in his car and drove down. He dug around the property for about 45 minutes, unsuccessfully looking for a harness or other remains from the parachute, but the children weren't home, and the father wasn't sure exactly where they found it.

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

New parking restrictions now in effect

NEW WILMINGTON – New parking restrictions on New Wilmington's Maple Street on the north side of Westminster College are now in effect.

The borough installed the new parking restriction signs this week prohibiting parking along a section of Maple Street from 3 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays. This small stretch of Maple Street served as free parking for up to 10 vehicles during the busy weekday hours at Westminster.

The borough council voted to approve a new parking ordinance earlier this month, but the signs were not installed until this week.

Fake coach scamming local McDonalds

GROVE CITY – Police in three western Pennsylvania towns are looking for a man passing himself off as a basketball coach and scams McDonald's restaurants out of food and money using bad checks. Police say the man drives up in what appears to be a school bus and enters the restaurants ordering about $50 of food for his "team." The man then pays with a $150 check that appears to be from a school district. He takes his food and his change, in cash.

The stores learned they were scammed when the checks bounced. Police say it happened March 14 at McDonald's in Warren and Grove City, and then again on March 15 in Titusville. Police have a possible suspect, but say Friday they've not arrested anyone

INTERNATIONAL

French president raises pressure on China with hint of boycott Olympic opening ceremony

PARIS (AP) _ French President Nicolas Sarkozy suggested Tuesday that a boycott of the opening ceremony of the Beijing Olympics was a possibility – the first world leader to raise the prospect of punishing China over its ongoing crackdown in Tibet.

The United States, Britain and Germany all condemned China for using force against Tibetan protesters, but they stopped short of threatening to boycott the games or the Aug. 8 opening ceremony.

China, meanwhile, showed no sign of letting up on its crackdown. At least two people were killed in a clash between protesters and police in an area of western China that borders on Tibet, state media and human rights groups reported Tuesday.

The clashes were the latest in most sustained uprising against Chinese rule in almost two decades – a challenge that has put China's human rights record in the international spotlight, embarrassing and frustrating a Communist leadership that had hoped for a smooth run-up to the Olympic Games.

China's response has also pushed human rights campaigners and governments to re-examine their approach to the Olympics.

Sarkozy, who had faced rising criticism in France for his relative silence on the issue, couched his comments cautiously: He made it clear that skipping the ceremony was one of several possible French responses to the violence in Tibet.

"Our Chinese friends must understand the worldwide concern that there is about the question of Tibet, and I will adapt my response to the evolutions in the situation that will come, I hope, as rapidly as possible," he said in southwest France.

Asked whether he supported a boycott, Sarkozy said he could "not close the door to any possibility."

His aides confirmed that Sarkozy was talking only about the opening ceremony. His ministers have repeatedly said France does not support a boycott of the games.

The timing of Sarkozy's comments appeared aimed at persuading other world leaders to join him. He travels Wednesday to Britain, host of the 2012 Olympics, and European Union foreign ministers meet Friday.

British officials have ruled out a boycott, saying the government believes close cooperation with China is the best way to influence it.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown spoke by telephone last week with Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and has said he would meet in May with the Tibetan spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama. Brown's office said he will attend the closing ceremony of the Olympics as planned.

President Bush has long planned to attend the Beijing Olympics, and the White House said the crackdown in Tibet is not cause for him to cancel.

"We want everyone to refrain from violence. We believe that China should respect minority cultures, in particular in this case, the Tibetan culture," said White House press secretary Dana Perino. Because Bush has a good relationship with Chinese President Hu Jintao, he "is also able to speak very frankly about our concerns about human rights and democracy," she added.

Asked if she could rule out a possible boycott by Bush, Perino said: "I would say at this point I have no change in our position."

Even if Sarkozy fails to convince other leaders, he stands to reap political benefits from his position. The French leader, a conservative who pledged to make fighting for human rights around the world a hallmark of his presidency, has come under domestic pressure to speak out against the violence in Tibet.

Last weekend, an opposition Socialist leader lashed out at Sarkozy's "deafening silence" on the issue, while Paris-based media freedom group Reporters Without Borders urged an opening ceremony boycott by heads of state other VIPs.

The idea has found support among many French people, with a recent poll suggesting 53 percent of respondents said they were "rather favorable" to the idea of Sarkozy shunning the opening ceremony.

Reporters Without Borders' research director Jean-Francois Julliard said his group welcomed Sarkozy's comments. He added that to his knowledge, the French leader was the first to go so far in the boycott discussion.

Outspoken French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner said last week the opening ceremony boycott idea "is interesting." The president of the EU Parliament, Hans-Gert Poettering, also said politicians should consider staying away from the ceremony if the violence continues.

European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso said he didn't see the Beijing Games as a political event and disagreed with the idea of a boycott. A German government spokesman echoed that comment, saying a boycott would "distract" from efforts to find a political solution to the crisis.

Campus News

Campus is great, but there is more out there

By Laura Henry
Staff Writer

A worldly traveler Jawaharal Nehru once said, "We live in a wonderful world that is full of beauty, charm, and adventure. There is no end to the adventures we can have if only we seek them with our eyes open." The college study abroad program is one way for students to see that beauty and charm.

Seniors Katie and Jennifer Pride traveled to Oxford the fall of 2006 and explained that their journey was one of their best college opportunities.

"When we were there [Oxford] we were able to experience so much more than just academics," Katie said. "You are taught about different places and cultures in class, but it is not until the culture is right there in front of you that you truly understand its beauty."

Junior Jessica Hickman traveled to Oxford as well and as a result of their experience, all three accepted internships in the college's Foreign Language Department. They aim to inform students about the many benefits of the study abroad program.

"We are trying to get awareness about the program to students on campus," Hickman said. "We help students pick a school and answer any questions they may have. We also talk to students who come back from studying abroad and make sure they adjust to life back on campus."

Some students feel that studying abroad will prevent them from graduating on time or it will not be feasible with their majors. However, those involved in the program stress that studying abroad is for everyone. It can work with any major or budget.

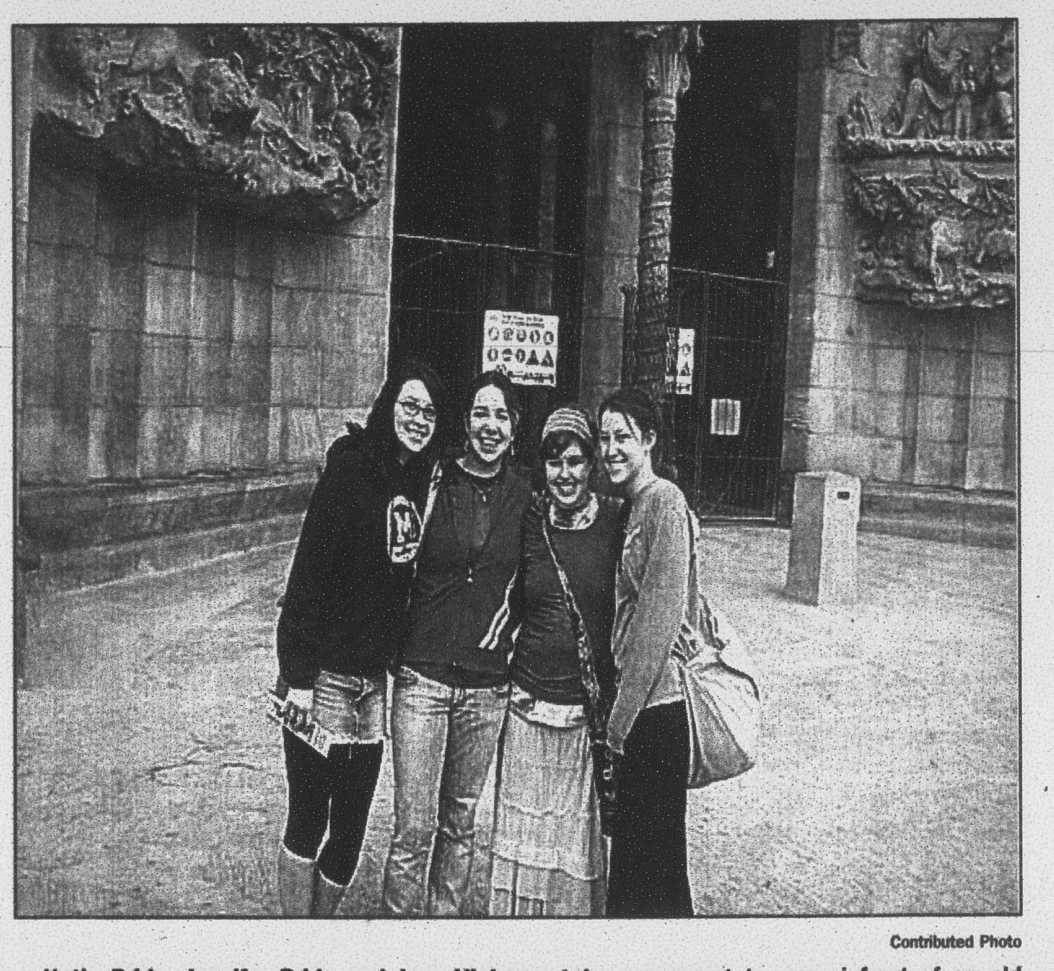
Doreen Matune works in the Study Abroad Office and realizes that students question whether studying abroad is right for them, but she feels that it is the best addition students can make to their college career.

"One of the biggest obstacles students face while considering studying abroad is planning their semester so it enables them to still graduate on time," Matune said. "The earlier you get started the better, but even if you start late, nothing is impossible. The college staff and registrar are very supportive. They understand the importance of studying abroad and will do everything in their power to facilitate it."

Jennie feels strongly about studying abroad as well and expressed what a life changing experience she had in Oxford and Costa Rica.

"New Wilmington is great and offers many opportunities, but studying abroad provides so many more opportunities and cultural experiences. There is so much more out there than just Westminster even though it is an amazing college" Jennie said. "Plus studying abroad is not only a great experience, but also an investment. If future employers see you are experienced and willing to travel, that is a huge resume builder. Employers see that you are willing to go outside your comfort zone ,and that could make all the difference in getting a job."

Students with any interest in studying abroad are encouraged to make an appointment with the head of the study abroad program, Dr. Bersett. Once preparations are made, Matune will help process applications and make any other needed arrangements. The Study Abroad Office hours are Monday and Wednesday from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm and Thursday from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. All are encouraged to stop by anytime with questions.



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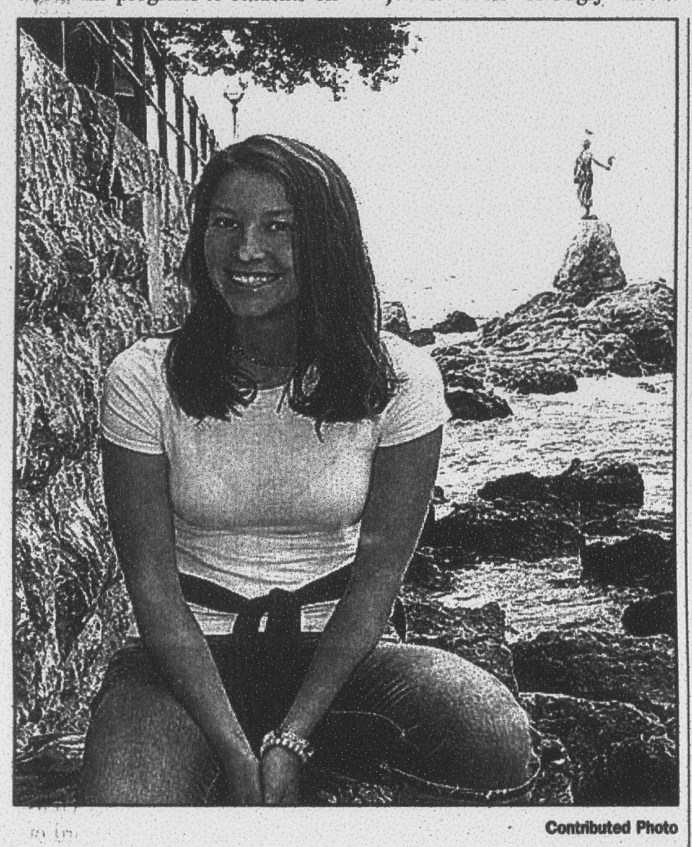
Katie Pride, Jennifer Pride and Jess Hickman take a moment to pose infront of an old Cathedral.



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Students, faculty experience poverty

Simulation creates obstacles of destitution on campus

By Erin Cameron
Campus Writer

Select students and faculty were able to experience the emotional and physical obstacles that those in destitution cope with without leaving the campus walls.

On March 13, 2008, an estimated 50 people of the school community joined the Lawrence County Community Action Partnership committee in a poverty simulation. The simulation, hosted by the chapel staff and the Drinko Center, is meant to give participants a small understanding of the struggles that those in poverty situations face. It is the LCCAP's hope that those who attend the simulations walk out with a sense of compassion and desire to help those in suffering.

"It may just be a game, but I think that something is there that speaks to the real act of poverty," Shane Killian said. Lasting about 2 hours, participants were asked to take on a new identity and were given details about there family and financial situations. With these news identities, they were asked to go through the tasks that those in poverty situations are faced with. The issues of bills, transportation, work, school, health, and food became a difficulty that many participants became stressed about.

"I thought the simulation was a great experience for us as college students to see what it is like to live below the poverty line. We were able to see what types of agencies are out there to help and the different things we could do to help as well," senior Shannon Ecklund, said.

This simulation, while being the first opportunity for students to participate, allowed some faculty to experience it a second time around. After facing the difficulties as a small group, the faculty wanted to allow students share the same experience. It is the hope that the simulation may become a part of Fresh Start, and allow incoming freshman to go through a unique learning experience.

"Students, if offered the opportunity to do it, should do it, because it allows you to gain compassion for someone else's struggle," said Rev. Jim Mohr.

Mohr, after going through other types of simulations, and experiencing this one twice, felt that everyone is playing an important role and explains that it can be a frustrating experience. While a typical week is condensed into a 15 minute interval, facilitators of the event, make the every day tasks seem realistic.

"The individual is capable of both great compassion and great indifference. He has it within his means to nourish the former and outgrow the latter," said Norman Cousins. With the help of the LCCAP, students who participated in the simulation, and future participants will engage in an experience that can open their eyes allow them to gain that compassion for others.

Habitat for Humanity heads south for spring break work trip in South Carolina

By Tammy Benninger
Campus Writer

Eighteen students and two faculty members gave up their spring break to travel to Marion County, South Carolina for Habitat for Humanity's "Collegiate Challenge," leaving campus on March 15 and returning on March 22.

For one week, the group lived in a local church, showered in a local high school and, for six and a half hours a day, built a home for a family who would otherwise never have a chance at a better lifestyle.

Dr. Jacque King, one of the faculty members on the trip, believes that he is just fulfilling a need. "It's not that I'm helping to get something in return, it's the bigger picture. I'm not doing it for anything other than the satisfaction of helping someone get better, do better," King said.

For 15 years, the "Collegiate Challenge" has dared high school and college students to give up that sun-filled beach vacation to help build homes for families with poor housing conditions. A quarter of a million students, including many from our own campus, have answered this challenge.

As the advisor for the local Habitat chapter, Carey Anne LaSor sees the benefits of these trips for students. "It's opening the students' eyes to something beyond what they are used to, into people's situations that are so unlike theirs," LaSor said. "Most of us come from homes where if we decide we want to change something, we do, and to watch people struggle to make those changes is really something."

Before students leave on these trips, Habitat provides each student with a booklet explaining the background of the "Collegiate Challenge," what to bring on the trip and what to expect on the site.

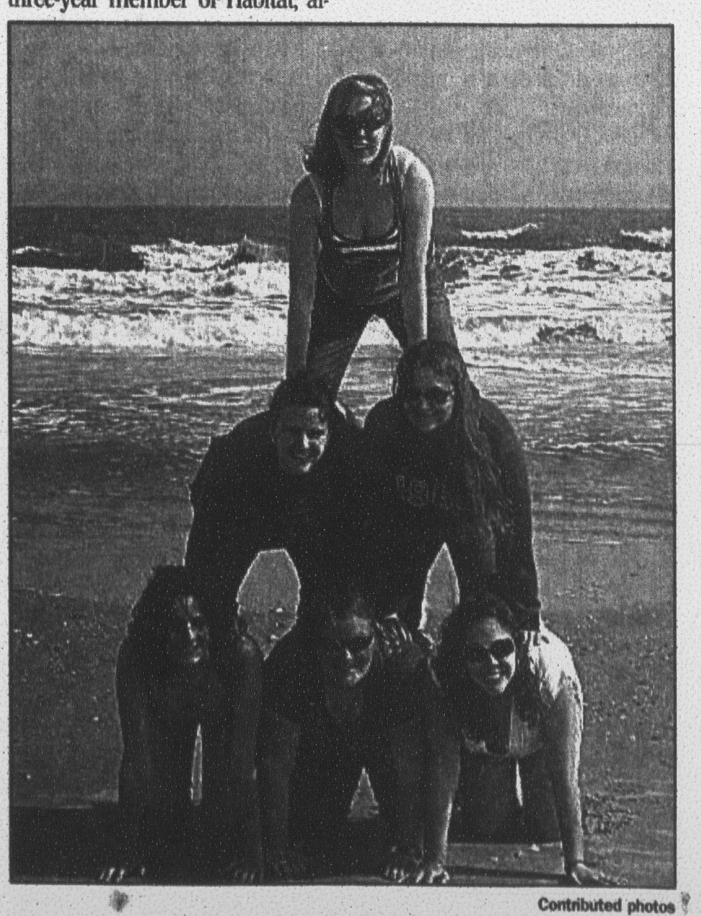
The group must go through an orientation with the executive director of the local Habitat affiliate and/or the construction manager before the first workday begins. If someone is uncomfortable with a task, he or she will not be forced to do it, that can be dangerous for everyone on the site.

"On a construction site there is always something to do, and it doesn't always have to be something with a power tool," LaSor said.

Another benefit of these trips is the bond that develops between the group members. The group learns a lot about their fellow members who they would not ordinarily run into on campus.

Senior Suzanne McGuire, a three-year member of Habitat, always looks forward to these trips. "You get to bond with other people, and it's always fun building the houses. You always get a good sense of accomplishment," McGuire said.

King summed up his reasons for continuing to be a part of Habitat with this quote from Blaise Pascal: "There is a God- shaped vacuum in the heart of every man which cannot be filled by any created thing." For King, these acts of giving back to the community fill this vacuum.



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Left: Students in Habitat for Humanity stand by the home they built for a family in South Carolina.

Right: Students take a break at the beach.

Campus News

Who's Who Among American Universities and Colleges accepts 45 new students

By Shannon Richter
Staff Writer

The spotlight shined on 45 students inducted into Who's Who Among American Universities and Colleges on Mar. 26 at 4:30 p.m. in the Witherspoon Lakeview room.

Each year, a committee selects 45 students for induction into this prestigious and national organization. A student must be a junior or a senior with at least a 2.5 G.P.A. to be eligible.

Beth Brooks, executive secretary of Student Affairs, and coordinator of the event, notified eligible students, who later applied. Members of Who's Who have opportunities to win one of ten $1,000 scholarships selected in May 2008.

"[It also] looks really great on a résumé," said Dr. Suzanne Prestien, assistant professor of public relations.

Prestien explained that the founder of Who's Who, H. Pettus Randall III, could never join honors organizations while in school because he could not afford dues or membership fees. Thus, he created Who's Who in 1934, which is free to join, and induction is based on academic standing, extracurricular activities, and community service, rather than finances.

"They [members of Who's Who] are one of Westminster's best assets and recruiting tools," said Prestien.

The event honored faculty as well as students. However, it was the students that bestowed this honor.

Each new inductee selected a faculty member as their guest to the event. When the students received their certificates of induction, they took a moment to thank the faculty members who helped them to achieve this great honor.

"Professors teach students by what they say inside the classroom and by what they do outside of the classroom," inductee, Julie Alderson said.

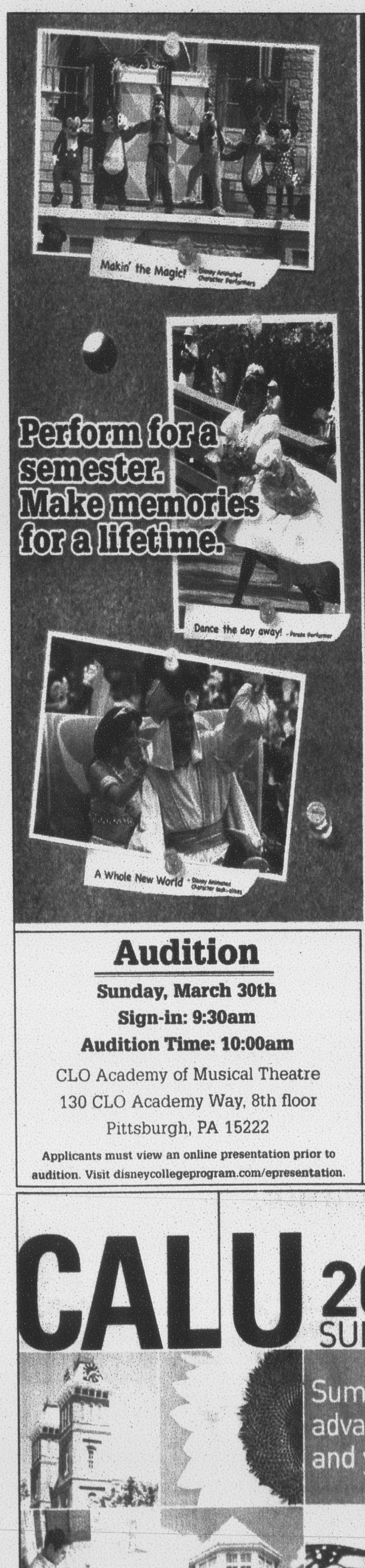
Students told stories of inspiration and encouragement regarding their professors who especially touched their lives. Many relied on their professors to calm them down during stressful situations, provide advice, and be a friend as well as a mentor. Each professor profoundly impacted a student's life.

"He [Dr. Dave Smith] made me excited about my major," Nathan Capello, a senior and inductee said. "If it's possible to be excited about being an accounting major."

Amid the comical stories were touching accounts of professors having a deeper connection. Senior Tracy Harmon thanked Dr. Joyce Hoellein, an education lecturer, for her wonderful support during difficult family matters. While students recognized faculty, the faculty tried to keep the attention and acknowledgment on the inductees.

"I want you to know how much you students and faculty enrich the life and vitality of the campus," said Brooks. "You certainly enrich mine."

Faculty members and Who's Who alum of 2007 welcomed the new inductees. This event demonstrated not only the great impact and inspiration professors have on students, but also the reciprocated impact of students on their professors. The Who's Who induction ceremony illustrated the power of this symbiotic bond.



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SGA MINUTES

Student Government Association

3-26-08

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jordan Flaim, Secretary

I. Prayer- John Marlowe, Chaplain

II. Roll was called

All senators were present and accounted for except for the following: Rachael Hayden, Mike Codita, Roxanne Ierino and Tom Campana

III. Approval of minutes

The minutes from the last meeting were approved without objection.

IV. Executive Officers Report

President-Ashley Carnahan

Pre-vet has asked to SGA to supply a cotton candy machine for their

Carnival on April 19th and it was approved.

April 24th will be the all campus meeting at 12:45 in Beeghley Theater.

Let Ashley know if you have any suggestions to discuss at that President's Luncheon.

Discussing an option of a blow up drive-in Movie Theater and laser lights for VolleyRock.

There will be a SGA (for last term senators), SAA, SWAT

The appreciation reception to be held on April 29th at 4:30-6:30 at President Williamson's residence.

Vice-President-Jenna Cunningham

Matt White, Red Wanting Blue and JD Eicher will be performing at VolleyRock.

Will be voting on a member to the Board of Trustees Selection Committee in new business.

Will be voting on a VolleyRock t-shirt design in new business.

Secretary-Jordan Flaim

There are 38 Senators in attendance.

Senators if you did not get your folder please stop in during my office hours

Treasurer-Ryan Kirk

We have received a reimbursement from Butler Motorcoach Company for the amount of $4135.00 for an unused bus for the Chicago trip.

We paid $2000.00 to Zambelli Fireworks Manufacturing Corporation for the Relay For Life fireworks display.

Committee Meetings

Finance- Ashley Stebor

Audits and Allocations will be held all next week. Sign-ups are in the Student Affairs Office and will be available until 4:30pm this Friday.

SIFE has requested $1,000 for their Regional Conference and the Chemistry Club has requested $150 per person for their senior capstone presentations to be held in New Orleans. Both requests will be voted on and discussed in new business.

Student Concerns- Jake Shaffer The Tub Committee meeting went well and discussed various food issues.

Discussed Marge Walker issues and toilet paper issues with Ron Pennington.

If there are any ideas for a student cheering section let Jake know ASAP.

Academics- Cory Mathias

Who's Who was very successful.

CEC met and discussed the Drinko Center, the VISA fair and National Youth Service Day.

RLC met and discussed the chapel area of the website and scheduling issues.

Public Relations- Sarah Geist

SGA day preparation is underway.

Special Events-Aimee Gerber

Finished the information sheet for the Chicago Trip.

Looking into various VolleyRock gifts and activities.

Diversity Chair- Kylee Bennett

No Report.

V. Old Business

No Old Business.

VI. New Business

An allocation in the amount of $1,000 was granted to SIFE without objection.

An allocation was granted in the amount of $0 to Chemistry Club by a majority vote.

The winning VolleyRock t-shirt design was chosen.

Melissa Murphy was chosen as the representative as the Board of Trustees Selection Committee.

VII. Open Floor

Senators please recycle the "Toilet Paper."

Discussed renovation noise issues.

Marge Walker issues were discussed.

The ATM and Computer issues were discussed.

VIII. Announcements

Theta Chi Date auction is in Berlin Lounge Thursday at 7:30 PM.

Friday at 11:45 there will be a SIFE presentation and there will be FREE FOOD!

Night Owl Bowling will be on Saturday.

Campus Visitation Day with perspective students will be this Saturday.

IX. Adjournment

* A motion to adjourn was made by Lindsey Thomas and was passed.

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Campus News

Theta Chi hosts annual date auction

By Vicki Boggess
Campus Writer

Every year Theta Chi fraternity holds a date auction to raise money and awareness for one of their multiple philanthropies. The auction was held Thursday, Mar. 27 in the Berlin Lounge.

This year the proceeds from the date auction will be donated to the Lance Armstrong Foundation in the names of Dr. Russell Martin and Dr. Grover Pitman, two professors who were diagnosed with cancer.

"I decided to be auctioned off, because I think it is really important to raise money for cancer awareness and this is such a fun way to do that." said Kathryn Zetzer, junior public relations and psychology major.

Representatives from each Greek organization volunteered to be sold at the date auction. Participants were introduced and the audience was given a miniature biography about them. Members of the audience compete to outbid each other for the date of their choice and the winners go on a group date planned by Theta Chi fraternity.

"This is a great event to attend; it's always a ton of fun and you leave knowing you helped someone in need," Benjamin O'Keefe, sophomore public relations major, said.

The Lance Armstrong Foundation was founded in 1997 by champion cyclist and cancer survivor Lance Armstrong. The foundation is a non- profit organization that is located in Austin, Texas. For more information visit www.livestrong.org.

Individuals that were acutioned off during the event included Brad Adams, Charlie Bigelow, Matt Bickert, Chris Bodle, Ashley Carnahan, Ryan Dush, Nick Divjak, David Dean, Brittany Donegan, Christine Eaton, Amanda Erhart, JD Eicher, Aimee Gerber, Seth Henderson, Lauren Korneke, Marilyn Magenis, Marisa Monahan, Jessica Mriso, Andy Olphin, Jeremiah Patterson, Jimmy Joe Petrolla, Todd Rupert, Kevin Shields, Devin Smith, Jamie Rae Spisak, Matt Strano, Liz Suders, Amy Thomas, Kelsey Weightman, and Kathryn Zetzer.

"I had so much fun being auctioned off last year." Karah Churmusi, senior elementary education major, said. "It is a great way for everybody on campus to get involved and raise money for a good cause."

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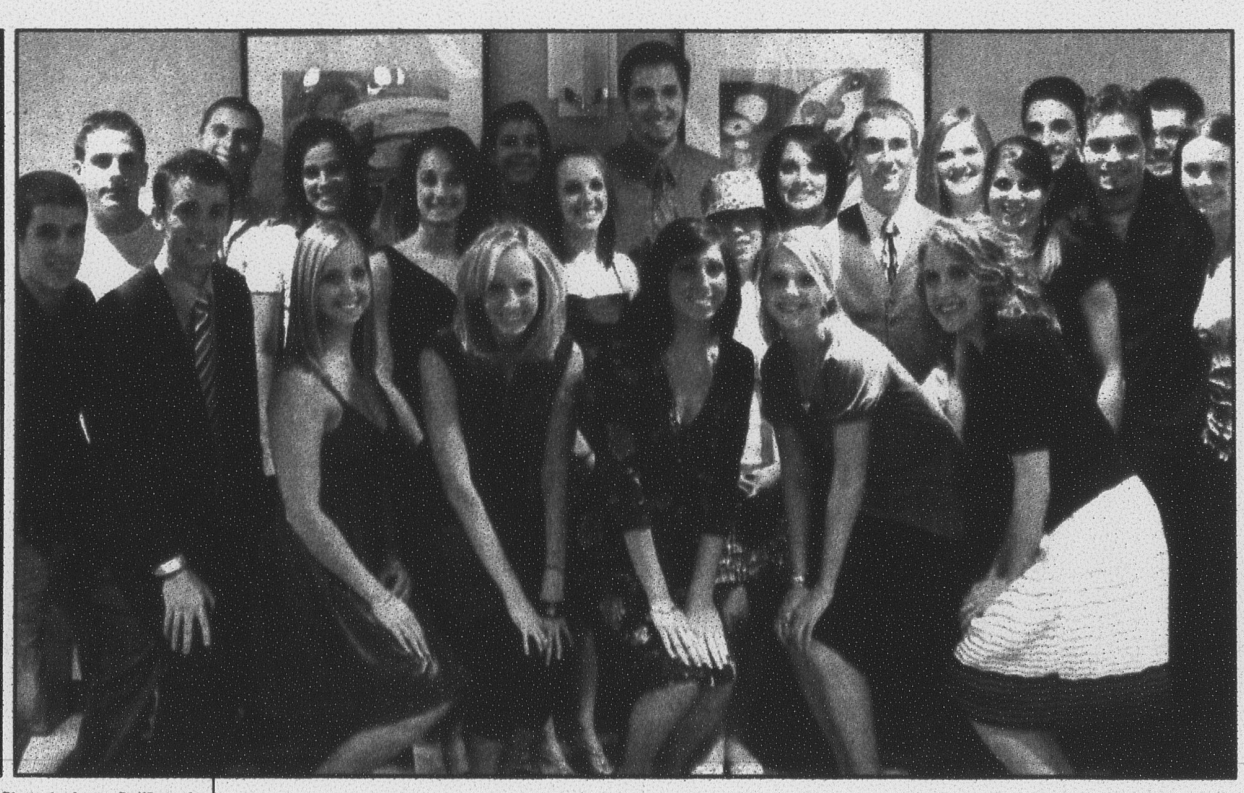

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Jeremy Lawler hosts the date auction. Pictured above, he introduces Emily Herzing to be auctioned off. In the top right photo, Lawler opens the bidding for Jimmy Joe Petrolla.

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Theta Chi holds date auction

Participants are pictured above. All benefits will go to the Lance Armstrong Foundation in support of cancer awareness and research.

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Spring has sprung for Titan sports

Training trips to warmer climates prepare Titan athletes for sizzling spring season

Titan baseball preview

By Bob Long
Sports Writer

With beginning of the season nearing and many games already being cancelled Titan baseball prepares to play ball.

The team has won at least 17 games and averages 20 victories in its last seven seasons, the Titan baseball team is in the thick of a conference championship race each year, including winning a league title in 2005. With eight returning position players and all but one starting pitcher returning for the 2008 season, Westminster will again have all the components of a championship team.

Westminster was 17-21 last year and 8-10 placing them fourth in the conference. The Titans came on strong at the end of the season by winning five out of six league games to qualify for the PAC Tournament, which was won by Washington and Jefferson. Returning to the lineup are two all-PAC players from last year in senior rightfielder Brandon Drespling and junior first baseman John Izzo.

The remainder of the starting lineup is well intact. The rest of the outfield consists of senior leftfielder David Colella, who batted .318 and tied for the team lead with six home runs, and senior centerfielder Donnie Womeldorff, who batted .344 and tied for the team lead in RBI (29) and runs (27). Womeldorff was also a second-team all-PAC selection two years ago.

The infield includes senior second-year player Mike Busin at third base and junior Nick Maiorano at shortstop. Senior second baseman Chris Norris, while not considered a returning starter, made 11 starts as a junior. Senior Thomas Fee will handle the duties at catcher after starting 26 games as a junior. Fee will make up a battery that includes eight of nine pitchers returning from last year that logged at least 12 innings. With all the experienced fielders the Titans return much of last years bull pen as well.

The starters returning include senior Andrew Robison, who went the distance in four of nine starts (both team highs) while compiling a 6-4 record and a 4.35 ERA. The other top starters returning include senior Jake Zatchok, with five starts and a 3-3 record, and Izzo, who started five games but will likely see less action on the mound. Senior Scott Carney has battled injuries during his career and is coming off four starts and eight appearances in 2007. Junior Gary DeBaldo is also back after starting three games and appearing in seven last year.

With the team very well entact Westminster baseball fans can look forward to a great season.

"Yes I do believe that this years team is better than last years team," Junior Corey Baker said. "We have more experience at every position and the pitching staff is deeper, healthier and more experienced,"

Photos by Laura DellAntonio

Baseball team opens spring season in sunny Florida

By Andrew Kubincanek
Sports Writer

After a postponement and two cancellations, the baseball team opened its season with a spring break trip to Fort Pierce, Florida and six wins in 10 games.

Despite losing their first two games on 16 March, the Titans notched wins against Western Connecticut State (14-11), Mount Saint Vincent (9-8, 10-8), Mitchell (18-9), Bethany Lutheran (14-10) and Carleton (13-12). The team swept Mount Saint Vincent in a two-game series while playing only one game each against Western Connecticut and Carleton in their most recent game on March 21. The Titans were defeated by SUNY New Paltz twice (4-6, 3-10), Mitchell once (8-14) and Bethany Lutheran once (7-8). Sophomore David Evans said that the late start to the season left them at a disadvantage against SUNY New Paltz.

"They played nine games before us and we were just fresh out of the gym," he said. "But our batting helped us.

The team also has the other advantage of eight returning position starters with only one starting pitcher not returning for the 2008 season. The lineup includes seniors at several positions as well as previous all-PAC players senior Brandon Drespling and junior John Izzo.

Through the eight-game stretch between March 17 and March 21, he batted 17 for 31 with two home runs, two doubles and a team-high 12 RBI. Against Carelton, Izzo was four for five with four RBI, a double and a three run homer. He received the PAC baseball hitter of the week award for that game.

Westminster's first PAC game of the season will take place on Saturday, March 29 against Waynesburg.

"I'm just hoping the field will be ready," Evans said. "I'm pretty confident in that game-our pitching is doing real well."

The Titans were 2-1 against Waynesburg last year, winning both home and away games while losing once on the road. The team went 17-21 last season but their 8-10 record in the conference earned them fourth place in the PAC tournament.

The 2008 season for the Titans started late after the Pitt-Greensburg game on March 1 was postponed and games against Southern Virginia and Washington and Lee were cancelled. Thus far, the Titans have been defeated by SUNY New Paltz twice (4-6, 3-10), Mitchell once (8-14) and Bethany Lutheran once (7-8).

Track and field goes coastal

By Bob Long
Sports Writer

The Westminster track team kicked off the season against a number of Division 1 teams at Coastal Carolina University.

The trip gave the team a chance to face some very talented athletes and get ready for a run at the PAC title. The Titans posted 9 top 20 times and distances in 6 events.

The trip consisted of a meet at UNC Wilmington in North Carolina. Once there the team competed at the meet, and the traveled farther south to train and compete in South Carolina.

All week the team had two practices a day, one at the Coastal Carolina track and the other on the beach later in the day. After a week of hard training, the team competed at the Coastal Carolina track meet.

"It was very intimidating because most of the teams were division 1, but we all hung in there and did our best." Junior sprinter Megan Harding said

Harding had a break out trip as she set 1 new record and tied another. She ran in the 100 preliminaries with a time of 12.68, which tied the school record (placed 19th), and she ran the 200 meter dash with a time of 25.58, which broke the school record.

"It felt amazing to break the 200 record and tie the 100 record," Harding said. "I was just very proud of myself, and all the hard workouts Coach McNeil put us through were definitely worth it."

Among the other top finishers Senior Jess Cooper took 11th in the triple jump at 10.9 meters and 11th in the high jump at 1.6. Freshman Kelsie Crowder also placed 18th in the high jump at 1.5. Sophomore Emily Paul took 14th in the 10,000 meters at 46:49.17.

The top finishers for the Westminster men included sophomore Jeremiah Patterson placing sixth in the 10,000 meters with a time of 36:14.02. Freshman Doug Orloski also placed 10th in the javelin at 51.64 meters.

The team did very well and the competition was well prepared.

"Over spring break, the track teams really bonded," Harding said. "I got to know a lot of the freshmen that I hadn't really known well before break."

The team also banded together to support one another.

"When a member of Westminster's Track and Field team is competing, we are always there cheering on our fellow runner, thrower, or jumper," Harding said.

Softball competes in Florida

By Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

The softball team returned from their weeklong trip to Kissimmee, Fla. Friday March 21 boasting a 7-2 record in the Rebel Games.

Aside from a successful week on the field against their opponents, the Titans achieved a greater sense of team unity.

"When I stepped on the field for the first time I could immediately feel chemistry among us," junior Amy Cornicelli said. "We worked together through every inning. By the end of the week I knew that I could trust our team with every pitch that was thrown."

The Titans opened their season Saturday, March 15 with a win against Rutgers-Camden (4-0), the 2006 national champions. Following the win, the Titans fell to Rowan with a final score of 2-0.

The second day of competition also ended with a win and a loss. The Titans defeated Franklin & Marshall (12-3) in five innings and lost to Saint Norbert (6-3) in nine innings.

After a break from competition Monday, March 17 the Titans returned to the field Tuesday winning both games in their doubleheader. The Titans won against Saint Benedict and Polytechnic (N.Y.) with scores of 2-1 and 16-9, respectively.

The softball team continued their winning streak Wednesday and Thursday with wins against McDaniel, 4-3, Trinity (Conn.), 8-6, and William Paterson, 2-0. The Titans final scheduled game against Illinois Wesleyan was canceled due to rain.

Sophomore Jennifer Emery, who was named PAC Softball Hitter of the Week, finished the Rebel Games with a team-high .462 batting average, 4 doubles and 7 RBIs. Emery also finished with a 1.56 ERA.

"The trip was a great experience because we have been in the gym for the past few months," Emery said. "It was good to get on the field and learn about our teammates and what they are capable of."

Freshman Amber Crompton, who was named PAC Softball Pitcher of the Week, finished the week with an ERA of 1.33.

Freshman Ashley Beltz and junior Leah Hast each had a .400 batting average. Beltz contributed a homerun during the week, as did junior Elena Antonucci.

"The trip was a great way to kick off the season," Antonucci said. "We played very well as a team. The team this year has so much potential and we definitely started off on the right foot. This is just the beginning of a long journey."

The Titans return to action Saturday, March 29 when they travel to compete with PAC opponent Waynesburg for their first conference game of the season. Waynesburg currently holds a 4-6 record overall.

Busted bracket blues

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

One through three should be the place to be, four will be coveted no more, five is barely alive, six was good for kicks, seven through nine gave us fits at times, and 13 and 12 sent 11 and 10 back home again.

What these numbers refer to are the seeds of this year's NCAA tournament. While all of the number one and number three seeds have made the sweet sixteen, the number two seeds have been cut in half thanks to uninspiring performances from two of college basketball's most decorated programs.

Of the four number four seeds, Washington St. is the only team still alive. Vanderbilt and UConn bowed out in the first round while Pitt pulled off its usual gag in the tournament. At least Pitt used to wait for the sweet sixteen to choke.

Perhaps the most exciting episodes of this year's tournament were the wins by two of the number 12 and number 13 seeds. Western Kentucky and Villanova advanced not only to round two, but to the sweet sixteen.

Now that the most dramatic and compelling rounds of the tournament are over, it is time to focus in on the final four. Kansas will slaughter Villanova to breeze into the elite eight, and UNC should cruise past the Cougars en route to the elite eight.

I look for Louisville to beat an overrated Tennessee team for the right to play UNC in what will be one of the tournament's greatest games. Tyler Hansborough versus David Padgett has the potential to be the greatest individual bout of the tournament. Meeting Kansas in the elite eight will be Bo Ryan's Wisconsin Badgers. While Davidson's Cinderella story has been fun, the clock will strike midnight at the hand of Bo Ryan's defense.

On the other side of the bracket, Texas will breeze by a Lopez led Stanford team. In a barn burner, Memphis should squeak by Tom Izzo's club to get into the elite eight. After a scare against Texas A&M, Ben Howland's Bruin bunch will chop down the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers. In what will be the biggest upset of the sweet sixteen, Bob Huggins' Mountaineers will upend Sean Miller's Musketeers. Aside from his numerous recruiting violations and dubious tactics, love him or hate him, "Huggy-Bear" knows how to coach come tourney time.

Of the four elite eight matches, Kansas and UCLA will have the easiest time advancing to the final four. Kansas has too much offense for Bo Ryan's Big Ten Badgers. UCLA will have an easy time with either Xavier or West Virginia.

The Texas Longhorns will be doing Texas two-step to San Antonio and the final four. Texas is too strong for Memphis to blow out, and with the Tigers shooting under sixty percent from the charity stripe on the season and under fifty percent against Mississippi State, Texas will win a free throw contest and ultimately win the game.

In what will be the most compelling showdown leading up to the final four, UNC and Louisville will go down to the wire. Hansborough and Padgett will wage war, but in the end the depth of UNC will prevail. Ty Lawson, Wayne Ellington, and Danny Green will complement Hansborough with talent that Louisville just cannot quite match.

In the end, it will be Kansas, UCLA, and UNC proving that it is fun to be a one. As for Texas, they will show how to make do with being a number two.

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Double Yoi: The legacy of Myron Cope, *part II*

By Christina Roseto
Contributing Writer

An acclaimed career at Sports Illustrated earned Cope numerous awards for his writings, specifically in 1963, when he won the E.P. Dutton Prize for "Best Magazine Sportswriting in the Nation" for his portrayal of Muhammad Ali, who was then Cassius Clay. Cope, as in his radio broadcasts, reverted to humor in his articles. According to many of this colleagues, his writing was unparalleled to anyone's they had ever read. His columns exuded energy and humor, but never strayed from the facts.

Despite his phenomenal writing abilities and signature voice on the radio, Cope will forever be known as the creator of the symbol that separates Pittsburgh Steeler fans from the rest: The Terrible Towel.

Shortly before a playoff game in 1975, Cope suggested thatSteeler fans bring towels to the game and wave them in the air to give the Steelers a bit of an edge. And, well, the rest is history. Cope's invention went on to become a trademarked, officially licensed product of the Pittsburgh Steelers' franchise.

Because of Cope's seemingly simple idea, fans, players, coaches, and countless other people, whether in Pittsburgh or abroad, now carry or display The Terrible Towel with great pride. In 1996, the succes he obtained from The Terrible Towel went to a cause greater than any Super Bowl win. Cope donated the trademark of The Terrible Towel to Allegheny Valley School, a private school for children and adults living with learning and developmental disabilities. Cope's own son has been a resident of the school for a number of years. Because of Cope's generosity, $2.2 million has been given to Allegheny Valley School as a result of profits and royalties from The Terrible Towel. $2.2 million…now, that deserves a very rare triple yoi!

Myron Cope will forever be remembered as a colorful broadcaster, who surprised even his toughest critics. He tackled the worlds of both journalism and broadcasting, while enjoying every article he wrote and every broadcast he delivered.

Cope had a genuine love for the Steelers, the fans, and, undoubtedly, all of Pittsburgh. As I finish here, looking out my window at the falling snow, which Cope would call "Steeler weather", I can envision myself at my home on a snowy Sunday in December with the volume turned down on the TV and the radio turned up, listening to Myron Cope, wearing the same worn Steelers shirt and twirling my Terrible Towel as the final seconds tick down to a Steelers' victory.

I can hear him say, "Double yoi, what an exciting game for them Pittsburgh Steelers!" and ending the broadcast with his unforgettable, signature sendoff: "Bye now!" His accomplishments have made him a permanent fixture in Pittsburgh sports lore and radio broadcast history. Now that deserves a definite double yoi!

Arts & Entertainment

Ghosts: It just skims the surface

Chris Lehberger
A&E Editor

According to Hungarian writer Frigyes Karinthy, anyone on the planet can be connected with anyone else through no more than five acquaintances, or intermediaries. His theory, called "Six Degrees of Separation" which was developed in Karinthy's 1929 short story, Chains, has arguably become a staple of late-night, around the fire philosophy talks. The theory implies that you or I can be connected to any single individual on this planet through five other people. Some of you may be asking what this has to do with Nine Inch Nails' newest release, Ghosts: I-IV. The truth lies in the connection between Nine Inch Nail's mastermind Trent Reznor, in decision of a friend's aunt, who actually dated Reznor about a decade ago. With that being said, I've never had the privilege to meet the Reznor, but due to the fact that Nine Inch Nails are now label-less, the band has hopped on the same wagon Radiohead jumped on less than three months ago–giving away their album for free, except this time doing it a little differently by giving away only the first part of the 36-song album, Ghosts: I.

First, I'll start by saying that I've never been a huge fan of Nine Inch Nails. Although I have heard them on the radio and through friend recommendations, I've never given them much attention. But I will say this; as a whole, Ghosts: I was nothing that I expected it to be. The first track, which is simply numbered as "1" (all the songs are numbered in numerical order), commissions the listener with a soft elegant piano, playing a melody sprinkled with atonal notes. An electronic buzzing modulates in the background, and the resonant molding of the two elements creates a sonic landscape that makes me feel much like a spectator at a slow ballroom dance. "2," however, is very similar in structure and tonality to "1," including only ornate piano and a buzzing electronic panorama. "3" moves away from the dullish soundscapes into an electronic drum beat which is neither grunge nor industrial, adding an angular guitar riff and hints of African flavor amidst the accumulation of percussion. In dénouement, the song reaches a climax not in dynamics, instead adding creaking door sounds and exotic animalistic noises. "4" changes scope again, this time taking advantage of a deeply distorted guitar, red-lighting and green-lighting over a neutral strummed acoustic, creating a striking dichotomy of expression. "5" forms the background music to a western gunfight with the obligatory electronic loop in the background. "6" incorporates a curious xylophone melody which soon reaches ennui after repeating the same lone pattern for over four minutes. "7" takes off with a groovy beat, adding grunge guitar and an electronic keyboard about halfway through the song that reminds me of electronic-driven predecessors Mute Math. "8" is the heaviest of all the tracks, with chugging guitar and spiking electronic feedback, offering a subtle careening guitar line in the background. The album closes with "9," again returning to soft piano. The song fools you with somewhat of a fake closing, switching over to what seems to be a building string ending, but sharply cuts off and returns back to the piano.

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Unfortunately, my friend's aunt ditched Reznor and eventually settled for The Clark's drummer Dave Minarik ,which means I'll never get to ask the man behind the curtain why the first nine songs of Ghosts: I-IV lack clarity and conclusiveness. My guess, however, is that much like a single episode of Lost, you can't see the whole picture until the story is complete if you want to find out how this mystery of an album ends, spend the extra five bucks and download the whole thing on the band's website. It'll be worth it.

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Chris is a junior public relations major who's addicted to *LOST* and *the Office*, and despite being a writing minor, can't finish books. Or sing. At all.

Chris' Rating: ★★★☆☆

Be Kind Rewind worhwhile

By Chris Lehberger
A&E Editor

Tenacious D in the Pick of Destiny, Saving Silverman, Envy, The School of Rock, Orange County, High Fidelity (if you will), and of course The Tenacious D TV show are among the best of Jack Black's typical goofy off the wall parts. If you are like me and love Jack Black and think he is a comic genious, then Be Kind Rewind should have caught you're the eye the first time you saw the preview. If it caught your eye go see it, if it didn't catch your eye or you know nothing about it… go see it. I guarantee that it isn't what you expect it to be at all, which is great. But don't go for laughs alone, it might disappoint you a little too much and cause you to miss the true purpose of the movie.

Don't get me wrong, this movie is full of laughs (mostly from Jack Black), but its not meant to be a full blown, comedy. Black plays his usual (but it never gets old) goofball, jerk-like role. Take his character from The School of Rock or High Fidelity and replace it with the role he plays in King Kong and you have yourself a goofy Jack Black doing his thing in a fairly serious movie. Most of the laughs are at the beginning of the movie especially when he first gets magnetized and things start sticking to him and what not, a few good laughs in the middle, and towards the end the comedy dies off to a couple chuckles but retains its great story.

I went into this movie expecting a typical off-the-wall, heavy-on-laughs-light-on-story movie (which I enjoy so much) but I left happy that it wasn't. Right from the beginning at the first sight of the run-down one dollar VHS video store you sense a kind feeling because it looks and feels just like the one that used to be in your hometown. You know, the one that wasn't Blockbuster or Hollywood Video and had quality customer service, smaller selections, cheap as hell, and best of all it was right next door. Just like this kind feeling you get you will experience many other emotional responses to this movie. Michel Gondry who wrote and directed this movie hit a home run in building great characters and scenarios that you can easily relate to.

Mos Def who was left in charge of the Be Kind Rewind video store runs into a hellish problem when magnetized Jack ruins all the tapes. In order to cover his butt Mike (Mos Def) remakes Ghostbusters for an old lady with increasing dementia who talks to the owner of the store (Danny Glover) every night. He believes he and Black can pull it off because she doesn't know what the original is like, but once her nephew sees it (and likes it) they are faced by the whole town to make more. Their "sweded" (they call their remakes swedes) version of Ghosbusters is downright hilarious, but (most importantly) creative.

Every movie they remake has some of the craziest production techniques you have ever seen. They muster up some of the most creative ideas imagineable to try and make their sweded films believable and similar to the original. Black's Robocop is outstanding and they even swede The Lion King by drawing giant Lions and holding them in front of themselves and making voices. As you watch them re-create various different films in order to save the store from being shut down you are sent into a stage of nostalgia. Picture a couple of young kids on the corner of a street selling lemonade to fundraise for a toy or something. That is Def and Black fundraising for the store but by making movies. I was able to relate to this in the fact that I enjoy making movies, so seeing all of their creative ideas was a pleasure.

Sadly, their dreams are shattered and they quit the swede business when they are slammed with tons of copyright fines (and possible jail time). An optimistic Black convinces Def to make his own movie. Needless to say they do, and awe the entire town.

This movie won't "awe" you, but it will leave you feeling happy and very satisfied. Not too many movies are able to capture the nostalgic theme, but this one sure does, and when it is funny, it really is funny.

Chris' Rating: ★★★★☆

CD reviews

Five stars for Ludo's *Awful*

By Max Muska
A&E Writer

Photo from amazon.com

A college education does not always help a person find the right occupation.

Such was the case for Andrew Volpe, lead singer and guitarist of rock band Ludo. Volpe decided that he wanted to do something less "adult" for his career. Ludo started as an acoustic duo of Volpe and fellow guitarist Tim Ferrell. The two soon recruited Tim Convy to play synthesizers.

After touring extensively, a rhythm section completed the bands lineup. Shortly after, Ludo recorded its self-titled debut. After much more touring and the release of a popular rock opera E.P., Ludo was signed to Island Records in 2006.

Soon after the record deal, the band recorded "You're Awful, I Love You" which was released on February 28, 2008. Volpe describes it as the band's "healthiest, most-ten-toed musicbaby yet." I could not agree more.

The album has wit, intelligence, and pop-y melodies from beginning to end. The same can be said of many other bands in the genre, but adding in Ludo's ever-present element of originality to this mix makes this record stand out above the competition.

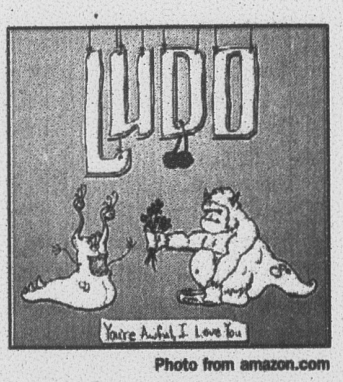
The opening track and first single "Love Me Dead" is by far the album's weirdest song. I had to listen to it a few times before appreciating the coupling of the '50s-style rhythm with the numerous exaggerations, puns, and innuendos such as "You're a faith healer on T.V./You're an office park without any trees/corporate and cold." It was too strange at first, but it grew on me over time. The chorus, though, is catchy enough to pull the song together.

Every track is noticeably different from the next, displaying the band's ability to explore different moods and emotions with the music. Most deal with relationship issues, but from a perspective unlike typical "love" songs. "Mutiny Below" is a definite stand-out among the others. The song is about getting over a breakup only to find your ex knocking on your door, causing you to make regrettable decisions; "and now you're back for more/I'm trying to fight it off but there's a mutiny below."

"The Horror of Our Love" is another love-gone-wrong track. Trying to dissect meaning from the lyrics is a challenge. On the surface, it sounds like a murderous cannibal's love song. The music in the song is slow and goth-influenced, like the lyrics. The chorus has a bit of an eighties feel to it which was a surprise.

My favorite track by far is "Lake Pontchartrain." It is a comical first-hand account of a supernatural experience on the Louisiana highway during a downpour. Like all of the other tracks, the chorus is really catchy. The song has my favorite lyrics on the whole album and the tempo is frantic like the story being told.

I could go on for hours talking about what I like about each song. This is by far the best album I have heard this school-year. Ludo breathes new life into a dying genre. "You're Awful, I Love You" is truly an album that almost anyone can enjoy.



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Max's Rating: ★★★★★

Christian band is crossing over

By Ben Portz
A&E Writer

Once again, the Christian music industry is progressively moving in a great direction. Last week, I had a chance to review The Afters, which are almost turning into a crossover Christian band similar to Reliant K, which has their songs played on commercials as well as MTV shows. This week, I am fortunate to review another Christian group who is not much of a crossover group, but predominately religious. They are called Leeland, named after their founding member Leeland Dayton Mooring. They just recently came out with their second album "Opposite Way".

Leeland Mooring began to write music at a very early age. At the age of 11, he wrote his first song, and by 14 he entered a Christian songwriting contest in Nashville, and became a finalist. Although he did not win, a record producer from EMI studios noticed him and signed this little musical evangelist. Upon doing this, Leeland was formed. The band members are former members of Leeland's youth group from his home church. They include: brother Jack Mooring on backing vocals and keyboard, Jake Holtz on bass, Mike Smith on drums, Matt Campbell on lead guitar, and of course Leeland Mooring on lead vocals and guitar.

Throughout their short career as a band, they came out with their first album entitled "Sound of Melodies" which got them nominated for a Grammy Award for Best Christian Pop Album. Also in 2007, they were nominated for five Dove Awards, including New Artist of the Year, and Praise & Worship Album of the Year. One of the well-respected contemporary Christian artists Michael W. Smith has noticed them as well saying, "Leeland is the best thing I have heard in a long long time." He goes on to say "I can't stop singing the songs in my head. Great melodies, great band, great voice."

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19 year old Leeland Mooring is obviously years beyond his age when it comes to writing. One would wonder how he has the wisdom to write such songs to affect so many listeners. He says, "A lot of my songs are birthed out of prayer. The ones that we've received the best response from have been the ones God just kind of dropped in my lap while I was spending time in His presence. That's my main inspiration." The songs written normally have worship like feels to them with the big choruses that are normally easy to sing to. Musically, there is nothing special. If you are looking for virtuosic musicians this band is not for you. They have simplicity similar to those of Keane or U2. A standout track to me is the track entitled "Brighter Days". It's a song of hope for the future. Another favorite of mine is "Opposite Way". The message of this is exactly what the title means, to not do what the rest of the world does, but fight it and make a difference for the good. Overall, most of these tracks are quite uplifting and cause you to think of our world in the state that is in right now and what we all could do to help. According to Leeland's myspace page, Leeland says about this album "It's OK to be different. It's OK to 'live out' for God. Our goal is to be a creative outlet, helping to raise up a new generation of worshippers who do whatever it takes to make that 'opposite way' a reality in their lives."

Overall, this is a solid Christian rock album with promising messages and a front man with wisdom beyond his years.

Ben's Rating: ★★★☆☆

Must reads: Ten book series old and new to crack open the binding

By Danielle McCullough
Staff Writer

I think we all have at one time or another fell in love with a book series and continued reading it, so I composed a list of my top ten favorite book series. Some are short trilogies, others are in process.

Let's start with number ten. I picked Gossip Girl by Cecily von Zeigesar, this series has now led to the TV show on the CW (which is starting again on April 21st!).

Number nine is the four book series Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants by Ann Brashares. A very heartfelt read, plus the movie is close to the first book- which always makes me happy. (I don't have an obsession with Blake Lively, she just happens to be a main character in both this movie and Gossip girl).

A new series takes the number eight spot: The Gemma Doyle Trilogy by Libba Bray. This includes A Great and Terrible Beauty, Rebel Angles and The Sweet Far Thing. All describe Gemma Doyle's life learning how to use magic that she obtains at the age of sixteen, while she tries to defeat the person responsible fore her mother's death, Circe.

Not everyone can be like J.R.R. Tolkien and invent a new language like in his series Lord of the Rings. Many people think the movies are wonderful but there was so much more Tolkien wrote that could not fit into a three hour movie. People who have read these books get mad at the movies just like Harry Potter fans (don't worry Harry is just down the list further).

Lesser known series and one of the longest (12 books, each over 500 pages) is Terry Goodkind's Sword of Truth Series. As long as you get past the first book you are hooked. Don't worry if you don't understand the first 500 pages of it the last hundred are thrilling, it's just the way Goodkind writes–he likes to save the best for last and by that I mean the last page.

Number five belongs to Madeleine L'Engle with her Wrinkle in Time Quintet. As all of the children grow older, each of them goes on a wonderful journey quite sci-fi-like however, but always interesting. Most of us had to read the first book A Wrinkle in Time during some English class when we were younger.

A series just about everyone grew up reading was The Boxcar Children by Gertrude Chandler. It made me always want to have a train car to play in.

But the character who had the best mysteries that had to be solved was Nancy Drew by Carolyn Keene. While other girls were wishing they could be like the Babysitters from Babysitters' Club I always wished I could have adventures and solve mysteries like Nancy Drew.

Finally we've gotten to number two. You've probably been waiting for him to show up… Harry Potter by J.K. Rowling. Her amazing seven book series tells the tales of Harry's life of becoming a wizard, going to Hogwarts and always having to defeat Lord Voldemort. Reading these books made everyone wish Hogwarts was a real school.

My number one book series is the Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis. Having read these as a young child it makes me happy that the movies are coming out now. I had always wished that I would walk into the closet and come out to meet a fawn or Aslan. Sadly this never happened. Prince Caspian is coming to theaters May 16th and I'm pretty pumped about that.

So there it is my top ten. If you haven't read any of these I highly recommend picking them up, read some non-school books for once.

CALENDAR

Friday, March 28, 2008

All Day Events

PRSSA Drive for Monetary Donations and Items for U.S. Military

11:30 AM College Feminists Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

11:40 AM Biology Lunch Seminar (Phillips Lecture Hall in Hoyt)

11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

11:45 AM SIFE Financial Literacy Presentation: Truth or Myth? (MCC Mueller Theater)

5:00 PM College Republicans Meeting (PH 231)

7:00 PM Alpha Psi Omega's One-Act Festival (MCC Club/Lounge)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Atonement (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: The Great Debaters (MCC Mueller Theater)

Saturday, March 29, 2008

All Day Events

CAMPUS VISITATION DAY

TBA Men's Golf @ Waynesburg Invitational

TBA Men's Track & Field @ Western Pennsylvania Championships (at Pittsburgh, Pa.)

TBA Women's Golf @ Mount Union Invitational

12:00 PM BASEBALL v. Waynesburg*

1:00 PM Softball @ Waynesburg*

7:00 PM Mass (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Great Debaters (MCC Mueller Theater)

9:30 PM Allies Meeting (MCC Berlin Lounge)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Atonement (MCC Mueller Theater)

Sunday, March 30, 2008

All Day Events

SPRING FLING

TBA Women's Golf @ Mount Union Invitational

1:00 PM Baseball @ Pitt-Greensburg

1:00 PM MEN'S TENNIS v. Frostburg State (at North Beaver Tennis Center)

3:00 PM Faculty Woodwind Quintet Recital (Orr Auditorium)

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Great Debaters (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:00 PM Vespers (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Atonement (MCC Mueller Theater)

Monday, March 31, 2008

All Day Events

SGA Audits/Allocations Meetings (By Appointment Only)

TBA MEN'S GOLF v. Titan Invitational

11:30 AM - 6:30 PM CFL Light Bulb Sale (MCC TUB)

11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

4:15 PM Allies Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

All Day Events

APRIL FOOL'S DAY

FAFSA Form Deadline is May 1

SGA Audits/Allocations Meetings (By Appointment Only)

12:40 PM Faculty Meeting (Phillips Lecture Hall)

4:15 PM Allies Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

5:30 PM College Democrats Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

7:30 PM Bleasby Colloquium: Broadcast Journalist and Alumnus Eric Burns, "The Real World" (MCC Witherspoon Rooms)

7:30 PM Studio Flute and Oboe Recital (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

9:00 PM Mortar Board Meet and Greet (MCC Berlin Lounge)

9:30 PM Newman Club Meeting (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

9:40 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting (TC 314)

Wednesday, April 2, 2008

All Day Events

SGA Audits/Allocations Meetings (By Appointment Only)

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Senior Salute (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

11:30 AM - 6:30 PM CFL Light Bulb Sale (MCC TUB)

11:45 AM Faires Faculty Forum: Bethany Hicok, Down the Rabbit Hole: Copyright Law, Scholarly Freedom, and Other Discoveries of a McCandless Year

12:00 PM Holcad Staff Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

3:30 PM Softball @ Thiel*

4:00 PM Academic Standards Committee Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

4:15 PM Green Party Meeting (MCC Weisel Conference Room 255)

5:15 PM CPC Meeting (MCC Club)

6:45 PM Newman Club Exec Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

7:00 PM SGA Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:30 PM Habitat for Humanity Chapter Meeting (MCC 255)

9:30 PM Seekers Meeting (MCC Club/Lounge)

Thursday, April 3, 2008

All Day Events

FAFSA Form Deadline is May 1

SGA Audits/Allocations Meetings (By Appointment Only)

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Ring Day (MCC TUB Info Table)

11:30 AM - 6:30 PM CFL Light Bulb Sale (MCC TUB)

12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Central Blood Bank Blood Drive (MCC Berlin Lounge)

12:40 PM COC Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

12:50 PM Interfraternity Council Meeting (MCC Club)

1:00 PM SLAC Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Room)

4:00 PM MEN'S TENNIS v. Washington & Jefferson*

4:00 PM SOFTBALL v. Pitt-Greensburg

5:00 PM College Republicans Meeting (PH 231)

5:00 PM Math and Computer Science Departments' Spring Banquet

5:00 PM SAA Meeting

5:30 PM BSU Meeting (MCC Weisel Conference Room 255)

7:00 PM Gospel Choir (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

7:30 PM Planetarium Presents "The New Cosmos" (Hoyt 116)

Friday, April 4, 2008

All Day Events

Alpha Phi Omega's Cranes for Make-a-Wish Foundation

SGA Audits/Allocations Meetings (By Appointment Only)

11:30 AM - 6:30 PM CFL Light Bulb Sale (MCC TUB)

11:30 AM College Feminists Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

12:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Exec Meeting

(MCC Weisel Conference Room 255)

1:00 PM Campus Ministry Team Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

7:30 PM Planetarium Presents "The New Cosmos" (Hoyt 116)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: P.S. I Love You (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:00 PM - 12:00 AM Titan's Tavern (MCC Club/Lounge)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Sweeney Todd (MCC Mueller Theater)

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21 - April 19):

Break free this week from the dull, ordinary or routine. Be willing to spend a little extra in order to transcend fiscal boundaries.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):

Stop hiding in the shadows, step up and play a major role. Develop the courage you need to stand up for yourself.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21):

Do not let a lack of knowledge or experience hold you back from fulfilling your goals and dreams. Initiate action and learn as you go.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22):

Express yourself as an individual while operating within a group or club structure. Friends and associates are there to offer support.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):

Achieving your professional goals means doing whatever it takes to succeed. Adopt a disciplined and well-planned path to your desired destination.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):

You have reached an important mental checkpoint in your climb up the ladder to success. Stop, review your progress and weigh your options.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23):

A slow and steady pace wins the financial race to security every time. Decline an offer to invest in a get-rich-quick scheme.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21):

Relationships are fragile and fraught with tension this week. Consider your partner's feelings when making a decision that affects both of you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):

Rid yourself of negative habits that could hurt you in the long run. Throw procrastination, incompetence and disorganization out the window.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):

A social acquaintance has a lot to offer or teach. Listen with your heart and enjoy being in the company of an enlightened individual.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):

Make a conscious effort to maintain control and manage your emotions under pressure. Let go of needless worry and embrace the truth.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):

Learn how to best respond to your peers or siblings without losing your temper. Show them that you can be a good sport.

If your birthday is this week:

This year will mark a new beginning in your life. Point your toes in the desired direction and begin your long trek or journey to success, recognition and goal achievement. At first it may be necessary to take two steps backward in order to move one step forward, but do not be discouraged. You have a strong will and sense of purpose working in your favor.

Also born this week:

Chris Brown, George Clooney, Tim Russert, Harry S. Truman, Mike Wallace, Louis Farrakhan and David O. Selznick.

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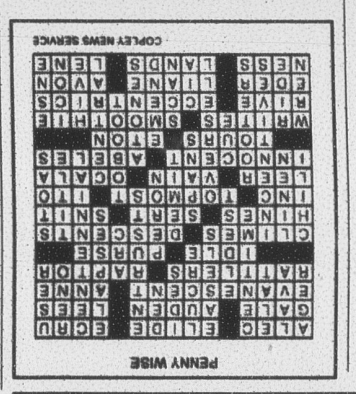

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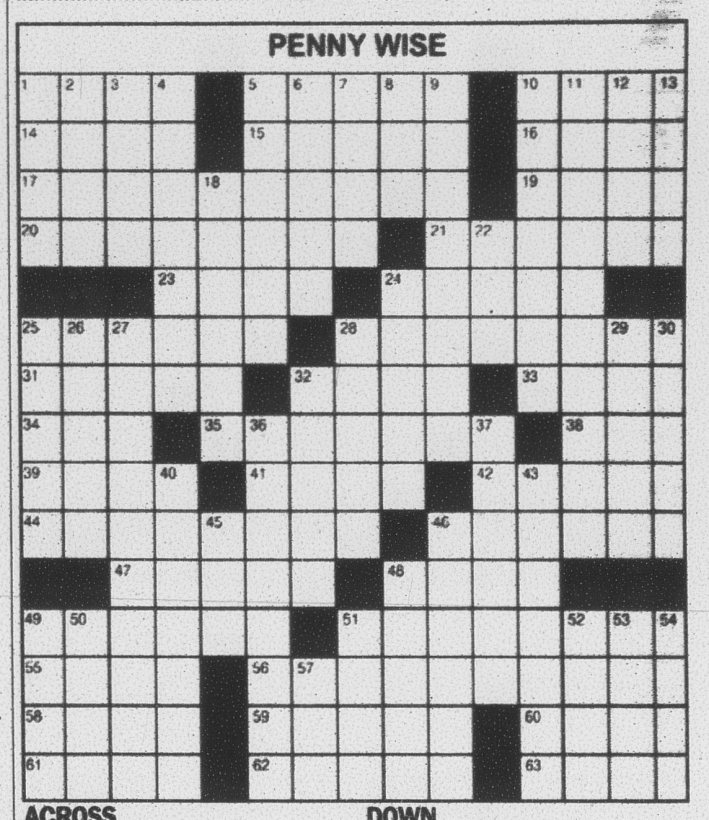

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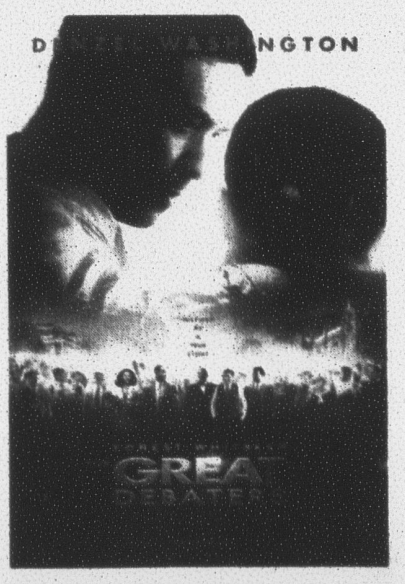
McKelvey Weekend Entertainment

"Atonement"

8:00 PM Friday
10:30 PM Saturday
9:00PM Sunday

Movies Playing at Mueller Theater

"The Great Debaters"



10:30 PM Friday
8:00 PM Saturday
3:00 PM Sunday

Late Night in the Club Room
Monday - 8 PM to 1 AM
Tuesday and Thursday - 9 PM to 1 AM

Movies provided by Club Room
Entertainment provided by CPC
Westminster ID's will be checked at all movies.
ID will admit you and one guest.
There is no charge; it's just for a count.

Features

Education costs on the rise

Lurene McDonald
Features Editor

The 2008- 2009 costs of enrollment have been released. The grand total of tuition is $25,900.

Let's add in some other figures. Room and board will cost $8,110. Now tack on the typical fees of $1100 and the total sum adds up to $35,110. This is not of course including books or miscellaneous expenses.

Now granted majority of Westminster students have scholarships and grants that help pay their way through their four years here. The college is fortunate enough to have loyal alumni that donate thousands of dollars to the Westminster Fund every year.

While their sizeable donations help our students attend the college, is this solely enough to pay students' bills?

No. Majority of students fill out a FAFSA form and apply for federal and state loans and grants.

However, how easy is it, truly, to get financial assistance from the state and federal government?

The government has been getting a lot of flack lately concerning the issuance of grants and loans. If you have paid attention to the news in the past several months, you should have heard about Pennsylvania student loans.

According to the media, educational loans are now harder to obtain, especially in Pennsylvania.

I know, as a student here, I need my loans from the state to continue to attend this college. Therefore, being a concerned student, I decided to educate myself on the matter and took a walk to the Remick Admissions House to visit the financial aid staff.

The situation, as it turns out, is not as dire as feared. (Imagine the news media making this issue bigger than it really is!)

AES is a third-party organization that assists PHEAA in processing loans. They have and will continue to serve as a liaison between PHEAA, students, and their financial institutions when it comes time for a loan to be issued to or paid back by a student.

However, AES, in the past, has also served as a lender. As of this year, they are no longer going to serve as one. The federal government is no longer to financially back their institution. Therefore, they feel as if it is too risky to continue to be a lender of students.

Since AES have back out of lending, so have other financial intuitions. However, this does not mean that student loans are not available or are any harder to receive.

In fact, majority of banks are still acting as lenders for students. Therefore, not much is changing.

If your bank is no longer serving as lender, do not worry! You can still receive a loan. The money just may come from a different source. You just simply have to choose another lender.

If you have any questions or concerns, please go see the financial aid office. They are extremely helpful and will do anything they can to help you.

Remember FAFSA forms for Pennsylvania are due on May 1, 2008. The sooner you fill one out, the sooner you get your financial package.

You must fill out a FAFSA in order to be eligible for federal or state aid. This includes grants, loan, and work study eligibility.

If you need informational supplies, again, visit the financial aid office.

Take the time to go visit them, you may get more money by doing it and everyone knows we can all use more of it!

Lurene is a sophomore public relations major who enjoys a mug of hot chocolate and cozy afternoon naps. She loves being a member of Kappa Delta Sorority and the Admissions Office Staff.

Flick a frisbee with ultimate

By Shannon Bobbert
Features Writer

When I ask "How was your Spring break?" I get the same reaction from every student I meet: "It just wasn't long enough." If you're regretting those missed hours on the beach and want to catch up on recreational sports, the Ultimate Frisbee Club might be the motivation you need to finish the semester. You might need more than a swimsuit to participate in the forty-five degree weather of New Wilmington, however.

Club president Marissa Shetler agreed to share some information on this fair-weather sport.

Can you give me an idea of what the Ultimate Frisbee Club is?:

"It's a good way to make friends, and get outside and enjoy the weather. The club is basically a whole bunch of people who get together and play Frisbee. We're also in contact with other schools in the area, so every once in a while we go to tournaments."

"We try to get involved a little bit on campus–we were asked to help out with Greek Week this year, since they play all sorts of Frisbee. We have Frisbees that we sell on campus, sometimes in the spring. , this year the club got T-shirts It was started my freshman year, and this is only its fourth year going, so it's fairly new."

How do you play a typical game of Frisbee in a competitive tournament?:

"When you play, both teams line up on opposite end zones and you kickoff by throwing the Frisbee. You pass the Frisbee down the field, and if it gets dropped, it's a turnover. That means the other team gets the Frisbee. Whoever gets to their end zone first scores a point. The games are usually to seven points. And there is a time limit. It's kind of a combination of a bunch of different sports–like in basketball, you can't travel with the Frisbee."

Are there any "moves" you can learn for a Frisbee game?:

"There are a bunch of different throws that you can learn. There is the flick, which is a throw opposite of how you would normally toss a Frisbee. You hold the Frisbee on the same side of the body as the hand throwing it. It's more of a wrist action. There is also the hammer, an overhand throw that is used fairly often. It's harder to control than the others, though."

Sounds like a good way to get some exercise if you're not much of a hardcore sports person!:

"Yeah! We have people of all different athletic abilities. A lot of people that I talk to–I try to encourage a lot of people to come and play–are like "Oh, I'm not very athletic, you know, I'm not very good," and I tell them that's ok. It's just about coming out to have fun."

"We get together to play as often as we can, whenever the weather is nice–in the winter it's not quite as often. We don't really have real organized meetings until tournaments start to come up."

Has the Ultimate Frisbee Club attended any tournaments?:

"Yes, we've been to IUP, and they have a tournament every year. The tournaments are great, because a lot of the teams that go are just like us–they go to have fun. There are a few that go and are really competitive and technical. They have the rule book memorized. It's always a lot of fun, though."

"We haven't won any tournaments yet, but we've done pretty well. In the last tournament we went to, which was last fall, we got fifth place. It was out of twelve teams, I think."

If you could give students one reason to join the Ultimate Frisbee Club:

I love Frisbee because it's a great way to get outside, away from the schoolbooks. It's a great stress reliever and a good way to get away from being cooped up while you're studying for finals! I've also met so many people through the Ultimate Frisbee Club. I've even made some friends from other schools, when we go to tournaments.

Can students still join the Ultimate Frisbee Club this semester?:

"Yes, they can send me an e-mail or just come down and play. We play Frisbee at 4:00 almost every day when the weather is nice, down by the softball field. Even if you've never played before, you are invited to join us."

A Westminster Tale: Part VI

By Jared McConkey
Features Writer

The dark gathering before me convened. The figures sat in the pews, heads bowed in silent prayer. A priest in a stained red robe shuffled in from an opening near the front of the church. He walked behind the stone altar and faced his audience. He folded his hands together and began a quiet chant. Slowly, the other members of the congregation joined in.

The words that they spoke were like nothing I had ever heard before. They didn't make sense. It sounded like they were forcing letters next to each other and speaking them. I don't know what they were saying but it sent a chill through the room that was nearly palpable. I pulled my arms close around me as I watched.

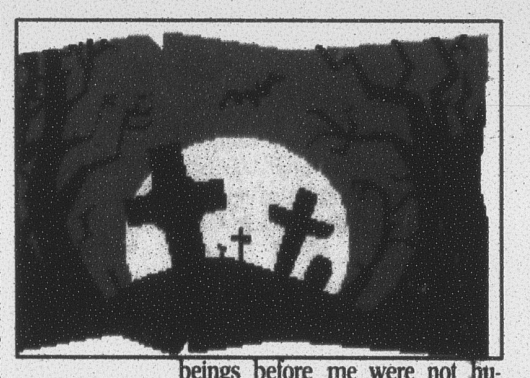
The chanting grew louder until it reached a normal level and then planed off. As the chants were echoing off the stone walls, two hooded figures, each with a stained red stole, entered the room. There was a man, stripped down to his boxers and covered with bruises, between the two cloaked figures. His head hung limply as though he was unconscious and, if not for the figures on each side holding him up, he would've surely fallen to the ground.

The dark priest held up his hands and the chanting stopped. He mumbled something to himself and then spoke to the crowd in the same language as the chants. His voice was rough and it sounded more like he was barking the words than actually saying them. I will attempt to write down the words he said, but know that the words themselves are very difficult to speak, let alone spell.

"Ia! Ia! Cthulhu fthagn. Ypthwe wais, Cthulhu. Ph'nglui mglw'nafh Cthulhu."

Just thinking of the sound of this sends me near the brink of my sanity. As soon as the priest finished speaking, the two standing figures carried the man to the large painting of the demon, who I had figured out to be Cthulhu. The two mumbled some words and then shoved the man forward. He let out a cry and fell out of my sight. All I heard was a SPLASH resonate off the walls.

The entire church then resumed chanting, repeating "Cthulhu fthagn, Cthulhu fthagn, Cthulhu fthagn" over and over again. The figures stood and started moving towards the pool of water that I had not seen. They formed a line and continued to chant. I stood, transfixed upon the scene before me. I watched as their cloaks fell from their bodies and light shone upon their naked skin. Shock took control of my body and froze me. The



beings before me were not human!

Check out more of A Westminster Tale in the April 11 edition of *The Holcad*.

The good, the bad, and the ugly

Do you have photos from around campus that are good, bad, or ugly?

Take a picture and have it published in the Holcad.

Submit photos to Lurene McDonald @ mcdonala.

Photos will be published weekly as space permits and photos deemed offensive will not me published.

This week's picks...

The bad

Contributed photo

Though these cars are parked here in this photo, they are no longer. The Borough voted to have parking banned on Maple Street.

The good

Contrubuted Photo

A member of the track team kicks up her feet at Myrtle Beach over Spring break.

The ugly

Contributed Photo

A room in Shaw struck by the dorm room tornado.

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The real world starts here, now

Photo by Kirsten Dize

Award-winning broadcast journalist Eric Burns spoke at the 13th annual George Bleasby Colloquium to nearly 140 attendees.

By Chelsea Logan
Campus Writer

Eric Burns, Westminster College alumnus and Emmy award winning broadcast journalist, was invited to speak at Westminster's 13th annual George Bleasby Colloquium on April 1 in the Witherspoon Maple room.

Nearly 140 people filled the room to hear Burns' presentation about his quest to find out what the real world was like. Titling his lecture "The Real World," Burns explained how he went from a stand-up comedian to the host of Fox News Watch.

"Things happened here [at Westminster] for Eric Burns," David Swerdlow, professor of English, said as he welcomed Burns to the podium.

Burns began by sharing a humorous Westminster memory about him and his friends trying to drain Britain Lake during the night using as many shovels as possible.

During his time here, Burns was a member of the basketball team, a resident assistant in Russell Hall, and eventually became the first student resident director. "This was the first time I had ever thought of myself as a leader," he said.

After graduation, Burns auditioned as a stand-up comedian at the Bitter End, a night club in Greenwich Village in New York City. Soon after, he was hired by a station in Minneapolis but was still unsatisfied. He produced, wrote, and starred in a half-hour show, sent it to CBS, and was offered a job.

Burns said that his job at CBS was physically the hardest thing he has ever done; he was constantly traveling and receiving 3 a.m. phone calls with breaking news.

"In the real world, people didn't get up in the middle of the night," Burns said. "I still hadn't figured out what the real world was like."

He moved to PBS where he wrote "Old Habits," two three-hour specials on the history of both drinking and smoking. Because of personal reasons, Burns left PBS after a few years. He briefly worked as a commentator for Entertainment Tonight and eventually landed a job as the host of Fox News Channel's "Fox News Watch," which was the longest job he has ever held.

Burns ended his presentation by sharing two of his life lessons: there are countless numbers of the real world and nothing is more real than family.

"It's crazy to think how far people can go in life who came from such a small school," sophomore Ashley Helmick said. "I truly enjoyed listening to his lecture."

After numerous questions and a loud applause, Burns signed books and talked with students and faculty.

West PACS job fair offers students a leg-up in job and internship arena

More than 210 employers attend job fair in Monroeville

By Cody Bernadini
Campus Writer

Students interested in a summer internship or an early start on job searching got a chance to preview their options at the West PACS job fair.

The fair took place on Thursday April 3, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Pittsburgh Expo Mart in Monroeville, Pa. Admission was free to those students who chose to preregister online by March 31. After that, the cost was $10.

"The fair is a great opportunity not just to look for a job but also to check out competition from other schools," Career Center Assistant Director Kati Edmiston said.

The job fair is collaboration among 44 colleges and universities in Western Pennsylvania, and is held once every semester. Each school that participates is given a task in preparing for the fair; our campus's task is to take care of registration. A total of 1,261 students attended the job fair was last fall, 26 of whom were students from Westminster.

Students who attended the fair had an opportunity to walk and talk with representatives from a number of businesses. There were 213 reps at this semester's fair, each of whom had a booth with information about their company as well as any available positions for employment.

Attendees were required to bring resumes along, and a few companies even offer on-site interviews.

"Last semester I went to West PACS to look for an internship and had the opportunity to be interviewed by three different companies," sophomore Emily Paul said.

Transportation to the fair was provided by the school vans, and those students who did not want to ride in a van were permitted to provide their own transportation.

Students who did not make it to this spring's fair should consider attending in the fall. A job fair is am opportunity to network and get first hand experience talking with the people who will be in charge of hiring students when they graduate.

"My dad keeps getting on my case to start looking into my future, and a job fair is the first place to start," sophomore Scott Lawrence said.

Photo by Christine Line

Ready...set...get a job!

Employers mingle with students as they peruse companies' tables in search of jobs and internships.

Alpha Sigs to hold 12th annual Relay for Life event

By Evangelina Figueroa
Campus Writer

With 29 teams, 159 participants, and $1, 290 raised, the campus is gearing up for its 12th annual Relay for Life event.

The Relay for Life, which benefits the American Cancer Society, will take place on April 12, 2008 from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. A ribbon cutting ceremony in honor of cancer victims and survivors of the campus and community will start the day off. Among those honored at the Relay for Life kick off includes Barry and Jane Kaminske, both recently diagnosed with cancer. Carnival style games, a Chinese auction, and entertainment from Titan Radio is scheduled to be behind the Memorial Field House. Additional entertainment will take place in Shaw Hall parking lot with a car show.

"This year's [Relay for Life] will have a lot of games and activities and is going to be a lot more fun-oriented than in the past," Event Chair Taylor Craig said.

Last year, the campus raised nearly $25,000 for the American Cancer Society with its Relay for Life event, making it one of the biggest philanthropic events on campus. The Relay for Life is expected to be bigger and better than previous years, and will hopefully surpass last year's benefactions.

Relay for Life is one of many events supporting the cause to eliminate cancer and improve the quality of life for those individuals facing the disease. The American Cancer Society, which began in 1946 with $1 million , has since raised $3 billion for cancer research. Other events hosted by the ACS are Daffodil Days, Coaches vs. Cancer, Mosaic of Memories, Making Strides against Breast Cancer, and other community oriented events. The ACS has become the largest source of private, nonprofit cancer research funds in the United States expanding to more than 3,400 ACS offices nationwide. With the help of the Lawrence County American Cancer Society office and the brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi, students, faculty, staff and community members have become very involved in the Relay for Life.

"You become aware of how great the community is," Jane Kaminske, honoree/Business Office Financial Data Coordinator said. "From meals to friendship, you meet nice people when you're going through a hard time."

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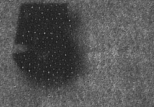

The number of students in the brass quintet

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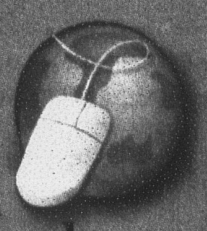

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Opinion

RANT & RAVE

Tail bones suck.

What smells like fish?

Close 'em.

Split.

HAP-PPPY!

I just saw Scooby-Doo.

He is a fictional character.

Let me jot that down.

Oh no, he's here.

Sloppy Joe.

Quach.

A litter of Quaches.

Chest plate.

Your face is monked.

Peggers.

On or around the coat area.

I find people.

Hey you, with the ears.

Come se dice: cheese?

Enough with the nasty grams.

Just call me stenogrographer

Fred.

Hahaha face plant!

Want to Rant & Rave? Email *The Holcad* with RNR as the subject.

The weekly glip: YPS

Anthony Colwell
Weekly Glipper

One of the comments that my colleague Christine made in her opinion piece two issues ago dealt with how we can define diversity and that because it has such a broad definition it is impossible for us to define exactly what diversity is and what type of diversity the college should be aiming for.

She defined diversity in her piece but I would like to define for you the word diverse. According to the Random House unabridged Dictionary we can define the adjective "diverse" as: of a different kind, form, character, etc.; unlike.

Let us then talk about what it means to be diverse then. I have heard arguments that the YPS program brings diversity to the campus from the opinion piece by Christine. She herself stated that she had a friend from Cleveland and she was from Carlisle and that although they were both Caucasian and from middle-class families they could be considered diverse because of their experiences.

First of all, the fact that I have been to Canada and someone else has not in no way makes us diverse; this is simply a ludicrous statement. According to the definition of diverse it has to do with character, and form, among other things. Sure spending a semester in Spain would help shape ones character, but the fact that they have lived very similar lives for 20 odd years in the U.S. up until that point would have a much greater effect on their character.

So how does one define character? The same dictionary gives many different versions of the definition but the general idea is this: character is the account of the qualities, including moral or ethical, or peculiarities of a person or thing.

So does the YPS program bring in people of different character? Of course it does, because every individual student is going to have a different outlook on life and different peculiarities about them. Well if this is the case then why would Christine state that the YPS program brings more diversity to Westminster if every student coming into the school is already diverse because of their character? They must be searching for greater character differences then.

If this is true then according to the definition of character we should be searching for people with greatly differing ethical or moral qualities about them. Well since we are affiliated with the Presbyterian church of a specific sect and the YPS program deals only with Presbyterians, which has a specific ethical code, it is safe to say that the ethical character of the individuals being brought in are going to be more or less the same.

I would like to point out at this juncture that I have no problem with offering a scholarship based on religious affiliation at a private institution. I just wish that proponents of the program would stop lying to themselves by stating that their applicants do in fact bring greater diversity to the campus.

If we are going to offer a scholarship of this type for exceptional students with a particular moral background then just say that is what it is, do not make some false claim to creating diversity.

I want to close this article by stating the following. I have no vendetta with the YPS program or its students. I simply want to see change for the better. Since Christine compared YPS to many scholarships, such as the Vance scholarship which requires a minimum 3.0 GPA throughout college to maintain, in her article last week which have a minimum GPA requirement to maintain, which she failed to mention, perhaps YPS should also have this requirement.

Lastly as I said before if proponents of YPS are going to defend themselves by saying that YPS does in fact create diversity, which Christine defined as the state or fact of being different or diverse, then perhaps the heads of the program need to more thoroughly examine the definition of diverse. Otherwise, stop stating this and concede that it is indeed possible that the scholarship that pays for your education has some flaws, stop blindly defending it without cause and just state what it really is: a scholarship to represent outstanding Presbyterian students.

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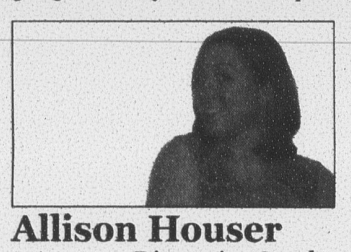
Let's talk about: Facebook



Allison Houser
Discussion Leader

Facebook – the best means of procrastination in the world of academics. I admit that I miss the days when Facebook was not available to everyone on the planet; just to college students. But I still just plain love Facebook.

A lot of people, though, take a different view of the best networking site online. Yes, Facebook wastes time. I complain about not having enough time to get my homework done, yet I still find time for Facebook.

My favorite thing about Facebook? It's fun. Yes, I live on a close-knit campus with most of my Facebook friends, but that doesn't mean I get to see them often. We're all so busy with our daily activities that we don't get to hang out regularly. Facebook makes it easy to share what's going on in our lives.

Also, I keep in contact with people I probably wouldn't have heard from for years. For example, my internship supervisor is one of my friends. So, I get to chat with him every once in awhile about my ongoing job search. A few days ago, my Spanish teacher from high school friended me and started a conversation about what's been going on in my life over the past four years. What other venue makes it possible to have those kinds of connections?

I do, however, have a little advice for my fellow students who use Facebook.

Hint #1: Don't "Facebook stalk" at a computer lab. You never know when the person you're virtually stalking is sitting three seats away literally stalking you.

Hint #2: Yes, personal information should remain personal. Those pictures of you doing keg stands at the fraternity house might be funny, but they're also unnecessary. I suggest those stay saved on your computer.

Hint #3: Stop sending requests to join applications! They're annoying and pointless, and you alienate your friends. If you need to send twenty invitations to find out which soap opera star you're most like, the answer isn't worth it. Trust me.

The best application ever is Bumper Stickers. Everyone should add it and send inside-joke stickers to all their friends. Sometimes they don't make sense, but what in life really does?

I have seriously considered deleting my Facebook account soon due to my job search, but I don't think I'm going to do it. Yes, the fact that I have a Facebook profile shows that I like to have fun. And some employers might not like that. My resume, on the other hand, shows that I am intelligent and am prepared to work hard and have fun later.

I hope I made the right decision. Even if I didn't, I'll still love Facebook and will probably view your profile at some point. Don't try to hide.

Allison Houser is a senior public relations major with minors in Spanish and communication studies. She is a member of Sigma Kappa Sorority and can't think of anything interesting to write about herself this week.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Even a liberal arts campus can "change dramatically"

On March 7, the Holcad's Managing Editor published an editorial which equated criticism of the Young Presbyterian Scholars Program with animosity towards those students that comprise the program. This is a conflation that should be avoided.

The Managing Editor also sought to expunge YPS-related letters from the opinion section, which is not the first implied call for censorship to grace the pages of the Holcad. An Emeritus Professor of Religion offered similar arguments in response to past criticism of the YPS program, implicitly suggesting that students had no right to influence institutional policy (Holcad, 29 April 2006). The Professor and, more recently, the Managing Editor offer personal attacks, ad hominem arguments, aimed at questioning critics' moral authority rather than responding to the substance of the criticism. This is a distraction from the real issues facing the campus community–including a large scholarship program that may exacerbate rather than mitigate the adverse demographic trends facing the College.

Although those on campus for a short time may not realize it, things can change dramatically at a Liberal Arts College, even at Westminster College. Few people on campus probably recognize that less than ten years ago Westminster College was named the 5th most homophobic college in America by the Princeton Review (Rachel Jones, 8 October 1998). Letters to the Holcad included a former faculty member railing against American culture, declaring that "the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God", implicitly encouraging homophobic behavior, and subsequently receiving written support for an obvious message of exclusion (November-December 2000). The Holcad's opinion section was filled with letters about the issue and served as an appropriate venue for campus dialogue. Real, substantive issues should be discussed in the opinion section by all members of the campus community, without inferential editorial censorship to expunge positions that an editor disagrees with. Why even have opinion sections if an uncomfortable topic is displaced by trivialities or, as often occurs, a college-funded blank page?

I would like to reiterate that the YPS-related letters I have written are out of genuine concern for the well-being of the institution. If YPS is able to reverse the negative academic and enrollment trends of the past several years and provide meaningful diversity as originally advertised, those who write the disparaged "so-called persuasive arguments" would be able to "get over themselves and move on" with a clear conscience.

Ben Nelson
Class of 2006

The Superfantastic Comic of Sweetness

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REGIONAL

Prosecutor: Woman shot fellow Pa. church member out of jealousy

COOPERSBURG, Pa. (AP) - A woman with romantic feelings for her pastor killed a fellow church member out of jealousy over how much attention the victim was getting from the preacher, authorities said.

Prosecutors alleged Tuesday that Mary Jane Fonder, 65, shot Rhonda Smith, 42, in January inside Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in rural Springfield Township, Bucks County.

The church sexton found Smith, who lived in Hellertown and volunteered at the church, with a gunshot wound. She later died at St. Luke's Hospital-Fountain Hill.

"The defendant in this case had very strong feelings for the pastor in the church," Bucks County District Attorney Michelle Henry said. "She was jealous of the fact that the victim was getting attention from the pastor."

The break in the case came Saturday when a man and his son found a .38-caliber handgun on the shore of Lake Nockamixon in a nearby state park. Henry said the gun was registered to Fonder and forensic analysis indicates that it was the weapon used to kill Smith.

Fonder, a longtime member of the church, had made her feelings known to the Rev. Gregory Shreaves, but he was not interested, authorities said. Shreaves was not involved with Smith, either, investigators said.

"This is not something we thought was possible," said Paul Rose, Trinity's church council president. "We are a peaceful, country church."

Fonder was charged Tuesday with first-degree murder and possessing instruments of a crime. Defense attorney Michael Applebaum said his client maintains her innocence, and that he believes she will be exonerated after all the evidence is heard.

But when asked about her mental health, the attorney said, "She's not a well woman." Fonder was denied bail and is being held at the Bucks County prison.

Fonder was arrested at her home in Kintnersville – the same house where she and her father, Edward F. Fonder III, were living when he disappeared in late August 1993.

Edward Fonder, then 80, was never found. Mary Jane Fonder complained to The Intelligencer of Doylestown in 1994 that police were treating her as a suspect in the case, although police never identified her as such.

The disappearance of the elder Fonder is "not a closed matter," First Deputy Assistant District Attorney David Zellis said Tuesday. He declined to comment further.

Charges dismissed against owner of cat sanctuary

GIBSONIA, Pa. (AP) - A district judge has dismissed nearly 600 charges of animal cruelty against a woman accused of keeping hundreds of cats, some dead and dying, at a western Pennsylvania animal sanctuary.

The attorney for Linda Bruno says he wasn't provided enough information to mount a defense. District Judge Suzanne Blaschak agreed in a ruling Thursday in Gibsonia.

Prosecutors wouldn't comment on whether the charges would be refiled.

Humane officials say Bruno failed to provide adequate care for the cats at her 29-acre Tiger Ranch near Tarentum.

Bruno has said she took in cats that other shelters would not and that they were well cared for.

The Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals said it removed 406 cats in a raid last month. Several dozen have since died or had to be euthanized.

NATIONAL

Ga. police say 3rd-graders plotted to attack teacher, brought broken steak knife, handcuffs

WAYCROSS, Ga. (AP) - A group of children ages 8 to 10 apparently were mad at their teacher because she had scolded one of them for standing on a chair, authorities say.

That led the third-graders, as many as nine boys and girls, to plot an attack on the teacher at Center Elementary School in south Georgia.

Police Chief Tony. Tanner said the students apparently planned to knock the teacher unconscious with a glass paperweight, bind her with handcuffs and duct tape and then stab her with a broken steak knife.

The scheme involved a division of roles, Tanner said. One child's job was to cover windows so no one could see outside, and another was supposed to clean up after the attack.

"We're not sure at this point in the investigation how many of the students actually knew the intent was to hurt the teacher," Tanner said.

School officials had alerted police Friday after a pupil tipped off a teacher that a girl had taken a weapon to school.

Tanner said the teacher told detectives the children weren't known as troublemakers.

"You can't dismiss it," Tanner said. "But because they are kids, they may have thought this was like a cartoon – we do whatever and then she stands up and she's OK. That's a hard call."

The purported target teaches third-grade students with learning disabilities, including attention deficit disorder, delayed development and hyperactivity, friends and parents said.

Two of the students were arrested on juvenile charges Tuesday and a third arrest was expected. District Attorney Rick Currie said other students told investigators they didn't take the plot seriously or insisted they had decided not to participate.

"Some of the kids said, 'We thought they were just kidding,'" Currie said. "Another child was supposed to bring a toy pistol, and he told a detective he didn't bring it because he thought he would get in trouble."

Currie said the children are too young to be charged as adults, and probably too young to be sentenced to a youth detention center.

"We did not hear anybody say they intended to kill her, but could they have accidentally killed her? Absolutely," Tanner said. "We feel like if they weren't interrupted, there would have been an attempt. Would they have been successful? We don't know."

Currie said he decided to seek juvenile charges against two girls, ages 9 and 10, who brought the knife and paperweight and an 8-year-old boy who brought tape. He said they face charges of conspiracy to commit aggravated assault, and both girls are being charged with taking weapons to school.

Nine children have been given discipline up to and including long-term suspension, said Theresa Martin, spokeswoman for the Ware County school system. She would not be more specific but said none of the children had been back to school since the case came to light.

School system policy says any student who brings "anything reasonably considered to be a weapon" is to be expelled for at least the remainder of the school year.

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

New Castle firework competition heats up with lawsuit

Lawrence County-based Zambelli Fireworks Internationale says one of its top pyrotechnicians broke his contract and ran across town to go to work for its competition. Zambelli filed federal lawsuit on Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Pittsburgh claiming firework designer Matthew Wood broke his contract as a pyrotechnician and choreographer to go to work for Pyrotecnico, another New Castle-based fireworks company. Zambelli's attorney is now accusing Pyrotecnico and Matthew Wood of trying to destroy or damage its business.

Zambelli Fireworks Internationale, which bills itself as the "First Family of Fireworks," and Pyrotecnico, which traces its history to 1889, have long been competitors in New Castle. The lawsuit accuses Wood of exploiting trade secrets, saying he and Pyrotecnico cost it money, clients, market share and a loss of confidential information. According to Zambelli's suit, Wood choreographed Zambelli events around the country, including a New Year's Eve celebration in Times Square. Wood quit Zambelli in February saying he wanted to go in a different direction. The company wants the court to stop Wood going to work for Pyrotecnico for two years. Zambelli is seeking more than $75,000 apiece from Wood and Pyrotecnico and unspecified lost revenue caused by the alleged contract breach.

INTERNATIONAL

Plane crash in Suriname kills at least 19 people, aviation officials say

PARAMARIBO, Suriname (AP) - A plane crashed en route to a remote mining region in southern Suriname on Thursday, killing at least 19 people, officials in the South American country said.

The twin-engine Antonov-AN28 was operated by a Surinamese carrier, Blue Wing airlines, said Kenneth Dors, Suriname's air traffic services director.

Dors said 19 or 20 people were on board, including two crew members, but officials were still trying to determine the exact number. All died in the crash.

Another official, Brian Desouza, flight safety division manager for the aviation authority, said 19 were on board and all were apparently Surinamese.

The plane took off from the capital, Paramaribo, and crashed in a wooded area near the airstrip in the Benzdorp region, on the border with French Guiana, officials said.

"The local people have reached the aircraft; they know what the situation is," Desouza said. "We're putting up investigation teams."

Authorities had not yet determined the cause.

Arie Verkuyl, a member of Blue Wing's board of directors, told The Associated Press his daughter was the pilot of the aircraft, and that the crash occurred in a light rain just after she had aborted a previous landing attempt and was coming around to try again.

Verkuyl received the information from his son, who is also a Blue Wing pilot and was on the ground at the Benzdorp airstrip when the crash occurred.

"They were so very close to landing. I don't know what happened," he said in an interview at the company's offices at an airfield in the capital.

Blue Wing has been in operation since 2002, according to its Web site.

In June 2006, European Union authorities prohibited Blue Wing from landing at European airports after French aviation officials found safety deficiencies during inspection of plane.

The European Commission removed the airline from the blacklist in November 2007, saying the company had resolved the issues.

Suriname is a sparsely populated former Dutch colony on the northeastern shoulder of South America.

Political Pong: Alternate candidates

Steve Ruperto
Political Pong, blue team

With about six weeks to go until graduation, seniors are beginning to scramble to find jobs and figure out what they are doing with their lives. Like many of my fellow seniors, I have not finalized any of my post-Westminster plans. Naturally, the smart option would be to sit down and figure out where I'm going to be and what I'm going to be doing, but I didn't do that. No, I did something so much better; I came back to write for you for the last month of the semester. For those freshmen who have never seen this column, welcome to Political Pong, a place where my girlfriend and I duke it out politically.

Don't get me wrong, Obama, Clinton, and McCain have provided America with over a year's worth of entertainment and pain during their respective campaigns, but Carsen and I have decided to spice up the presidential race by introducing some more candidates that would be unique choices.

1. Michael Jackson: Let's talk about someone with name recognition across the globe. Most famous for his Thriller album in the 1980s which sold more copies than any other album in history, Michael Jackson would be able to handle the tough issues America is handling today. War would no longer be necessary because Jackson would be able to settle all issues through "a dance-off". I'm not sure what the rest of the world would put up, but it will not stand a chance against the Moonwalk. Michael would also give the presidency a new look. Forget the coat and tie; Michael was well known for his unique dress. Taking care of business, and looking crazy while doing it. Michael may not have much political experience, but I'm confident Democrats could find a supporting staff to assist him.

2. Michael Jordan: Child obesity is quickly becoming a major issue facing Americans today, but that would all change if the 'greatest basketball player of all time' was to become president. During his career, he also played for a minor league baseball team and won two Olympic Gold Medals. Jordan proved his flexibility in sports, a trait that would be essential for any effective president to have. Imagine if Jordan gave a quick health tip after every political speech; that couldn't possibly be a bad thing. Jordan was introduced to the business world through his brand endorsements and appearances in many commercials, and after he retired from basketball, he continued to work in the business world. These experiences make him a well-rounded choice for president.

3. Steven Spielberg: To put it simply, America needs a director. As another gentleman with a large amount of name recognition, Spielberg put his creativity to use through his films to make him known as one of the best directors of all time. Political issues have become complex, and Spielberg would be able to help America by using his mind to creatively find ways to solve the issues. Spielberg would probably have others give his political speeches for him, but that would be acceptable because he would be directing those speeches.

Since Obama, Clinton, and McCain have been campaigning for over a year now, there is the distinct possibility that they do not approve of the candidates I have chosen to put on the ballot, but they do not need to worry. Jackson, Jordan, and Spielberg do not have the political experience that the real final three candidates have, and I'm sure that none of the three I have listed will be running for the office any time soon.

Carsen Nesbitt
Political Pong, red team

We're back! After almost a year of hibernation, your favorite politically divergent couple is back for the last month of the semester. It's only appropriate that seniors spend their last few weeks playing pong, even if it's just the political kind.

Why did we come back you ask? Well my friend, if you've paid any attention to any kind of news source at all you'll know that April is a very important month in the state of Pennsylvania. Since I know most of you have no clue what I'm talking about, April 22nd is not only Earth Day (shout out to my Green Party and Sierra Student Coalition homies!), and it's not just another day during Greek Week (shout out to my Greek homies!). It's the Pennsylvania primaries, a day that in most Presidential election years means basically nothing because the candidate has already been chosen from the results of previous primaries. However, because the race is so tight on the Democrats' side, Pennsylvania's votes will actually mean something when delegates go to choose a candidate at the Democratic National Convention. (If you went to Mock Convention and don't know how a convention works by now, I'm really not sure how to help you. Counseling may be available at a later time).

Unfortunately, all that excitement is only on the donkey's back. The Republicans made it easy on themselves and let Senator John McCain from Arizona take over the primaries. He, unless some kind of mutiny occurs at the Republican National Convention, will be the Republican candidate for the presidency. We just get to sit back and watch the Dems beat themselves up for a while… which brings me to my major issue.

I don't know about you, but I'm sick of hearing about Obama, Clinton and McCain. We've been bombarded over the past year with this presidential hoopla and the faces are getting old. I've got my own picks for President, and they're not anyone we've ever considered before. They're all Republicans, and I'd like to see them go for it.

First: Vince Vaughn. Starring in such movies as The Wedding Crashers, Dodgeball, and Starsky & Hutch, the U.S.A. could use a President who's actually funny and doesn't just think he can make people laugh. There's all this serious stuff going on, like a war, a tumultuous economy and skyrocketing gas prices, but all could be taken care of with a good ol' knee-slapper. All official Presidential cabinet meetings and gatherings of international leaders could begin with a comedy hour, or even just a clip from one of Vaughn's many movies. I'm not too sure about his political policies, but I am sure he'll find someone capable of telling him what to do.

Second: Ben Stein. Who doesn't love this guy? I'd like to win Ben Stein's money, and I wouldn't mind him using his amazing monotone voice ("Bueller? Bueller?") to bore world leaders into nodding off (and by nodding, answering yes to anything we might want them to do). Not to mention he actually knows a lot about the economy, and we need someone who can fix America's money troubles immediately. He's funny, he's smart, and he's conservative. It's a beautiful combination.

Third: Chuck Norris. Fact: Some people wear Superman pajamas. Superman wears Chuck Norris pajamas. 'Nuff said.

Close considerations: Tony Danza, Drew Carey, Jerome Bettis, and Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen.

Campus News

Contributed Photo

Erasing Spaces

The cars seen above would all be considered illegally parked from 3 a.m. to 4 p.m. under new borough regulations.

New parking regulations limit available spots

By Jessica Davis
Staff Writer

The New Wilmington Borough Council has recently approved restricted parking on Maple Avenue that will be in effect immediately.

After the Borough council performed studies on the use of Maple Avenue, between Orchard Street and the entrance to Beeghly parking lot, approval of restricted hours were put in effect. No parking on Maple Avenue will be enforced between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"There are probably about ten vehicles that can park in that section, North of Shaw, it will a little bit of an impact," head of campus security Bill Brandt said. "Students without parking decals that park on the street will be pushed further from where they are parking right now."

The Borough council observed complications when large trucks would block the street only allowing one vehicle to pass. This type of incident causes backups and safety hazards. It is also difficult for drivers exiting the Beeghly parking lot to see past the parked cars.

The restricted hours will permit the borough to easily remove snow and clean Maple Avenue without parked cars blocking the route.

The New Wilmington Police Department will enforce these regulations immediately.

Senior class gift reminder:

Participation is key

The Class of 2008 will graduate in mere weeks, and it's time for the seniors to leave their legacy: The Senior Class Gift.

The most important aspect of the senior class gift is participation. As of April 3, about 45% of the class of 2008 had pledged a contribution.

"The point is not how much you give, but it is the fact that you gave," Kial Vidic, senior gift committee member, said.

A unique aspect of the gift is that the seniors can choose where their contribution goes; organizations, academic departments, or the committee's choice: the Burry Stadium Project. Many students who have donated $20.08 or more have chosen to give their portion of the gift in honor or in memory of someone.

Also, there are many reasons students should give back to their college community.

"The school has done so much for us, even if we don't realize it," Mitch Taylor said. "Westminster is special compared to other colleges. Other students don't get what we get. It's time for us to do something for Westminster; it's a gesture to say 'thanks.'"

The gift committee's goal is to reach 100% participation. Last year's senior class had 60% participation and raised more than $3,000.

Seniors can also fill out the brief forms online if they lost their forms or were unable to participate in Senior Salute Day.

The check will be presented at the senior picnic during Senior Week.

"An Evening of Elegance" will be held to honor departing college president

By Gina Guyer
Campus Writer

On Saturday, April 12, Opera Westminster will present "An Evening of Elegance" at 6:30 p.m. in the Witherspoon Rooms in honor of retiring President R. Thomas Williamson and his wife Jean.

Like the traditional Vienna Ball, Westminster's Opera Ball will include a dining portion and a dance portion accompanied by a program of opera under the direction of Dr. Anne Hagan Bentz, associate professor of music and Mr. Mihai Valcu, an adjunct music faculty conductor, along with other musical performances from members of the community.

"Each Spring, Opera Westminster has a production consisting of scenes. Our director came up with the idea to have a Ball in order to give President Williamson a proper send off," Bentz said.

To start the evening, Opera Westminster will perform a series of melodies in the form of scenes acted out to the audience with moderation from Bentz and Valcu. Some of the scenes have music from the operetta "Grafin Mariza" by Emmerich Kalman and by composers Richard Heuberger, Victor Leon and Heinrich von Waldberg. Performers will be dressed in ball attire and costumes while they sing and act for the audience.

Characters in the scenes play creative roles, some of which are women disguised as men.

"It is very common for mezzo sopranos to play the role of the male in operas. Not only is it awkward but it is definitely a challenge to get rid of those little feminine movements that all females naturally do without thinking," freshman Kayla Castille said.

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Participants in the Opera Ball will perform Saturday, April 12 honoring President Williamson with "An Evening of Elegance."

Additional entertainment will include The Seraphin Singers, a community chorus under the direction of Kris Harper, an Irish dance from Dance Theater, gypsy music, a scene from "The Quilters", music from the Faculty String Quartet, songs from the Chamber Singers, and music from Dr. Nancy DeSalvo, associate professor and chair of the department of music.

"Although I've never experienced Opera, I am looking forward to seeing this event," junior Sandell Raines said.

For the dining portion of the evening, guests have the choice of a full sit down dinner or a snack, dessert and beverage buffet. The two main entrees include Portabella Wellington and Steak Wellington with side dishes and dessert. The buffet will include fresh fruit, veggies, desserts and a variety of beverages.

Guests are asked to wear formal attire with black tie optional. The price for a couple to attend the Ball with the sit down dinner is $50 and for a single $28. To attend and receive the buffet, the price is $10 per person.

So far, more than $2,000 in tickets have been sold to New Wilmington and New Castle residents, faculty, the Board of Directors, Chamber of Commerce, and students.

Faculty Forum:

Professor explains difficulties of archival research

By Christopher Norris
Campus Writer

The Faires Faculty Forum welcomed Associate Professor of English, Dr. Bethany Hicok.

Faculty members filled Mueller theater to hear Hicok's presentation entitled, "Down the Rabbit Hole: Copyright Law, Scholarly Freedom, and Other Discoveries of a McCandless Year."

Hicok received the McCandless Scholar Award last year which provided her with a stipend for research towards her book, "Degrees of Freedom," which will be published in October. The book examines female poets and their development at same sex institutions.

Her presentation was based upon the challenges scholars like herself face when performing archival research including fair use and copyright laws.

"It was hard to figure out who I was even supposed to talk to," Hicok said of her difficult task. "I had to rely on other scholars I had met to help guide me through."

Hicok had to request permission from three different estates before she could finalize her book while also abiding by the strict rules of the Copyright Act of 1976 which is based upon the protection of intellectual property. The Moore Estate, the Bishop Estate, and the Plath Estate were all consulted by Hicok to obtain the rights to particular works.

"The emotional cost was far higher than the publishing costs," Hicok recalled of the painstaking process that delayed the publishing of her book for up to a year.

The Doctrine of Fair Use made the process slightly easier for Hicok by allowing her the privilege to quote up to 10 percent of copyrighted work without permission from the owner. However, Hicok feels it hinders her credibility as a scholar.

"I feel it doesn't make a good book if you are constantly quoting other people," Hicok said.

Among faculty in attendance was Professor of Communications, Brad Weaver, who sympathized with Hicok.

"It appears the lack of definition for "fair use" can be an unfair burden for scholars when it comes to quoting works published and unpublished sources," Weaver said. "It sounds like Dr. Hicok lived through the copyright nightmare for her efforts. I agree scholars need advocates when it comes to copyright."

Hicok, who has been with Westminster since 2001, earned her undergraduate degree from Russell Sage College and masters and Ph.D. from the University of Rochester.

The Faculty Forum was established in 1990 by professor of mathematics, Dr. Barbara Faires. The forums consist of faculty members from all disciplines who volunteer to present lectures on their current research, artistic productions, and/or scholarship of teaching and learning

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Sports

Softball falls to Thiel, blames chilly local climate

Lady Titans find it hard to adjust after spending week in in Florida

Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

After a week-long break from competition, the softball team returned to the field only to be upset by Thiel in their President's Athletic Conference doubleheader opener.

The Titans traveled to Greenville Wednesday, March 2 and lost the games with scores of 5-2 and 2-1.

"It is difficult when you get back from a week of competition in Florida and you can't play because of the weather," junior Elena Antonucci said. "We did not have the right mindset at practice this past week and that is part of the reason why we struggled in the Thiel game."

The first game remained scoreless in the first inning. During the bottom of the second inning Thiel scored three runs on three hits. The Tomcats added to their lead in the fourth inning with two runs on two hits.

The Titans scored two runs on three hits in the top of the sixth inning and did not score again resulting in their loss. Freshman Amber Crompton pitched 3 1/3 innings during which she gave up five runs on six hits with four walks and two strikeouts.

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Freshman Sammi DiNardo smacks out a hit against Pitt-Greensburg in the 8-0, 12-7 double header win on April 3. The Titans host Chatham on April 5 at 1:00 p.m.

Emily Batiz led Thiel to their victory by pitching a complete-game three-hitter with two walks and seven strikeouts. Batiz also scored two runs.

Freshman DiAndra DiBacco and sophomore Addie Parker scored one run apiece for the Titans.

Thiel grabbed hold of the lead in the sixth inning of the second game when they scored two runs on three hits. The Titans were only able to score one run in the seventh inning giving Thiel their second win.

Elise Moore pitched a complete-game four-hitter for the Tomcats with no walks and two strikeouts, while teammate Danielle Dwyer led offensively with two hits including an RBI double.

Sophomore Jennifer Emery absorbed the loss for the Titans with two runs on seven hits and no walks with two strikeouts. Senior Maria Joseph scored the single run for the Titans.

The Titans play host to PAC opponent Chatham Saturday, April 5.

"We can not take any team that we play lightly," Antonucci said. "Everyone on our schedule this year is a good team and we will have to play our best to come out on top. I have complete confidence that if everyone plays to their potential and more importantly plays together, we will not have a problem with our upcoming opponents."

Fanhood fixation

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

Love is how I describe this time of the year. It's that tingling feeling of excitement and exhilaration; the feeling of being four years old and finding the Easter basket before church on Sunday morning.

For all sports fans who take pride in their "fanhood," love is the only way to describe this sports season. After the long lull of NBA basketball and regular season college action that gets us by after the Super Bowl, we once again have excitement in the air.

Aside from the NCAA Basketball Championships, which may the single greatest event in all of sports, we just celebrated opening day of America's pastime, are now in the thick of NASCAR racing with the good ole boys, and are about to feel the intensity of playoff hockey.

For Pittsburgh fans, it is almost as exciting as your beloved Steelers season. The Pittsburgh Penguins are not only one of the most exciting hockey teams in the NHL, they are one of the most exciting teams in all of sports. The Penguins continue to sit atop the eastern conference standings and have a legit of representing the east in the Stanley Cup.

As much of a Ty Conklin supporter as I am, Marc-Andre Fleury has been the hottest net minder in the league since his return. Credit the Pens blue line for contributing to the stout goalie numbers. If Fleury can keep this ridiculous pace in the postseason, the Pens will have a shot to win the shebang.

Curse be gone, the Pirates nearly stole defeat from the jaws of victory in their extra-inning, opening day win against the Atlanta Braves. The Buccos, tried to give it to the Braves in the bottom of the 12th inning, but newly christened big league manager John Russell celebrated his first of few victories with the Pittsburgh Pirates.

On the second game of the series, and second game of the season, the Pirates returned to form by imploding in the eighth inning and allowing the Braves to cruise to an easy victory.

I'm wondering if the 1992 season, the last winning season the Bucs have had, is just a figment of my imagination. Nonetheless, opening day is excitement enough to keep me clinging to the smallest hope of a winning season.

Now, about that thing called the Final Four. Last week, I went nine of twelve for a solid C average of 75 percent. Of the three games left to crown the champ, I do not think there is a sure pick anywhere.

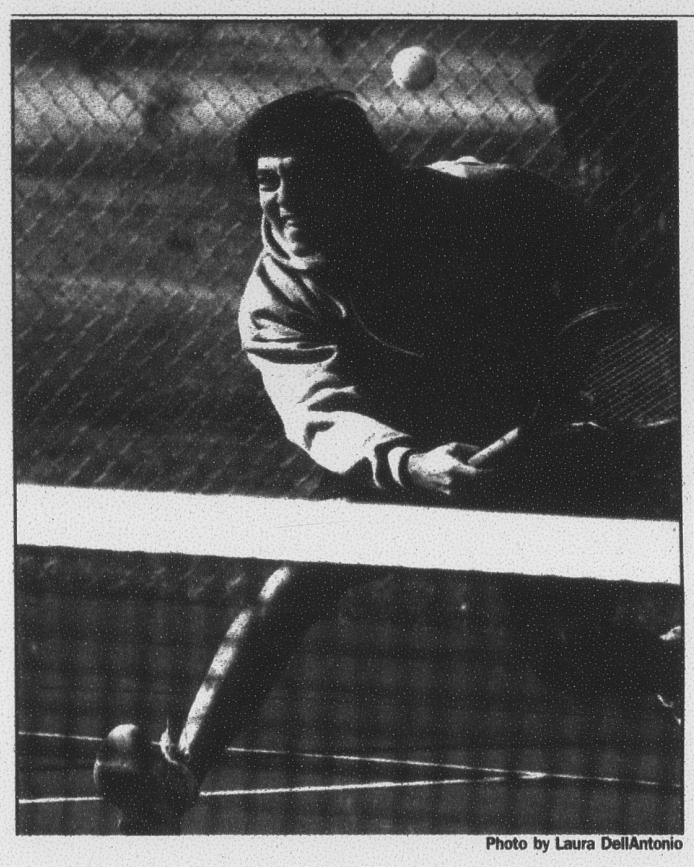
With that in mind, the depth and size of Kansas' front line will limit Tyler Hansbrough and ultimately put Kansas into the national title game. Kansas is legitimately ten deep and on any given night, any of the ten can have a monster game. Roy Williams will be defeated by the team he left to take the reins of UNC.

On the other side, Memphis has yet to play a barnburner game in the tournament. UCLA will give them more than a spark by keeping the game close the entire way. Then, with the pressure on, Memphis' inability to free throws will send Pitt product Ben Howland and the UCLA Bruins to compete for a National Championship.

Unlike the previous two title bouts, Kansas and UCLA will go down to the wire. My advice for this game is to believe in oneSELF. Bill Self will finally defy the criticism that he cannot win the big game by bringing the National Championship back to Kansas.

Yes Dorothy we are in Kansas, home of the National Champion Kansas Jayhawks.

Brandon is a junior mathematics major and an education minor. He is also the voice of Titan Basketball and Greyhound Football on Titan Radio.



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Junior Stefan Hadricky smashes the ball over the net against Washington & Jefferson in number one doubles. The Titans came up short losing 5-4 on April 2 to W&J, and will return to home action on April 10 at 4:00 against Waynesburg.

Men's and women's tennis teams return from training trip with much experience gained

Corey Kendall
Sports Writer

While most of us spent our spring break in care-free bliss, the Westminster men's and women's tennis teams headed down to Hilton Head, South Carolina for three separate matches on three separate days.

Unfortunately both the men and the women lost all three matches. These spring break games are the only matches that the Lady Titans would be playing in this spring as their regular season is in the fall. This break's matches give them a combined record of 10-9. The Men's record is now 0-5.

On March 16, the Titans took on Macalester for their first match of spring break. In the women's match Macalester was able to claim an overall victory with a score of 9-0. Hillary Newman of Westminster came close to winning her match with scores of 7-6 and 7-5. The men's team was also shutout with an over all score of 9-0.

The next match took place on March 18 against Nebraska Wesleyan. Again the Women's team was shutout with a score of 9-0. This time Hillary Newman pulled through winning one set 6-4 but unfortunately losing the next two. The men's team also got shutout with a score of 9-0.

After two horrible defeats the Titans played a bit better on May 19 in the third match of the break. This time the Titans took on Heidelberg and both the men and women were able to score win three sets. Unfortunately, they were unable to come through with an overall win leaving the final score 6-3.

For the Women, Hillary Newman defeated Heidelberg's Morgan Harrigan with scores of 6-3 and 6-4 while Beth Erwin shutout Cassandra Nino with scores of 6-0 and 6-0. In the doubles competition Alyson Lingle and Beth Erwin defeated Ashley Dodrill and Dawn Neumeyer with a score of 9-7.

In the Men's competition, Fred Romeo defeated Heidelberg's Jacob Craig with scores of 0-6, 6-4, and 7-6 (7-3) while Mark Drabick defeated Dylan Booth with scores of 7-6 (9-7) and 6-4. In the doubles competition Fred Romeo and Dusty Rohdes defeated Lee Moomaw and Ryan Michel with a score of 8-4.

Although the Titans were unable to claim a victory over spring break, they came from spring break with high hopes of claiming victory over Bethany on Wednesday, March 26. Unfortunately that game was postponed but the Titans will be back in action on Sunday, March 30 against Frostburg State.

Titan Traverse members spend spring break week conquering nature

By Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

The Titan Traverse staff, along with a group of 17 students, returned home safely after spending spring break in California and Florida.

Staff members Laura Nystrom and Brian Vare accompanied a group of ten students to Everglades, Fl. where they spent the week canoeing in the Ten Thousand Islands area of Everglades National Park.

A group of seven students, along with Titan Traverse staff members Steve Nystrom and Chrissy Valentine, traveled to Joshua Tree, Calif. where they spent time rock climbing and hiking at Joshua Tree National Park.

"Instead of spending spring break at home, Titan Traverse gave students the opportunity to spend their spring break doing something out of the ordinary," Nystrom said. "The students gain a lot from their experience."

Those traveling to California encountered an obstacle on the way, as their flight was delayed in Atlanta, Ga. because of tornadoes. The group was forced to spend the night in the airport.

After arriving in Joshua Tree, the students and leaders encountered adverse weather conditions. Winds of up to 70 mph forced the group to reattach their tents in order to avoid losing them.

While in Joshua Tree, students had the opportunity to climb a rise rated 5.8 on the rock climbing rating system, the easiest rise being a 5.1 and the most difficult, primarily for professionals, being a 5.12. The group also hiked to an oasis.

Aside from camping out in Joshua Tree National Park, students camped out next to the Pacific Ocean.

"The trip reminded me of how simple yet sufficient nature is," senior Veronica Geretz said. "After relying on the land and being entirely self-sustainable, I was more conscious of saving energy."

The group that traveled to Florida drove to their destination rather than flying and did not experience any problems along the way.

The theme of the trip was "story." Students participated in group discussions and also spent time alone thinking about the story of their lives.

While in Everglades National Park, students and their leaders spent the week canoeing and camping out at various islands. During their stay on the islands, students had a considerable amount of time to relax on the beach. The group experienced adverse weather conditions toward the end of their trip.

"One day the weather was really bad; a lot of wind and really high waves," senior Kevin Oshnock said. "It took us seven hours to travel three miles. The challenge was fun, as we tried to avoid flipping our canoes."

Although there are not any upcoming trips planned, a wilderness first aid class will be held Saturday, April 19 and Sunday, April 20. The class is especially beneficial for those who plan to be camp counselors as well as those who spend time in the wilderness.

Track and Field has strong showing at Western PA Championship meet

By Bob Long
Sports Writer

The Titans had their eyes on the prize this past week as they traveled to Carnegie Mellon for the Western PA Championships.

Three school records were either tied or broken as the men's and women's track and field teams competed on March 29th.

The Titan women placed third out of 15 schools with 74.5 points, finishing behind Division I schools Saint Francis (157) and Robert Morris (101). The Titan men placed 15 out of 15 teams with seven points.

The men were paced by the performances of Damon Neal, placing eighth in the javelin with a distance of 49.21 meters, and Casey Karger, capturing eighth in the 400 hurdles with a time of 58.70.

The women were led by several girls. After tying the school record at a meet in Coastal Carolina in the 100 meter dash, Megan Harding was back at it again. Harding set the new record for the 100 at 12.67 for a first place finish in the meet.

Harding also finished with a time of 12.56 in the preliminary. . Harding won two individual events during the meet as she also ran a first-place time of 26.07 in the 200 meters.

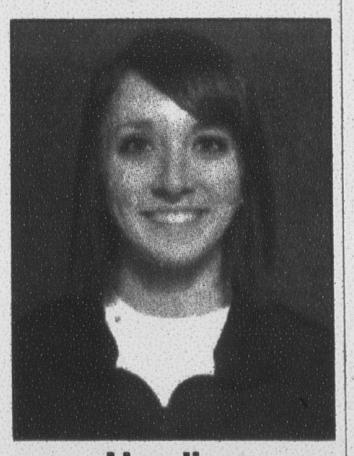
Harding was also part of another record as the ladies placed first in the 4x100 relay with a school record time of 49.62, beating out the previous best time of 49.72 set last year. This team was composed of Megan Harding, Seun Olarewaju, Jill Diamond, and Alicia Crum.

Senior Jess Cooper tied her own school record in the high jump with a first place and NCAA Division III Championship provisional qualifying distance of 1.65 meters. These record breaking performances have really set the bar high as the team prepares for the PAC's.

"This week we came into practice with confidence, because of our performance at the meet last weekend," junior Rebecca Shiner said. "We are practicing hard this week getting ready for the upcoming meets, but our main focus is the PAC meet."

The Titans are starting to hit their stride as they prepare to fight for the PAC title.

"The team needs to stay healthy and we have a good shot of winning," junior Amanda Smallhoover said.



Harding

Reminder of athletic survey at registration

Students registering for classes next week are reminded that there is an additional step to the process this spring. Students will need to complete and submit an Athletics Interests and Abilities Survey prior to entering official registration. Athletic Department staff members will be available at tables located outside of the doors to the Witherspoon Rooms. Once the survey is submitted, an Athletics staff member will stamp each student's yellow Permission to Register paper. Registrar's Office personnel will check the permission slip for the stamp at the door to registration.

The survey takes about five minutes to complete and students are encouraged to complete the survey prior to arriving at their appointed registration time. Surveys have been sent to all students via e-mail by the Athletic Department. The Athletic Department will also have blank surveys available for completion and submission at the tables outside of the Witherspoon Rooms during the official registration period each day.

Jim Dafler
Director of Athletics

Arts & Entertainment

Horton hears a what?

By Brett Gerthoffer
A&E Writer

Ahhh yes, the animated movies. Some of the coolest movies come from none other than animated movies made by studios like Pixar and Disney. Some of the most mentionable greats would have to be Toy Story, Lion King, Cars, Ratatouille, Monsters Inc., Antz, The Nightmare Before Christmas, Finding Nemo, and Aladdin, just to name a few. A new film can easily be added to this list without doubt; Horton Hears a Who! This screenplay was written by Cinco Paul and Ken Daurio who also wrote for other movies such as Santa Clause 2 and College Road Trip. Horton was easily one of my favorite animated movies and coming from a Dr. Seuss book you know it is top quality in story and has a lot of underlying messages. Main themes and motifs of this animated flick are peer pressure, creativity, tyranny, family relationships, and acceptance.

Finally, a famous Seuss work is put into top CGI animation instead of live action like The Cat in the Hat and How the Grinch Stole Christmas. This was such a relieving change because it is so much easier to portray Seuss' themes through animation over live action. Sure, the live action is cool and effective, but it's a lot harder to show what Dr. Seuss means with adults in goofy costumes limited through live actions and film effects. With animation at hand it's much easier to give the "Who's" their eccentric form of lifestyle, creativity, and uniqueness because animators can do just about anything they want.

The character creations in this film were phenomenal. They ranged from a fuzzy little yellow puffball girl, to a tiny baby "Who", to a giant gentle Elephant. The little yellow fuzz ball was part of a small group of other funny looking creatures that adored the main character who was obviously an elephant voiced by Jim Carrey. These kids provided a lot of the laughs from the movie and of course the cuteness factor (a quick hats of to beloved Seuss for creating such awesome characters that children and adults alike can relate to and enjoy). Other neat characters were the tyrannical kangaroo, all the other "Who's", and various "otherworldly" creatures residing in the jungle the movie is set in.

Horton is a very free-spirited elephant whom all the children look up to because he is so fun. But the kangaroo (voiced by Carol Burnett) hates this because she is the law of the community residing in the jungle, and Horton is causing a lot of problems for her because he is showing the kids that it is ok to go against her rule. So basically Horton finds a tiny spec on a fuzzy flower because he heard a tiny voice on it. He finally realizes that there are people on it because a certain "Who" mayor (voiced by Steve Carell) finds a way to talk back to Horton. The children begin to believe him and carry around their own flowers. However, the awful Kangaroo turns the community against Horton by telling them that there can't possibly be little people living on a tiny spec. Sadly, Horton has problems proving that the "Who" really exist. I will not delve any further into the story because there are some neat things in the end that you need to find out for yourself.

Needless to say, Horton proves to the dictator Kangaroo that a person is a person no matter how small. Wow… that sure sounded like a sentence straight from a Dr. Seuss book, well that's because it is and it is the main message in the movie. The writers and directors for Horton did a fabulous job in portraying just that message that we can learn for ourselves. We are all people no matter what size, color, or personality we have and we should all treat each other with respect and love.

Other mentionable voices are by Jonah Hill and Seth Rogan from Superbad and Knocked Up, and Will Arnett from Arrested Development and Blades of Glory, and also Dan Fogler from Good Luck Chuck and Balls of Fury. Definitely in Jonah Hill, Seth Rogen, and Steve Carell's case you can tell that they are rising stars because they are featured in an animated film and you can tell who they are just by their voices (Jim Carrey has always been a fan favorite). So, if you're looking for one of the coolest and funniest animated movies that is filled with tons of great themes go see Horton Hears a Who! It truly is Who-tastic.

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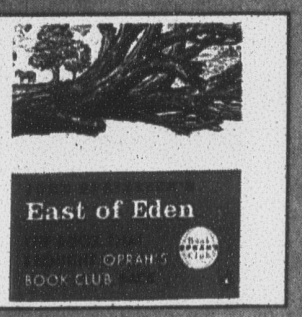
Editors' picks

Lydia- *Illuminate*

I hated their first release *This December, One More and I'm Free* but after hearing a buzz about this release I decided to get my hands on it. Lead vocalist Leighton Antelmon shines brighter than any other release I've heard this year. As a whole, Illuminate is a lesson in grace that will capture anyone through both head and heart.

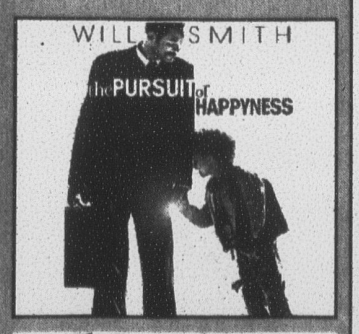
Radiohead – *In Rainbows*

This album has stuck to my side since the day of its release and is slowly but surely becoming my favorite release by the band. I'm even more excited to see them live when they come through on their North American tour.



John Steinbeck – *East of Eden*

I'm sure many of you may have suffered through *Grapes of Wrath* in high school, but *East of Eden* is a monster of a book that possesses some of the most interesting and engaging characters I've yet to encounter. And don't worry; there are no grapes.



The Pursuit of Happyness

After seeing Will Smith kick some dark-seeker but in *I Am Legend*, it was equally enjoyable watching him pursue his dreams in a film that shows the softer side of Mr. Smith. If you are prone to tears, however, bring a tissue because you will be moved more than you can handle.

CD reviews

One-man band releases first, full-length album

PlayRadioPlay!: *Texas*

Band members: Daniel Hunter-vocals, guitars, and synthesizers

By Max Muska
A&E Writer

Self-proclaimed "control-freak," 18-year-old Daniel Hunter, has already made a name for himself in the music industry.

Hunter's one-man act PlayRadioPlay! was signed to Island Records last year after self-releasing several songs on its MySpace and Purevolume WebPages. Hunter released a widely successful six-song E.P. last April and toured the country with a supporting band and occasionally on his own. His first full-length record, entitled Texas, after his home state, hit stores on Mar. 18, 2008.

PlayRadioPlay!'s sound is compared to similar electronic-punk bands such as The Postal Service and HelloGoodbye, but Hunter's overall sound and lyrics are less upbeat. Of course, there are more than enough danceable tracks and pop melodies, but an overwhelming state of melancholy dominates the record.

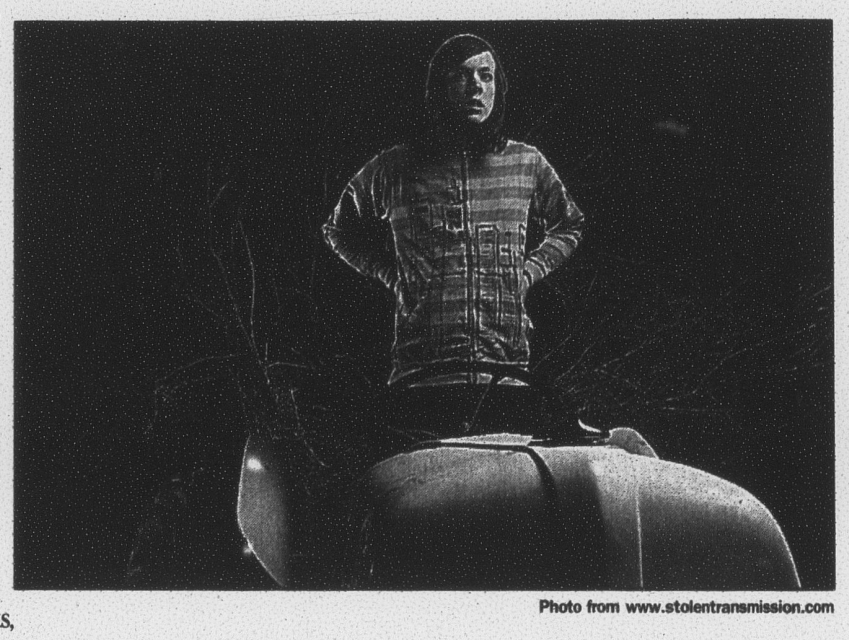
Hunter's musical ability is far beyond his years, especially for someone who learned to make electronic music in a high school class less than three years ago. PlayRadioPlay! utilizes a wide array of electronic instruments, guitars, drum machines and voice-altering effects to create a simultaneously simple and complex sound, which means the songs' structures are rather simple, but there are always at least three layers of different instruments complementing each other.

The album's opening track takes a while to kick in. A single synthesizer is heard for the first few measures. A simple drum beat and various other electronic sounds are added as the intro builds to the dance-rock rhythm of the chorus. The lyrics are simple and repetitive, but the upbeat rhythm and melody make "Loco Commotion" one of the album's high points.

The second song, a ballad called "I'm A Pirate, You're A Princess" is the best track on the record. It begins with a haunting piano melody and a waltz beat and various other synthesizers. Then the beat abruptly changes to a basic dance beat for the verse and the chorus. The clashing of musical styles in the song gives it huge emotional depth. The lyrics to the chorus are simple and fun, like many on the record: "I am a pirate, you are a princess/We could sail the seven seas/Bring back some presents for all the people/Everyone would love us, even Courtney would love us."

Most of the other tracks follow similar structures and create deeply emotional sounds, but the album becomes boring after awhile. This probably stems from the instrumental interludes between all of the songs. All of them are slow tempo-d and far too repetitive.

For the first full-length album from an 18-year-old musician, Texas is remarkable. PlayRadioPlay! has shown great potential by releasing such well-constructed material this early in its career.



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Attack and Release soars

Artist: The Black Keys
Album: *Attack & Release*

Band: Dan Auerbach – guitar/vocals
Patrick Carney - drums

By Ben Portz
A&E Writer

Rock music is not what it use to be. These days, too many pseudo-rock bands are taking over the world, and giving us horrible sounding records and taking all of our money. There is one band to rescue us all from this rock n'roll misery: The Black Keys. These guys from Akron, Ohio began in 2002, and apparently received their name from a schizophrenic friend whom called people "black keys" describing those who weren't quite right. The words "black keys" also refer to the black keys of a piano which has more of a bluesy-rock feel to them compared to the white keys.

The two band members include Dan Auerbach and Patrick Carney both on guitar. With this latest album entitled "Attack & Release", there was a dilemma regarding the initial recording. Ever since they became a band, they have been known for having a unique recording style by using tape recorders and analog effects. Secondly, most of their recording would take place in a garage or basement, and the mixing would be done by them. In some instances, they've been known to record an entire album within 12 hours which is incredibly fast when recording. For this album, when it came to recording they asked Brian "Danger Mouse" Burton to be their producer. At the time, Danger Mouse was in the middle of a project involving R&B and rock legend Ike Turner. Although unfortunately, this project will never be finished due to the death of Ike Turner. After this event, Danger Mouse fully committed to producing The Black Keys newest album.

"Attack & Release" brings a new sound for the Keys. If you are expecting a sound similar to their previous records, you won't. The recording is a lot more pure and clean as oppose to their others. The Keys use everything from female back-up vocals to a jazz flute on their tracks. As Rolling Stone put it, they said the album is "…a psychedelic hybrid of vintage Southern R&B, brutish British Invasion rock, and country blues…" you don't care. This works great for the sound that the Keys are looking for. Another odd track this is on the album is a track called "Mr. Dibbs "Fight for Air" Mash-up". This track incorporates many clips of all the other songs on the album. The way that they did it was almost like a teaching lesson. The voice of "Mr. Dibbs" guides you through the Black Keys sound, and after four minutes, you couldn't feel more tripped out. Well done Mr. Dibbs.

Regardless, The Black Keys really brought home a winner with "Attack & Release". The album has energy within it, and makes great

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Ok don't worry, you will still get the Keys signature big sound of bluesy-rock guitar riffs and constant cymbal crashes on a number of tracks including the track "Strange Times". This track is quite upbeat and goes in and out of a blues guitar riff and a choir-like sounding synth. "Psychotic Girl" begins with a banjo, and continues to become creepier the more it goes on. Dan's vocals are greatly improved from his previous records. It seems as if he's been affected by Hendrix's vocals, in other words, a lot of sliding around and almost singing as if respect to those bands long before it's time. Anyone would enjoy this album. You want a Gnarls Barkley sound? They got it. White Stripes? They got it. There is a whole lot more coming for The Black Keys in the future. Get tickets, see them. Get money, buy the album.

Recommendation:

Jamie Cullum – *Catching Tales*

Ben's Rating: ★★★☆☆

CALENDAR

Friday, April 4, 2008

Alpha Phi Omega's Cranes for Make-a-Wish Foundation

Habitat for Humanity ACT! SPEAK! BUILD! Week

SGA Audits/Allocations Meetings (By Appointment Only)

11:30 AM - 6:30 PM C F L Light Bulb Sale (MCC TUB)

11:30 AM College Feminists Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

12:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Exec Meeting (MCC Weisel Conference Room 255) 1:00 PM Campus Ministry Team Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

7:30 PM Planetarium Presents "The New Cosmos" (Hoyt 116)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: P.S. I Love You (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:00 PM - 12:00 AM Titan's Tavern: Winslow, "Crazy Kind of Love" (MCC Club/Lounge)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Sweeney Todd (MCC Mueller Theater)

Saturday, April 5, 2008

CAMPUS VISITATION DAY

TBA Men's Track & Field @ Malone Invitational

TBA Women's Track & Field @ Malone Invitational

TBA Men's Tennis @ Penn State-Altoona (at Grove City)

10:00 AM Men's Tennis @ Grove City*

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Celebrate Spring at Panhellenic's Easter Egg Hunt for Children (Quad (Inclement Weather: Ferguson Hall Lobby))

12:00 PM Baseball @ Thiel*

1:00 PM SOFTBALL v. Chatham*

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM The Science Scene: A Hands-On Workshop (Hoyt Chem and Biology Labs)

3:00 PM Senior Student Piano Recital: Sheila Barnhart (Orr Auditorium)

7:00 PM Mass (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

7:30 PM Planetarium Presents "The New Cosmos" (Hoyt 116)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Sweeney Todd (MCC Mueller Theater)

8:00 PM Swim Team Recruit Night (MCC Club/Lounge)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: P.S. I Love You (MCC Mueller Theater)

Sunday, April 6, 2008

SPRING FLING

TBA Men's Golf @ Mid-Atlantic Regional

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Sweeney Todd (MCC Mueller Theater)

3:00 PM Senior Saxophone Recital: Amanda Allwang (Wallsace Memorial Chapel)

7:00 PM Vespers (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: P.S. I Love You (MCC Mueller Theater)

Monday, April 7, 2008

FAFSA Form Deadline is May 1

HISTORY DAY

Last Day to Withdraw From a Course (must have approval)-- $15 Fee

TBA Men's Golf @ Mid-Atlantic Regional

TBA Women's Golf @ Washington & Jefferson Invitational

11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

12:00 PM Holcad Staff Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Spring Neuroscience Symposium (Open Session with Students and Speaker) (Hoyt 228)

9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Newman Club Meeting

TBA Men's Track & Field @ Grove City Quad Meet

TBA Women's Track & Field @ Grove City Quad Meet

3:00 PM REGISTRATION (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

4:00 PM Softball @ Geneva

4:15 PM Allies Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

5:15 PM Tri Beta Meeting (Hoyt 228)

5:30 PM College Democrats Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

6:30 PM Japanese Anime Club (TC 210)

7:00 PM Jacob Erhardt International Film Festival: Once (Irish, 2007) (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:30 PM Faculty Brass Quintet (Orr Auditorium)

9:40 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting (TC 314)

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

6:00 AM Titan Traverse Meeting (MCC Berlin Lounge)

11:45 AM Faires Faculty Forum: Joel Postema, Gueguense's Shadow: What Can an Old Indian Teach Us About Nicaragua? (MCC Mueller Theater)

11:45 AM Future Media Professionals Meeting (Thompson Clark 210)

1:00 PM BASEBALL v. Saint Vincent

3:00 PM REGISTRATION (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

4:00 PM Academic Standards Committee Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

4:15 PM Green Party Meeting (MCC Weisel Conference Room 255)

5:15 PM CPC Meeting (MCC Club)

6:45 PM Newman Club Exec Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

7:00 PM SGA Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:30 PM Faculty Jazz Recital: Jeff Wachter (Orr Auditorium)

7:30 PM Robert M. Woods Memorial Lecture (Phillips Lecture Hall)

8:30 PM Circle K Meeting (PH 112)

9:00 PM Study Abroad Informational Meeting for Interested Students (MCC Mueller Theater)

9:30 PM Seekers Meeting (MCC Club/Lounge)

Thursday, April 10, 2008

TBA Women's Golf @ Grove City Invitational

11:00 AM Support Staff Meeting (MCC Club Room)

12:40 PM COC Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

12:40 PM - 1:50 PM GET REAL! Workshop (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

3:00 PM REGISTRATION (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

4:00 PM MEN'S TENNIS v. Waynesburg*

4:00 PM Softball @ Pitt-Bradford

4:15 PM Guest Speaker, Dr. Kathleen Blee, U. of Pittsburgh, "The Women Inside Organized Racism" (MCC Berlin Lounge)

5:00 PM College Republicans Meeting (PH 231)

5:00 PM Mock Convention Dinner (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

5:00 PM S.W.A.T. Info Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

5:30 PM BSU Meeting (MCC Weisel Conference Room 255)

6:00 PM Psychology Meeting (Hoyt 152)

7:00 PM Gospel Choir (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

7:00 PM Interfraternity Council Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

7:00 PM Mock Convention's Voter Awareness Event (MCC Club/Lounge)

9:00 PM Amnesty International Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

Friday, April 11, 2008

FAFSA Form Deadline is May 1

11:30 AM College Feminists Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

11:40 AM Biology Lunch Seminar (Phillips Lecture Hall)

11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

12:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Exec Meeting (MCC Weisel Conference Room 255)

4:00 PM MEN'S TENNIS v. Pitt-Greensburg

7:00 PM College Republicans Present "Deal or No Deal?" (MCC Club/Lounge)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Kite Runner (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Charlie Wilson's War (MCC Mueller Theater)

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21 - April 19):

Plan to gain through a speculative venture, but keep in mind there are no guarantees. Consider the worst-case scenario and bet only what you can afford to lose.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):

Play it smart and avoid spreading yourself too thin. Handle all of your important correspondence personally and make sure that if is done correctly.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21):

Give your imagination adequate room to roam and produce this week. Figure out how to turn a creative idea into a profitable venture.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22):

Get together with friends and form a club toreflect your interests and needs. Make a commitment to enjoy quality time together on a regular basis.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):

You will obtain rewards from your job according to the level or degree that you are willing to contribute. Give your all and attain the desired results.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):

Travel and adventure are on tap. Do your best to be flexible and willing to go with the flow. Use humor to help you navigate tight corners or situations.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23):

Expect a raise or some form of financial increase to come through as a result of a group project or investment. Join the fun and cash in.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21):

You are attracted to some unusual associates or unconventional partnerships this week. Listen, learn and expand your emotional awareness.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):

Follow instructions from a colleague or co-worker to avoid making a mistake. Choose projects that promise immediate and satisfactory compensation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):

Hit the social scene with great expectations. A little enthusiasm will attract a lot of attention. Initiate a conversation with a kind word and a smile.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):

There is a harmonious and happy energy on the domestic front this week. Unite in a special celebration and make the most of time spent with loved ones.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):

Operate with great effectiveness on the mental level. Tap your creative center and engage your brain to solve a difficult dilemma or challenging puzzle.

If your birthday is this week:

You should feel comfortable to lean toward the unconventional or unusual during the coming year. Do not hesitate to spread your wings and willingly fly into an exciting and unique direction. Your participation in an offbeat club or group experience will alter or change your life in many ways. Record your private thoughts in a journal or diary and document your physical encounters in photos.

Also born this week:

Florence Nightingale, Stevie Wonder, Thomas Gainsborough, Trini Lopez, Tori Spelling and Tahj Mowry.

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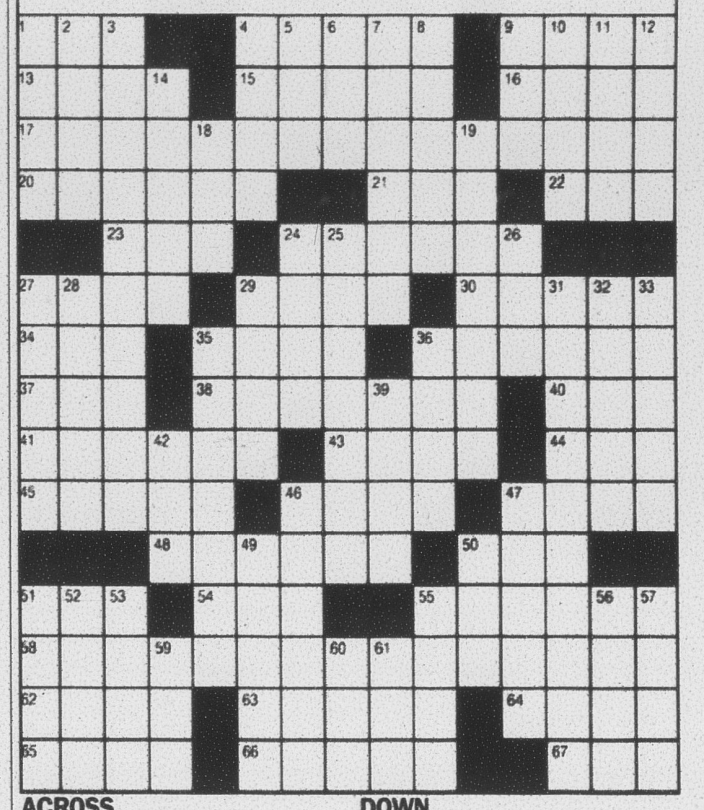

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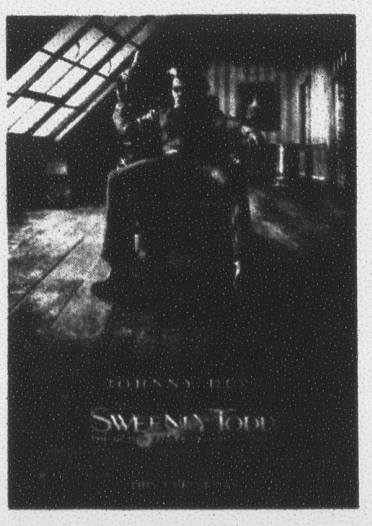
McKelvey Weekend Entainment

"P.S. I Love You"

Movies Playing at Mueller Theater

"Sweeney Todd"



8:00 PM	Friday	10:30 PM
10:30 PM	Saturday	8:00 PM
9:00PM	Sunday	3:00 PM

Movies provided by Club Room
Entertainment provided by CPC
Westminster ID's will be checked at all movies.
ID will admit you and one guest.
There is no charge; it's just for a count.

Late Night in the Club Room
Monday - 8 PM to 1 AM
Tuesday and Thursday - 9 PM to 1 AM

Features

Don't get stuck in the slump

Lurene McDonald
Features Editor

The mid-semester slump is a common "illness" that effects most college students this time of year.

I know that I have been effected by this sickness recently. There comes that time in the semester when it seems like you cannot take it anymore.

You have all your midterms. You have final projects looming at you in the distance and of course they are all due the same week.

The selection for honoraries, clubs, jobs, etc. are all decided around this time of year. It leaves whole weeks of nervous anxiousness, waiting for answers, disappointment in being turned down, and rejoicing in successes.

Students commonly are effected by this slump sometime after spring break. They have had the sweet taste of what life is like outside the daily grind of classes again. When they come back after this short recess, it leads to the excessive counting of days until the semester ends for the summer.

I admit that I am in the middle of my slump. I have my fair share of applications floating out there for my summer prospective jobs and I am anxious to hear answers. I had a wonderful break with my family and it went all too fast. I have a pile of final projects that need to be addressed in the next couple weeks and have spent the better part of the last two weeks suffering from bronchitis. Yes, my slump has arrived in its fullness.

Sometimes it is easy to get lost in these stages of our lives. It is easy to just let work pile upon work, disappointment pile upon disappointment, and pessimism heap upon pessimism.

The unfortunate consequence of this simple solution, is that our accomplishments and joys get lost in the muddle.

How often is it that if something disappointing occurs, it naturally outshines something that went well?

When we let it outshine the happy things in our life, we egg on our slump. It just makes it worse and I know numerous students have fell into this trap before.

I know it is not always easy to see the positive side of things happening in my life. However, that too is also my point.

It is easy to let that grey cloud loom over your head. It is much harder to keep dancing even in the rain.

If you are like me and stuck in your slump, there is only one solution to our problem. We have to keep going. Time goes by fast if you let it. Do not dwell in the past and problems, but instead let time go by into the future.

For every disheartening event that happens in your life, try to think of something positive. When I am feeling upset about something, I personally make a list of the positive things going on in my life.

When I take the time to reflect on what is actually going on in the overall picture, I always feel great deal better. If that does not work, I get a pep talk from someone.

I know the mid-semester slump is not fun. However, it does not mean you have to be stuck in it for the rest of the semester. If you put in the effort to get out of it, then, this semester will go by in a much happier fashion not only for you, but also those people around you.

Lurene is a sophomore public relations major who enjoys a mug of hot chocolate and cozy afternoon naps. She loves being a member of Kappa Delta Sorority and the Admissions Office Staff.

Students give children their 'First Book'

By Shannon Bobbert
Features Writer

If knowledge is power, then First Book is the county's educational powerhouse, providing opportunities and funds to educate children. This organization is making a difference in the literacy levels of those in the community with every book they collect.

President of First Book, Lindsey Thomas, gives us an inside look at how they are empowering the community through raising literacy levels.

What exactly is First Book?:

"The object of First Book is to give books to underprivileged kids–those who have never owned anything, let alone a book. We also distribute grants for school programs and after-school activities.

Our job is getting kids excited about reading. Basic scores (in research) show that the earlier you can reach a child, the quicker they can catch up and learn. Early intervention is incredibly important, so we provide children with materials and schools with funding so that these children can learn to read."

What age range of children does First Book focus on?:

"We focus on a really wide range of ages. This past year we have been focusing on younger kids, though we have also given books and money to George Junior. We help anyone who is of school age, there is no cutoff limit."

Who funds the organization to make these big changes?:

"We raise our own money, but got start up funds from main office. One project we used to raise money was 'Spoonful of Cheerios.' We read manuscripts for [the company] Cheerios and gave the manuscripts a rating, deciding if they were interesting and school-appropriate, in exchange for funding.

Borders bookstore also helps us, as well as some other bookstores that might sponsor events. First Book has hooked up to many different channels that offer us opportunities for fundraising."

First Book deals with many of the nitty-gritty financial matters, but do you get the opportunity to see firsthand the difference you are making in the lives of these children?:

"Yes, we have opportunities sometimes to watch the kids receive their books. In one instance we read to children at the Walker House before handing out their books. One little girl was completely new to the concept of having been given something–owning something of her very own. She kept asking "Is this mine? Do I have to pay for it? Do I have to take it back?" They were all so excited.

All the books also have a nameplate reading 'First Book Westminster' and have a place where the students can put their name. Not only does the child get a sense of ownership, but it puts out the name of First Book as well as the name of the college."

Do you have to be a teacher or in the field of education to get involved in First Book?:

"No! There are things that anyone of any major can do in First Book. We have financial matters that might be better suited to someone with a business major.

We function in committees, everyone is contributing member. There are opportunities within each committee that might interest different people. We accept people of every major and everyone is encouraged to join."

What can you take away from the experience of being involved in First Book?:

"In First Book you have the power to positively affect a student's life. Today, if you can't read, it is hard to be a contributing member of society. Being able to be a positive influence and to make a child happy is a feeling that is hard to find anywhere else. If you get to see a smile on a kid's face when they get their book, that's enough gratification for a lifetime."

There is still time this semester to become involved in First Book! Drop Lindsey an e-mail for further information.

Professor, mentor, writer, scholar and all-around good guy to retire

By Stephanie Chaffee
Campus Writer

Karate. "Chicken Gizzards." Bourbon. Korea. "Butterbeans." Kentucky.

Although this list may seem nonsensical, it perfectly describes a professor who is also an author, a mentor, and an inspiration to writers.

Dr. James A. Perkins, professor of English and public relations, is retiring after 35 years. During those years, he published 13 books, wrote 897 poems and numerous articles, and received the Distinguished Faculty Award. Perkins was a Fulbright Scholar and visiting professor at Seoul National University of Korea in 1998, and was named a Kentucky Colonel for his efforts in influencing a stamp commemorating Robert Penn Warren's one hundredth birthday.

Perkins said his wife "allowed [him] to retire" only after devising a six-page plan. "She pretty much runs my life," said Perkins. "She's absolutely my best friend." Part of his plan for retirement includes writing volumes four and five of "Selected Letters of Robert Penn Warren." He has extensively researched and published works on Robert Penn Warren and is an internationally known Southern Literature scholar. He has researched David Madden, a lesser known American novelist, and plans to write two more books about him.

"I'd really like to get back to poetry," said Perkins. "Poetry is a main love that I'm estranged from at the moment."

His poems are emotional responses to events such as retirement or death. "I'm not the smartest bear," said Perkins. "I don't think philosophically. Most of my responses are pretty much emotional." He writes them for special occasions and people, including colleagues, friends, and family. Perkins elicits emotion from his readers as he translates his feelings into written words.

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"That one always makes me weep a little bit," said Dr. Deborah Mitchell, associate professor of English and film studies, while referring to "The Long Path," a poem Perkins wrote for his wife. "It's a beautiful tribute to 45 years of marriage."

Perkins' short stories describe childhood events that tend to be on strange subject matter. However bizarre they may be, nostalgic feelings are evoked and childhood memories quickly return. "Chicken Gizzards," for example, describes a family feud over chicken gizzards from a child's perspective.

Perkins said he writes his stories from things that he overhears. After hearing a strange comment, his imagination takes off and he creates a story. His advice to students: "If you want to write, write."

While he has written and published numerous works, Perkins' passion lies in getting to know students.

"I'll miss the students," said Perkins. "I'm not going to miss teaching at all .... I enjoy the intellectual stimulation of watching students discover that they're really a lot brighter than they thought they were."

For faculty, past and present students alike, Perkins has influenced them all.

"Dr. Perkins is the reason I'm teaching at Westminster," said Delores Natale. Perkins taught Natale as an adult student. Two months after graduation, he interviewed and hired her as a lecturer. He encouraged Natale to pursue her research on Eudora Welty. "He saw that it ignited something in me," said Natale. She is now an officer of the South Central Modern Language Association (SCMLA) and has extensively researched Welty.

Check out the second half of Stephanie's tribute to Dr. James A. Perkins in next week's edition of **The Holcad.**

The good, the bad, and the ugly

Do you have photos from around campus that are good, bad, or ugly?

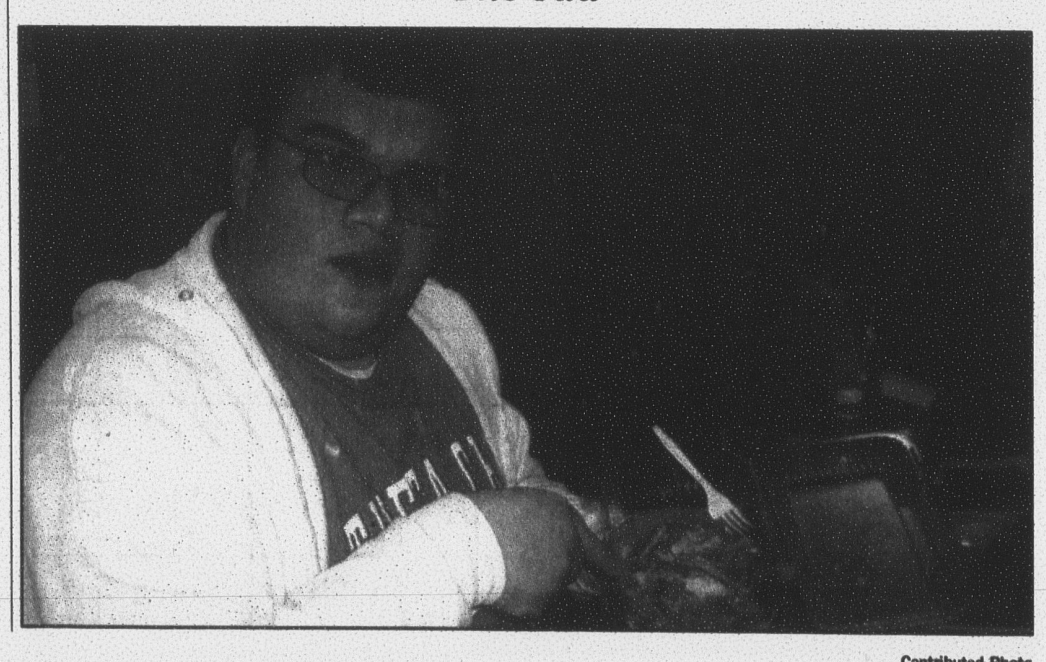
Take a picture and have it published in the Holcad.

Submit photos to Lurene McDonald @ mcdonala.

Photos will be published weekly as space permits and photos deemed offensive will not me published.

This week's picks...

The bad



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Gomez isn't in lunch lady land anymore.

The good

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This beacon in the night is provided by Arienne Cauchie and Kristi Webler.

The ugly

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Sea dogs pillaged this room in Shaw for booty.

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Number of classes closed at the conclusion of registration

Weekend Weather
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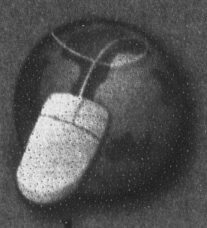
70/48

Saturday
Few Showers
53/36

Sunday
Rain/Snow Showers
42/32



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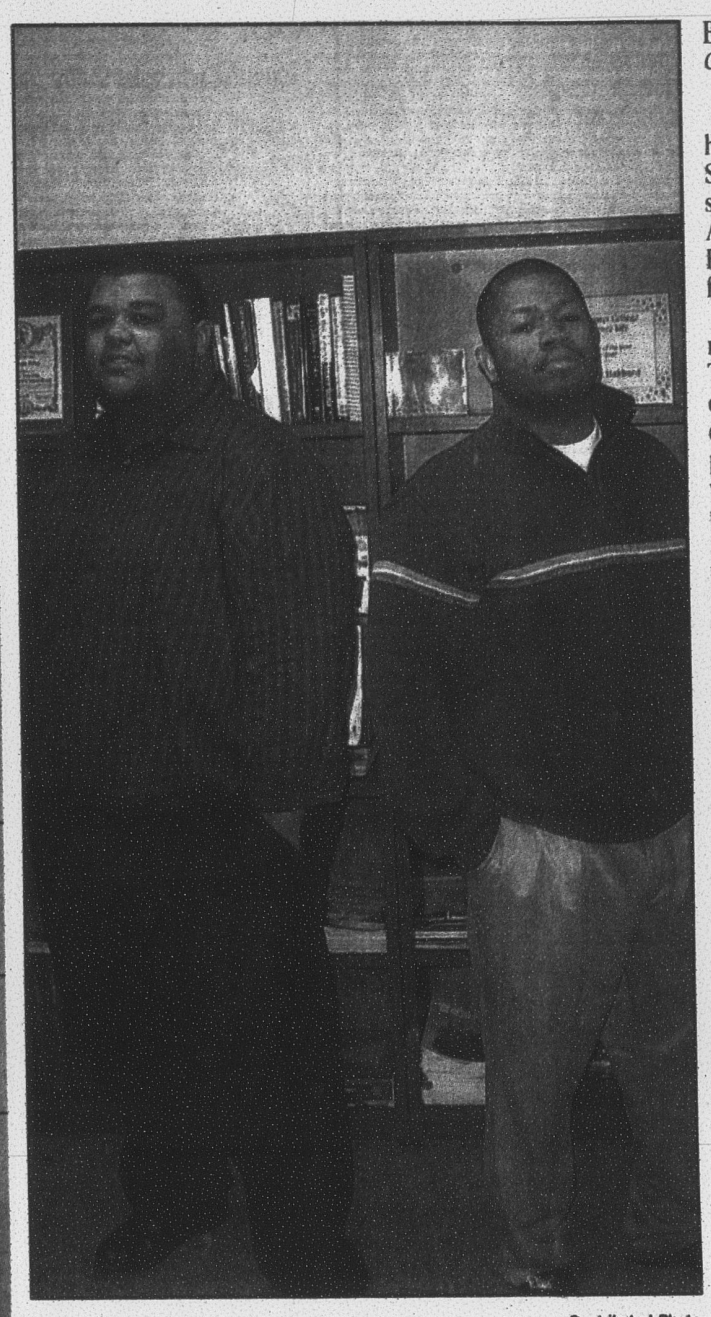
Black Student Union works the runway for charity



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Classy and Chic

Stylish studs Mac Mosley and Terrence Phelps will host the BSU Fashion show on Saturday, April 12 at 8:00 p.m. in Orr Auditorium.

By Joie Faust
Campus Writer

The Black Student Union will host the second annual Fashion Show on Saturday, April 12. The show will begin at 8 p.m. in Orr Auditorium. Proceeds benefit BSU's Christmas Adopt-a-Family fund.

Hosting the event will be BSU members MacArthur Mosley and Terrence Phelps. Over 30 models, consisting of faculty, faculty's children and students will be participating in the show. The models will show off the latest trends in their own clothes as well as clothes from the Grove City Outlets and the Southern Park Mall in Youngstown. This year's event is themed around high fashion stores such as those on Rodeo Drive, Beverly Hills.

"I have confidence that this show will be just as if not more successful as last year's shows," BSU member Alexis Harris said.,

This show is a unique campus production, because it is completely run by students. Everything from planning, hosting, to backstage work is all done by the students of BSU.

"Being in the show was a great experience," model from previous show Beth Copp said. "It's nice to know that something this fun can help people too."

However, the fun continues after the show. BSU will host an after party in the Berlin Lounge from 10:30pm to 1a.m.

The fashion benefits the BSU Christmas Adopt-a-Family fund. This fund provides families in need with a Christmas that every child deserves. In the past, BSU has helped Big Brothers Big Sisters, a Youngstown youth center and families in local churches.

Sodexho worker remains in jail after March arrest

Former employee made terroristic threats to New Castle High School

By Jessica Davis
Staff Writer

Former Sodexho employee, Michael Eaglin, remains in Lawrence County jail after he was arrested in McGill Library on March 11, 2008.

He is currently charged with making terroristic threats, threatening to use weapons of mass destruction, and criminal use of a communication facility.

Eaglin was arrested for sending terroristic threats to New Castle High School. The school received five e-mails threatening violence on March 9 and 10. New Castle police traced the e-mails to a computer in McGill Library. Police officers staked out the library and made the arrest at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday March 11.

"Mike always used to come in to the library everyday before he went to work; he always talked to the workers at the front desk," library aide Heidi Ptacek said. "From talking with him, I got to know him a bit; he seemed like a really nice, hard working, and determined guy."

While Eaglin initially denied any involvement in the threats, he later admitted to sending all five e-mails to New Castle School District. Administrators at the school district received three e-mails threatening violence on Sunday and two more on Monday afternoon.

The e-mails allegedly stated that on Thursday, March 13, Eaglin planned to "blow the heads off" people and "attack" various administrators and staff members. In Eaglin's written statement, he states that he had not intended to harm anyone but wanted to gain revenge on a woman who had filed charges against him in early February. He claims the threats were a joke.

According to New Castle police, the e-mails include the name of a local woman and two male minors.

Police officers contacted the local woman and discovered that she had a complicated past with Eaglin. She had previously filed charges against him for stalking and harassment.

Eaglin had used her e-mail account before and may have been responsible for the threats. Police attained a search warrant for data logs and user sign-in sheets at the library. They found that Eaglin had signed onto a computer Sunday and Monday at the same times the e-mails had been sent.

Records also showed that Eaglin had visited the New Castle School District Web site and Yahoo e-mail. Officers performed surveillance at the library and witnessed Eaglin enter and sit at a computer. He was arrested on the unrelated stalking and harassment charges filed by the named woman.

"It is unfortunate that someone would misuse community library resources. Westminster cooperated with authorities to bring the investigation to a successful conclusion," senior director of advancement administration Mark Meighen said.

Eaglin's bail was set $200,00, but was reduced to $50,000 after he waived his preliminary hearing. He is now awaiting trial.

Students organize Obamarama

Campus fans of the democratic canidate are given the chance to rally around their presidential hopeful

By Danielle McCullough
Staff Writer

There was a chance for Obama fans to gather round and help his campaign.

Students Ethan Frey and Natasha Kassim organized Students for Obama. The two went to the New Castle headquarters for Obama's campaign to help go door to door to pass out Obama handouts.

Shira Miller, the local field organizer, and Michael Gottwald, the youth outreach coordinator, came to campus to give more information about Obama on Thurs., Apr. 3. They showed a video, and some thought the movie was moving and powerful.

"He recognizes what's important to students," Stephanie Boyle said.

When asked what the big difference between Obama and Clinton is, Gottwald said, "He comes from the next generation; he is not a baby boomer."

Many topics were brought up during the question and answer session with the representatives, including healthcare, education, welfare, jobs, gun control and No Child Left Behind.

Miller and Gottwald provided information about what Obama stands for on a wide range of topics.

When asked about Obama's opinion on a woman's right to abortion, Miller said that Obama "favors a woman's right to choose and wishes to keep abortions safe, legal and rare."

Obama would like to start a service corps so younger people can get more involved and get experience. Additionally, he would also like to start a green collar corps to work on building greener infrastructure in cities.

After the meeting was finished, a volunteer meeting followed. Approximately 15 people stayed to volunteer to help with Obama's campaign. Right now, they are sitting in the TUB during lunch to hand out more information about Obama as well as absentee ballots for those students from Pennsylvania who cannot make it back to their hometowns to cast their vote.

The group had another informational meeting at 7:30 p.m., with a volunteer meeting at 8:30 p.m., on Thurs., Apr. 10. For anyone still wishing to get involved, please contact the campus coordinators, Kassim or Frey.

The group also will be present at the upcoming BSU Fashion Show and Relay for Life.

Photo by Danielle McCullough

Obamarama!

Heather MacKenzie and Stephanie Boyle pause to look at campaign goodies.

Film festival honors former professor

By Danica Scott
Campus Writer

A professor's legacy continues through the Jake Erhardt International Film Series.

Dr. Jacob Erhardt, professor emeritus of German, founded the series that the modern languages department later renamed after him.

"For many years, he was basically running the whole German program," Dr. Andrew Ade said. Ade is an assistant professor of English and past coordinator of the series. Erhardt retired in 2004 after 35 years as a German professor and 15 years as chair of the department of modern languages.

"He is wonderfully enthusiastic and charming as an instructor," Ade said. He currently assistants the director of the Language in Motion Program, and still helps scout out potential films.

"Dr. Erhardt is a very knowledgeable and gifted educator," said Dr. Ann Murphy, associate professor and current chair of the modern languages department. He is a "supportive and giving person for both his students and colleagues."

Murphy said Erhardt's "enthusiasm for film as a way of communicating and creating diverse and meaningful messages about human existence" prompted his founding of the series. "It was named after him upon his retirement," she said, "in recognition of his contributions as a professor."

Erhardt's goal of increasing cultural awareness through the series has continued after his retirement. "We introduce foreign cultures to our students through cinematic story-telling," said Ade. The program "invites students to consider film for its artistry and not just its entertainment value," he said. Many students are "surprised how accessible the stories are despite the language barrier." The films remain in the authentic language of the actors with subtitles.

"It's a way to visit a culture," said Dr. Deborah Mitchell, associate professor of English and film studies. She explained that many filmmakers integrate problems that affect their country, and students can learn about these issues through the film.

"Like Dr. Mitchell likes to say, 'Film is the narrative of our times,'" Ade said, "and it truly is. Now films reach more people than books do."

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Opinion

RANT & RAVE

Mashed potato bowl on a plate?

I love sunshine.

It's not my fault.

Enough already.

Migraine.

Cod?

Blood drive.

T-rexin' it up.

I see you.

Creep bag.

What up, sheet?

Smells like feet.

Snape, Snape....

I <3 naps.

A tale of two holes.

Orange Ruffie?

Palpatations are a good time.

Scorching.

Fossil-esque.

Death on a stick

PA Primary. April 22. Be there.

How many weeks of school left?

Sunshine makes me more productive.

Want to Rant & Rave? Email *The Holcad* with RNR as the subject.

The Weekly Glip: Conspiracy

Anthony Colwell
Weekly Glipper

I thought that conspiracy would be a relevant title for this week's piece, considering it deals with opinions of mine dealing with the shady actions of the school in a recent situation dealing with tenants living off campus.

Actually for me to say recently is slightly deceiving. The event that I am about to speak of happened at the end of the fall semester of 2007, so roughly three to four months ago. The school had caught some of their students living off campus, and they were going to suffer the consequences.

The event happened when New Wilmington police were called to an apartment to investigate some noise disturbances that had been reported by one of the neighbors. When they got there, the minor disturbance was dealt with and all tenants complied. This incident would not stop here, however, because the school somehow got wind of the event and wanted to take action.

The school now took it upon themselves to contact the landlord of the apartment in order to ascertain the names of all tenants living in the apartment. They did this to determine whether or not some of the people living there were students living off campus without consent.

The landlord proceeded to give the college the names of the students living there, and one would assume that the next step for the college would be to contact the students and inform them that they would be charged for meal plan and for room and board.

Logically, now you are probably expecting me to go into why I cannot stand the fact that the school has such ridiculous rules about living off campus and how the limit on the amount of students that can live off campus is just a veiled attempt to increase endowment through forcing people to live in overpriced on campus housing. It is approximately $33 dollars a day to live in a double room, after all.

This however is not my main point. I was wondering if any of my readers had any idea why the school would wait until approximately two weeks ago to inform the students whom were caught that they had to pay these fees and buy a meal plan.

I would like to throw out a hypothetical situation then. Perhaps the school waited on purpose to inform the students about being caught. Perhaps the idea was that, if the school waited to tell the students, then they would be forced to pay without being able to utilize the facilities for which they were paying.

Think about it in this light. The students are being forced to pay for a semester's worth of living on campus, but they will never be able to live in the dorms. If the school would have informed them that they were caught off campus at the time of the incident at the end of last semester, then at least they would have been able to use the rooms that they were paying for. Instead the school was able to utilize the rooms for which they might have lived and still make them pay for it.

The same goes for the meal plan. They now are forced to pay for an entire meal plan, but by the time it takes effect, they will only have the remaining couple weeks to use it. I guess there are a lot of cases of pop in their future.

In summary, the school waiting to inform these students cost them dearly in the end. Not only now do they owe for room and board on campus, but they already paid three months rent and three months worth of meals. This sounds pretty underhanded to me.

I want to also preempt any response from any administrator saying that it takes a full three months to process such a punishment. Even if the paperwork takes that long, the students could have been informed. The time was taken to call the landlord; the students could have been told as well.

In conclusion, I think that the person in charge of administering these punishments needs to take a long, hard look at his own morals. The only explanation for this behavior is a selfish wish to exploit students for money. I'm sure though, that the man in charge wouldn't mind responding in a non-anonymous letter to explain his actions.

Anthony is a senior mathematics and philosophy major. He is currently attempting to stabilize his orbit utilizing the correct images, and is voting for Reagan in 2008.

Let's Talk About: *My Way*

Allison Houser
Discussion Leader

I can't get the song "My Way" by Frank Sinatra out of my head.

"And now, the end is near, and so I face that final curtain. My friends, I'll say it clear. I'll state my case, of which I am certain. I've lived a life that's full. I traveled each and every highway. And more, much more, I did it my way."

I wish I could say these words and know that I would be speaking the truth, but I'm not sure if I can. As my college days come to a close (five more weeks!), I grow ever more sentimental and nostalgic about how I lived through the last four years.

Please don't get me wrong, I have loved my time at Westminster, but I wish I would have appreciated it more as I went. At the beginning of my freshman year, I felt as if college would never end; four years stretched out in front of me. At the risk of sounding cliché, though, it still feels like yesterday.

So I guess my column this week is really for the freshmen. I advise you to think about what you want to take away with you when you must leave in about three years. If you hope to look back on college life and see yourself studying all the time with a 4.0 GPA, be my guest. If you would like to see yourself partying day and night with a 2.0 GPA, you're more than welcome to do that, too.

I would like to suggest to you, though, to find a nice balance. First and foremost, you are at this institution to get an education, but it is up to you as to what you choose that education to focus on. Studying is super important, but so is getting a real college experience. You don't have to go to fraternity parties to do that if you don't want to.

Just go out with your friends often (at least once a week) and let off some steam. If you have a part-time job, remember to take a day off every so often to let yourself relax. So many of us spend so much time doing homework and going to work that we forget that a college education does not solely exist in the classroom.

If I could go back and change anything in the last four years, I don't think I would. While there are definitely things I regret, I learned so much. I didn't really learn things at the exact moment they happened; I'm really learning things now as I look back. I wish I would have known to spend more time with my friends instead of working so hard.

I wish I would have appreciated the fact that the professors have attendance policies. In reality, I probably wouldn't have gone to class as much as I did if the rules weren't enforced.

I wish I would have appreciated the freshmen's tendency to open doors for people and say "hello" to everyone they passed. I wish we still did that as seniors.

In short, I wish I would have more fully appreciated the wonderfulness that is Westminster, and I am jealous of those who still have time to learn from this place.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Professor speaks for many to thank those retiring

To the Editor:

A lot of ink and column space in the Holcad have recently been devoted to the fact that we have a number of retirements among the faculty this year and that not all of these positions will be filled with new hires. This is a lamentable thing, and students and faculty are rightly concerned about how this policy will necessarily affect the College's ability to continue to offer some of its programs at the same high level as before. (The retirement some years ago of the lone tenured German professor led to the eventual elimination of the German major and, soon if not already, the elimination of all instruction in German on this campus. Very sad, indeed.) One hopes that, with the new president's arrival on campus, new ways of thinking about the academic mission of the school, and about these positions, will arrive, too.

But the real story in these retirements is the real loss–even impoverishment–we faculty members will experience at the departure of some of our best and most respected colleagues–each one of them true master teachers and genuine scholars. I came to Westminster College a freshly-minted PhD; and though I taught a lot in graduate school, I did not really know what it meant to teach until I came here and had to do it day in and day out, 7 courses per annum. I naturally think first of my own university teachers, who provided me with a model of thrilling teaching (most of it, yes, delivered in spine-tingling lecture format), and of a nearly compulsive need to publish. But I equally think of some of those colleagues who are retiring this year, whose selfless devotion to students and to Westminster College I still find, after 11 years on campus, awe-inspiring. And not just those retiring now: after 11 years, my list of retired faculty who have influenced my career is quite a long one. Most of these senior faculty members now retired or retiring influenced me without ever even knowing it. But I, and I know others in my cohort, did and do look to them as models of how to do the professor thing here at Westminster College.

The fact of the matter is, even if we were to replace the positions left vacant by these retirements (as we should), we will still be impoverished. If I have learned anything about teaching and writing, it is surely that both take lots of time to perfect. So, while there may in the future be struggles to get the number of faculty in this or that program up to previous numbers, or to restore German, or to get a Phi Beta Kappa chapter, or to increase racial diversity among students and faculty, and so on and so forth, for now our eyes need to be on celebrating the careers of colleagues who are, in a word, irreplaceable. And to say, "thank you."

Russell Martin
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Outside the Bubble

Ripped from the wire

REGIONAL

Judge declares mistrial in celebrity pathologist Wecht case

PITTSBURGH (AP) - A federal judge declared a mistrial Tuesday in the fraud case against celebrity pathologist Cyril Wecht, who was accused of using his staff at the county coroner's office to do work for his lucrative private practice.

Federal prosecutors said they were ready to retry Wecht, 76, who gained fame by inquiring into the deaths of well-known figures including Elvis Presley, JonBenet Ramsey and Vincent Foster. U.S. District Judge Arthur Schwab set a new trial date for May 27.

Schwab made the announcement after the jury, for the second time, gave him a note saying it was deadlocked and could not reach a decision on any of the 41 counts against Wecht. Jurors deliberated for more than 50 hours over 11 days after the seven-week trial.

Wecht's lead attorney, Jerry McDevitt, called the decision by the government to retry Wecht "a bizarre ending to one of the most unfair trials in history."

"It's disgraceful to make sure (Wecht) does not have even one day of respite from what everyone knows is a malicious prosecution," McDevitt said. "I think what happened in that courtroom today was an utter disgrace."

If Wecht's attorneys want to fight the new trial, the judge said, they must file motions by April 18. Wecht and his attorneys scheduled an 11 a.m. news conference.

In the early 1980s, Wecht beat similar charges brought by state prosecutors who had accused him of using Allegheny County morgue employees to examine slides for his private practice. He was ousted over those charges, but later settled a related suit for $200,000 and returned in 1996 as coroner.

In 2006, Wecht was indicted by federal authorities and resigned.

The charges included 29 counts of wire fraud, 24 of which involved invoices or other correspondence from his private practice or personal speaking engagements sent on county fax machines. Five other counts stemmed from allegations that Wecht overbilled his private clients for air fare or limousine rides he never took, using bogus invoices from a defunct travel agency.

Wecht's attorneys argued the charges were administrative oversights â" the first 24 counts of the indictment dealt with faxes it cost the county $3.96 to send â" that didn't rise to the level of federal crimes.

But prosecutors said Wecht earned hundreds of thousands of dollars from those invoices, not to mention the use of his top county administrative assistant, Eileen Young. Young essentially ran Wecht's private practice from her county office, despite making as much as $69,000 annually from the county, prosecutors said.

Ex-United Rentals president charged with insider trading, fraud

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) -A federal grand jury has indicted the former president of Greenwich-based United Rentals Inc. on insider trading and securities fraud charges.

Federal prosecutors say 48-year-old John N. Milne, a Canadian citizen living in Westport, used insider information when he sold 850,000 shares of United Rentals stock and made more than $22 million.

They also say he deceived investors and filed bogus documents with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission to inflate the company's stock price and personally benefit in an alleged conspiracy from 2000 to 2005.

Milne was arraigned Friday in U.S. District Court and released on $1 million bond.

A spokeswoman for Milne said he categorically denied the allegations and expected to be fully exonerated.

Milne made headlines in Pennsylvania last year when he headed Pittsburgh Brewing Acquisition, a group that bought the historic Pittsburgh Brewing Co. out of bankruptcy. The brewery makes Iron City Beer, Augustiner and other brands.

Pittsburgh Brewing president Timothy Hickman told the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review that Milne's legal problems in Connecticut will not affect the brewery.

"It's business as usual," Hickman said.

Robert O. Lampl, Pittsburgh Brewing's bankruptcy attorney, seconded that assessment.

"The investment (in the brewery) is completely capitalized and the company is governed by a separate board of directors," Lampl told the newspaper. "The company has a good product and it is not affiliated with any of (Milne's) other enterprises."

Milne resigned from the brewery's board of directors last month, company officials said.

Messages were left Friday with United Rentals.

United Rental's former chief financial officer, Michael Nolan, has pleaded guilty to filing false documents with the SEC in the same alleged conspiracy.

NATIONAL

Life on Texas polygamist compound old-fashioned, but far from pleasant, authorities say

ELDORADO, Texas (AP) -Until the raid on their compound last week, the women and girls of the Yearning for Zion Ranch spent their days caring for its many children, tilling gardens and quilting, dressed in pioneer-style dresses sewn by their own hands.

But it was no idyllic recreation of 19th-century prairie life, authorities say. Since last week, they have interviewed members of the polygamist sect looking for evidence that that girls younger than 16 were forced into marriages with older men.

Five miles off the highway, beyond a double gate, the group's members live lives that are isolated even for the scruffy West Texas prairie. Their 1,700-acre ranch is like its own city, with a gleaming temple, doctor's office, school and even factories.

"Once you go into the compound, you don't ever leave it," said Carolyn Jessop, who was one of the wives of the alleged leader of the Eldorado complex, but who left the sect before it began moving to Texas in 2004.

By Monday, state authorities had taken legal custody of 401 children, saying they had been harmed.

The raid on the compound founded by jailed polygamist leader Warren Jeffs started with a call from a 16-year-old who alleged abuse.

Authorities were looking for evidence that the girl, who allegedly gave birth at 15, was married to a 50-year-old, and for records related to other mothers aged 17 and younger. Even with their parents' permission, Texas law forbids girls younger than 16 to marry.

Some 133 women left the ranch voluntarily with the children and were being housed at a historic fort here while authorities conduct interviews. Dressed in ankle-length dresses with their hair pinned up in braids, the women milled about Monday as the children played on the fort's old parade grounds.

State troopers were holding an unknown number of men in the compound until investigators finished executing a house-to-house search of the ranch, which includes a cheese-making plant, a cement plant and several large housing units. They initially had difficulty getting access to the 80-foot white limestone temple that rises out of the brown scrub, but were searching it Monday.

Jeffs is jailed in Kingman, Ariz., where he awaits trial for four counts each of incest and sexual conduct with a minor stemming from two arranged marriages between teenage girls and their older male relatives.

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

New plea in 2004 double fatal DUI case

The son of an ex-police chief from eastern Pennsylvania offers guilty plea for the second time to vehicular homicide charges stemming from a 2003 accident that killed a couple in Mercer County. A state Superior Court ordered Mercer County prosecutors on Friday to reinstated charges against Joseph C. Stemple, 45, formerly of Bethlehem. Stemple and his attorney agreed to the reinstatement, and Stemple pleaded guilty to two counts of vehicular homicide and one count of drunken driving.

Stemple first pleaded guilty in 2004 to one count of vehicular homicide and drunken driving in the November 2003 crash that killed Donald Romanio Sr., 69, and his wife, Norma Romanio, 73, in Shenango Township. The state Superior Court ruled that the trial judge mistakenly interpreted the vehicular homicide law. Stemple's initial plea to vehicular homicide included both victims in one count. In his new plea, each victim is accounted for in a separate count. Police made the case that Stemple, son of the former police chief of Whitpain Township in Montgomery County, was driving his sport utility vehicle the wrong way when he collided with the Romanios' car. Authorities presented evidence that Stemple's blood-alcohol level was more than three times the state's legal limit, according to court records. Stemple is to be sentenced June 4. He original plea carried an 10 year prison sentence.

INTERNATIONAL

Baby born with two faces in north India, villagers worship her as a goddess

SAINI SUNPURA, India (AP) - A baby with two faces was born in a northern Indian village, where she is doing well and is being worshipped as the reincarnation of a Hindu goddess, her father said Tuesday.

The baby, Lali, apparently has an extremely rare condition known as craniofacial duplication, where a single head has two faces. Except for her ears, all of Lali's facial features are duplicated â" she has two noses, two pairs of lips and two pairs of eyes.

"My daughter is fine â" like any other child," said Vinod Singh, 23, a poor farm worker.

Lali has caused a sensation in the village of Saini Sunpura, 25 miles east of New Delhi. When she left the hospital, eight hours after a normal delivery, she was swarmed by villagers, said Sabir Ali, the director of Saifi Hospital.

"She drinks milk from her two mouths and opens and shuts all the four eyes at one time," Ali said.

Rural India is deeply superstitious and the little girl is being hailed as a return of the Hindu goddess of valor, Durga, a fiery deity traditionally depicted with three eyes and many arms.

Up to 100 people have been visiting Lali at her home every day to touch her feet out of respect, offer money and receive blessings, Singh told The Associated Press.

"Lali is God's gift to us," said Jaipal Singh, a member of the local village council. "She has brought fame to our village."

Village chief Daulat Ram said he planned to build a temple to Durga in the village.

"I am writing to the state government to provide money to build the temple and help the parents look after their daughter," Ram said.

Lali's condition is often linked to serious health complications, but the doctor said she was doing well.

"She is leading a normal life with no breathing difficulties," said Ali, adding that he saw no need for surgery.

Lali's parents were married in February 2007. Lali is their first child.

Singh said he took his daughter to a hospital in New Delhi where doctors suggested a CT scan to determine whether her internal organs were normal, but Singh said he felt it was unnecessary.

Political Pong: Presidential spouses

Steve Ruperto
Political Pong, blue team

Last week, Carsen and I discussed possible fake alternatives to the gentlemen and lady running for President, but we thought that this week we could turn to a little more realistic topic and discuss another aspect of the Presidential race that Americans usually do not consider when voting for their candidate.

Every President except for James Buchanan has been married, which means that there has always been a spouse who accompanied the President to the White House. In the early years of the presidency, there was no official title given to the wife of the President, and each had their own titles that they preferred. Over time, the "First Lady" was adopted. It's not official, but well-recognized by Americans. Before I forget, I will fair to Buchanan and recognize that he had his own First Lady. Harriet Lane was his niece, but she served in the same capacity as the wives of the prior presidents.

Just as the title has evolved over the years, so have the duties of the position itself. Traditionally, the First Lady was a social figure with a very limited role, but within the last 100 years, the "First Ladies" began to do humanitarian work. It was frowned upon to have a job outside of being First Lady, which meant these ladies had a lot of time to accomplish other goals. In much more recent times, the actions of the potential First Ladies have increased to campaigning for their husbands.

Now that this week's history lesson is over, let's jump to the present look at the situation at hand. With the Democrats down to their final two candidates, one of the decisions facing Americans is whether they are ready to make history. This election is not the first time that a woman has run for President; however, there has never been a more serious contender than Hillary Clinton. A woman being elected President of the United States would be history making, but that would also mean that for the first time ever, the First Lady wouldn't be a lady at all. In fact, an official title does not even exist for a male 'First Lady'. While names like "First Dude", "First Guy", and "First Chap" could be interesting titles for such an occurrence, the most likely title for the President's husband is "First Gentleman".

Regardless of the title, the two Democratic "First Spouses" each have their own qualifications that would make them excellent choices for the position. Michelle Obama, a Harvard Law School graduate, spent time working as the Associate Dean of Student Services at the University of Chicago. Throughout much of her husband's campaign, she has contributed her skills by speaking at rallies. Known for her sarcasm, Michelle appears to be a fiery woman who would work hard if given the opportunity to be "First Lady".

The other candidate for "First Spouse" is former President Bill Clinton. Much more well-known than Michelle Obama, Bill would have the unique opportunity to define the role of First Gentleman if given the chance. While I couldn't see Bill picking out the new curtains for the White House, I believe that he would remain active with the humanitarian work aspect of the position. Being the former President, Bill would likely be more vocal than other First Gentlemen because of his experience.

Both Michelle and Bill have a personality that would make them highly entertaining First Spouses, at least in my eyes. Regardless of whether it's Hillary or Barack who receives the nomination, Democrats have to agree that it's been too long since the White House has had the pleasure of being decorated by a Democrat.

Steve is an Economics and Political Science double major who cannot believe that he is graduating in a matter of weeks. He also can't think of anything funny to put in the rest of this bio.

Carsen Nesbitt
Political Pong, red team

While most people following the Presidential race focus on the candidate, there's another important player in the mix: the First Lady. It's an interesting year for the Spouse-In-Chief; the Democrats could possibly put in office the first male "first lady" (I guess they'll have to come up with a new title, eh?) and an ex-First Lady is making the run herself. We'll leave Steve to discuss that situation. The Republican side is a little more historically repetitive: one male candidate, and one female by his side.

You might be wondering why the First Lady is so important. Let's look at a few of our most notable leading ladies. Often, First Ladies are responsible for the charitable aspect of the Presidency. For example, Laura Bush focused on education and learning in her two terms. Hillary Clinton, a more political First Lady than most, delved into health care reform along with endeavors to help families and save historical artifacts and sites. Most find a charity, organization or group of people to benefit and make that center of their term.

But helping people isn't the only responsibility given these women. Going back, Martha Washington held formal dinners on Thursday nights and public receptions on Friday, setting the expectation that future presidential brides host events in the White House. They are also in charge of decorating the White House, as Mary Lincoln did in 1861. Many of these women serve as their husbands' confidants and give political advice and input: Pat Nixon publically called for her man to appoint a woman to the Supreme Court. But most importantly, times have changed: what started off as a reclusive, social role has now exploded into an out-there, politically impacting position (thanks, Hill).

So what kind of woman do we want having an impact on our main man? Well… we don't have much of a choice. Since John McCain will be the Republican nominee, Cindy Hensley McCain is the Republican nominee for First Lady. And unfortunately, she's a controversial pick. Often called McCain's trophy wife, Cindy is eighteen years younger than the candidate, and the two met while McCain was still married. Cindy's father began Hensley & Co., one of Anheuser-Busch's (the Budweiser guys) largest distributors, and she now serves as chair of the company. So if nothing else, she might be able to get us some free beer… is that considered a public service?

Anyway, a mother of four (including one adopted, Cindy is involved in several charities. She's a real do-gooder, adding to her credit the founding of the American Voluntary Medical Team to organize trips for medical professionals to provide emergency services in disaster worldwide. However, after she underwent back surgery and suffered depression, she thoguht painkillers would help. The painkillers proved addicting, and started stealing them from the charity she founded Well, I guess addiction makes her able to relate to a good chunk of Americans.

For a woman with a murky past, she's doing her best to make her husband look good, or at least not take away from what he's got going. She's recovered from addiction and a stroke. She adds to one of McCain's best attributes: a man who has been through real, trying issues has by his side a woman who has been through struggles of her own. If John is elected, Cindy plans to return to the more traditional role of the First Lady, staying out of policy issues and handling the reception side of things.

Personally, I don't see a darn thing wrong with traditional and conservative.

Carsen Nesbitt is a political science major and not involved in virtually anything anymore 'cause she's graduating. She'd like Steve to know that his suggestions for the name of the Presidential spouse will be seriously considered when she's President and he's the "First Man".

Campus News

Students feel the breeze in the windy city

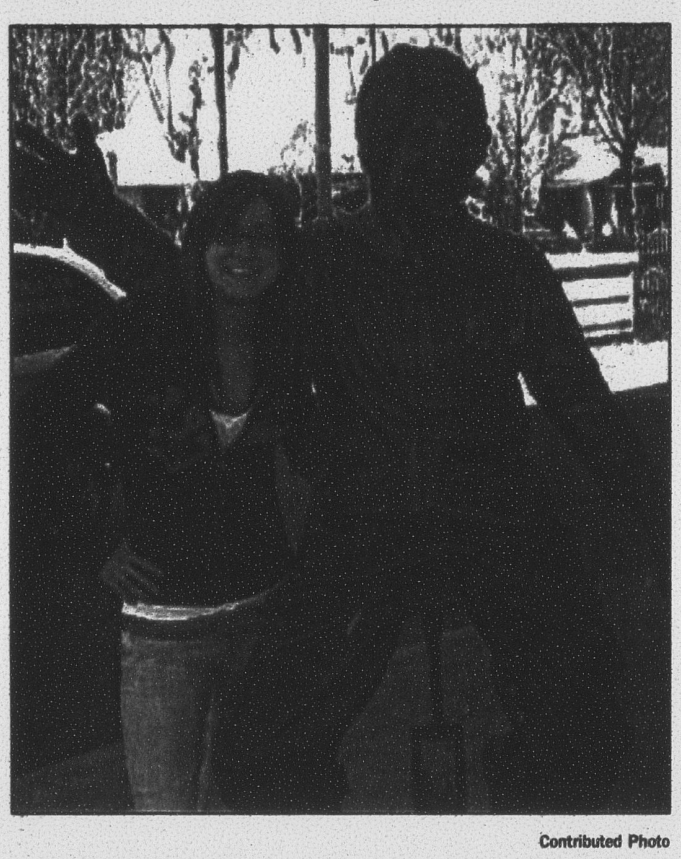
By Beth Gordish
Campus Writer

Deep-dish pizza, The Second City Comedy Club and the Cubs game were some things students experienced in the windy city.

Fifty-six students traveled on the SGA trip to Chicago, April 4 through 6. The students departed from the college at 8:30 a.m. Friday on a charter bus and arrived at the Holiday Inn at Chicago Mart Plaza at 5:00 p.m. With help from Student Government Association, the transportation and hotel cost each student $95 for the weekend.

Many of the students enjoyed themselves during the trip.

"The Chicago trip was fun and exhilarating," freshman Karalisa Bender said. "There was always something to do, and it was a great experience that I will never forget."



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Emily Hosack takes a moment to take a picture with an exhuberant Ronald McDonald on the streets of Chicago.

One of the many tourist attractions that students got to visit was the John G. Shedd Aquarium. According to the DK Eye Witness Top Ten Travel Guide, the aquarium is home to 25,500 amphibians, fish and aquatic animals.

"We went to the Shedd Aquarium because we read about it in our capstone class," senior Katie Pride said. "It was very interesting to see the different types of fish, and I loved watching the dolphins."

Another top attraction was the Field Museum, which is located next to the aquarium. Some of the highlights of the museum included exhibits on dinosaurs, ancient Egyptians and the African and Pacific Islander cultures.

"I enjoyed getting to see Sue, whom I learned is the largest and most intact T-Rex Skeleton," freshman Emily Hosack said.

Aside from museums, another Chicago experience was seeing The Second City Comedy troupe.

"I always wanted to go to Second City because it is known as being the place that launched the careers of Tina Fey, Mike Myers and John Belushi among many other famous comedians," junior Megan Hoffman said. "The show was hilarious, and I recommend that everyone should go if they have the opportunity."

The Navy Pier was also a favorite spot for the travelers. From the Ferris wheel to the shops and attractions, the Navy Pier had something for everyone.

"I had a really good time at the Navy Pier," sophomore Beth Copp said. "The view of Chicago from the top of the Ferris wheel was amazing."

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Four students stop and pose at Chicago's Millenium Park.

Deep-dish pizza was a must for the students, and Giordano's was the place to go. Some students waited up to an hour and a half to experience the famous pizza.

"We waited a while, but it was worth it because the pizza was amazing," Bender said. "If anyone needs to know where to go to get pizza in Chicago that is the place."

All of the students felt that this was a great experience and were sad to depart from Chicago at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday.

"I'm glad that SGA offered this great opportunity to travel to Chicago and even more glad that I went," Hosack said. "It was an amazing trip filled with many memorable experiences, and I wished we could have stayed longer."

According to Ashley Ray, SGA sponsors one trip per semester. The spring trip is usually the big trip, and the fall trip is usually to Fright Nights at Kennywood Park. If you are interested in going on an SGA trip, watch for the all campus e-mails.

College Republicans offer chance to win big at "Deal or No Deal"

By Christina Alducka
Staff Writer

Find out which lucky case holds $750 at "Deal or No Deal" at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, April 11, in the Berlin Lounge.

The College Republicans, with help from the Democratic Party and Green Party, will present their version of the popular television show to raise money for the Make a Wish Foundation. A $5 entrance fee goes to the Make a Wish Foundation and enables each attendee to win cash or gift certificates.

"Our 'Deal or no Deal' is unique because everybody that comes has a chance to win," sophomore Travis Gulling said. "It's an opportunity to turn $5 into $750 or any other significant amount of money."

Sophomore Derek Deremer, a College Republicans member, brainstormed the idea for staging "Deal or No Deal." He said he wanted to make their event as similar to the show as possible.

"We have the exact scoreboard and sound effects," Deremer said. "Heck, our banker even looks like their banker."

This year's banker, junior Tony Gomez, will sit high above the audience, with only his silhouette visible. Sophomore Brad Adams recalls a humorous event from last year.

"Tony came in, killed, then replaced the banker," Adams said.

Sophomore Ben Portz, who hosted last year's show, makes his second hosting appearance at Friday's affair. Portz's job includes announcing the contestant's names, talking to the banker and leading the gold case rounds.

"We thought with Ben's personality and actions with the crowd that he'd be the best person for it," Gulling said.

Twenty-four girls, including sorority members and independents, serve as case holders for the event. Deremer said he wanted girls from all groups that were not necessarily his friends to help. Girls will hold numbered cases, which actually are rather spray painted pizza boxes. Each case contains different amounts of money from a penny to $750. Attendees have four opportunities to win cash.

Additionally, several gold case rounds will be held. Five case holders will stand on stage as five contestants pick the case they think contains the prize. Rewards consist of gift certificates from local businesses. Deremer pointed out that three-fourths of last year's attendees won back the $5 donation.

"I was shocked. I wasn't expecting to be called at all," Adams said. His last two cases held $2 and $60. Adams won $2, but donated the money to the Make a Wish Foundation.

Gulling explained that the College Republicans wanted to support philanthropy by holding an event like "Deal or No Deal." Each member researched possible charities, and then voted on a favorite, the Make a Wish Foundation. Last year's event raised $350 for the Make a Wish Foundation. Deremer said this year he wants to double the amount raised.

The four contestants playing for last year's $500 grand prize included Brad Adams, Dave Bauer, Colleen Lataille and Adam Teeple.

Another memorable moment from last year's show occurred when one of the case holders left early. In her place, sophomore Tim Malone stood on stage alongside the females, all in black dresses.

Adams said the College Republican's "Deal or No Deal" is "good entertainment for a good cause."

Donations can be made by e-mailing Derek Deremer at deremedl@westminster.edu.

Panhel lays eggs

By Courtney D. Williams
Campus Writer

The Easter Bunny hopped on to campus recently, spreading eggs, candy and holiday cheer.

Professors and their children were invited to campus the morning of Saturday, April 5, to enjoy a fun-filled Easter egg hunt. The Panhellenic Council sponsored the annual event, which started at 10 a.m., in the Ferguson lobby at no cost to participants. Approximately 25 children joined in the search for the candy-stuffed eggs. The brood of all ages scrambled throughout the Ferguson lobby and front porch for their share of the treats. Dr. John Robertson and his family joined in the festivities.

"It was nice to see the kids having a good time and sharing their excitement with each other," Robertson said.

Panhel members, two representatives from each campus sorority, work together each year to coordinate the community event. Junior Amber Okert, vice president of Panhel, headed the event committee. She insists the time consuming task of buying, stuffing and hiding all the eggs was well worth the effort.

"The children as well as their parents seemed to have a great time," Okert said. "The children's smiles made it a success!"

The Panhellenic Council sponsors the Easter egg hunt every year. It is free to children of the community and especially directed towards campus professors and their families. The event allows the teachers to enjoy the school outside of the classroom and spend time with their children.

"The Panhellenic Council students who put on the event did a good job," Robertson added. "I appreciate their efforts in holding this community and family oriented activity on campus."

Panhellenic Council is a national organization created to facilitate the spirit of communication and cooperation between sororities. Made up of 26 international social sororities, Panhel has approximately 3.6 million members around the world.

Film Festival

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As the current coordinator, Mitchell selected the films for the year. She received recommendations from students, faculty, and Erhardt. "We try to bring in a variety from different countries," she said. "Films nominated for Academy Awards are always favorites."

The festival normally contains between three and six films per year. "The screening rights are very expensive," Ade said. "The cost is dependent on how recent the film is, which company controls the rights, and how acclaimed it is," he said, recalling a German film he wanted to obtain for the series. "As soon as it won the Academy Award for best foreign film, the company was charging $600 for it," so he never got it. Mitchell said the program has a limited budget. "The modern languages department has been our sponsor," Ade said.

Ryan Sargent, a first year English major and film studies minor, took part in a fundraising activity for the series. When his group saw that the program had little funding, they collected enough money to sponsor an entire film, because "there isn't anything else like this on campus."

The series is also interactive with the audience. "When faculty have an expertise in a area we try to include that with the film," Mitchell said. The professor will introduce the film and lead the discussion afterwards. However, students are encouraged to be involved as well.

"The film festival is the central project for film studies minors," Ade said. As part of the film studies minor, the students host the evening and run the show. The department created the film studies minor during the 2004-2005 school year for two seniors who pushed for the program's development. "They both stayed an extra year just to take all the required film courses," Ade said. Although there is not a film studies major, the minor continues to grow.

Although delayed multiple times, the 2007 Irish film *Once*, that won the 2008 Oscar for "Best Achievement in Music Written for Motion Pictures," finally played on Tuesday. "You're absolutely entranced by the music they write," Ade said of the lead characters. John Carney wrote and directed this unique love story of two part-time musicians in Dublin who develop a relationship through their love of music.

La Haine, a 1995 French film will be shown at 7 p.m. on April 15 in Mueller Theater. Mathieu Kassovitz wrote and directed the film that shows how "overcrowding, poverty, racism, and police brutality ignite riots in a French ghetto," said a Westminster press release. Tensions are high as three friends attempt to stick together against the odds.

Erhardt's pick for the semester, *Ikiru*, is a 1952 Japanese film that will play at 7 p.m. on April 29 in Mueller Theater. Akira Kurosawa co-wrote and directed the black and white film that concludes the series for this school year. When a long-time city official discovers he is dying from cancer, he desperately seeks meaning in his life and attempts to leave behind a legacy of helping others.

Mitchell encourages the faculty and students to get involved with the film series that allows one to "brush up against another culture." It honors and continues Erhardt's work as a professor, and should continue to inspire students and faculty alike. But Mitchell warns: "Once you're hooked, they're addictive."

Comepetiton gets heated over conflict and compromise in history

By Rachael Gresley
Campus Writer

The campus celebrated History Day on Monday, April 7. The theme for this year's national academic contest was "Conflict and Compromise in History."

Students in Western Pennsylvania joined with thousands from across the country in this nationally recognized activity. The contest was divided into two divisions: juniors (grades 6-8) and seniors (grades 9-12). One hundred and nine students from 11 different schools gathered here in celebration.

"Unfortunately, compared to previous years, the numbers of students attending the event were down," senior Melissa Parker said.

The coordinator of the event was Dr. David Twining, associate professor of history. Twining has been taking part for 26 years, and 18 of those years were here.

"This is a good chance to get together and help promote the study of history," Twining said.

To get involved in History Day, literature is distributed in the fall for most teachers so that students will have time to prepare their categories during the school year. Teachers participate to get their students involved, while others use it as a special project.

Current history majors and minors helped with coordinating and judging each category. The contest has seven categories: Individual Paper, Individual Exhibit, Individual Performance, Individual Documentary, Group Documentary, Group Performance and Group Exhibit. Groups consist of two to five individuals.

Students were able to use artistic abilities to demonstrate their interpretations of history.

Freshman Adam Griffith watched the presentation portion of the day.

"I was really impressed with how well the presentations were researched," Griffith said. "From a historian standpoint, the presentations were extremely impressive."

If a student placed first or second in one of the categories, they will move onto the state competition to represent Western Pennsylvania. The competition will be held in May at Millersville University.

Danielle McCullough has been participating in History Day for the past two years.

"This is a wonderful chance for middle and high schoolers to come see our campus and to get real experience researching for history," McCullough said.

"The goal for next year is to have more student participation," Parker said.

Sports

Titan baseball battles PAC rivals

By Andrew Kubicanek
Sports Writer

The Titans swept PAC-rival Waynesburg in a two-game series on March 29 prior to two losses to Pitt Greensburg on March 30.

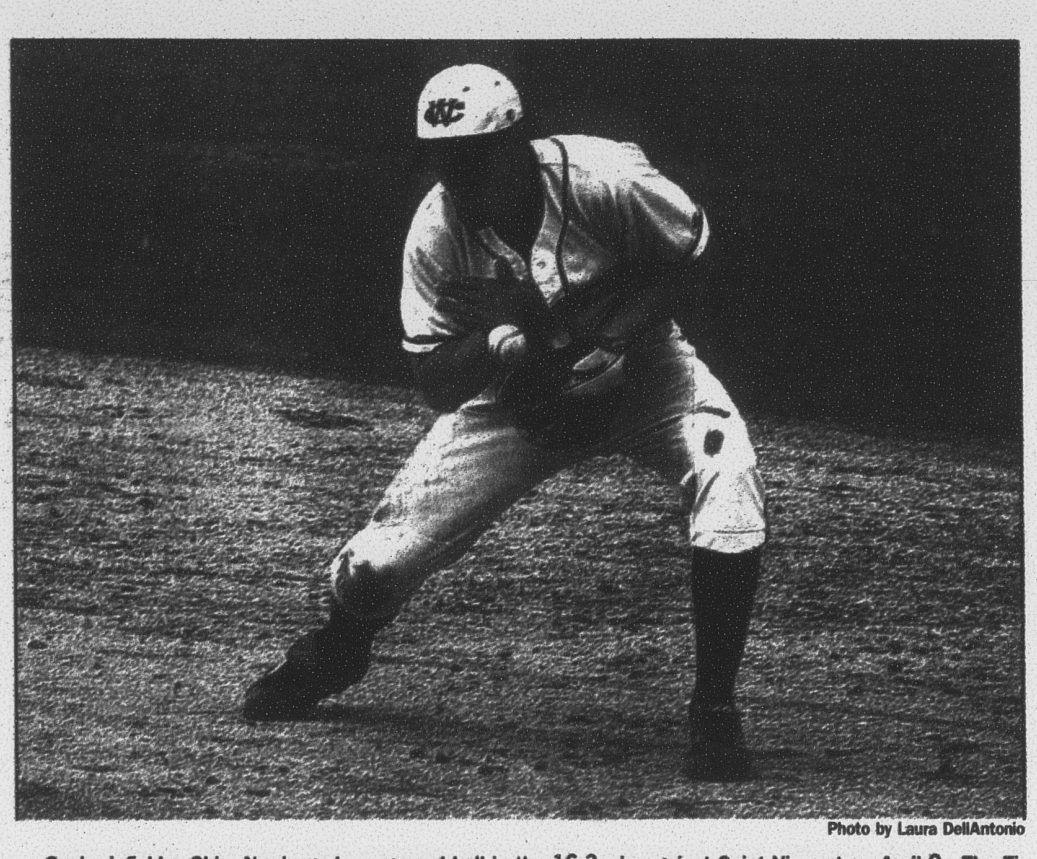
The Titans started strong in the conference by beating Waynesburg 7-1 and 7-6. Senior pitcher Andrew Robison kept Waynesburg scoreless until the fifth inning of the first game.

In the second game, Waynesburg nearly came back from a seven run deficit with four runs in the eighth inning and two in the ninth. They were unable to tie thanks to the efforts of senior pitcher Scott Carney and the Titans seven run lead proved too much to overcome.

"…we all played well, hit good as a team and got great starting pitching," senior centerfielder Brandon Drespling said.

In the first game, Drespling was two for four against Waynesburg with three RBI including a three-run homer. As a team the Titans had 18 hits including four home runs.

Despite success against Waynesburg, the Titans' outing against Pitt-Greensburg resulted in losses of 8-5 and 7-1. Though the Titans answered Pitt-Greensburg's initial three runs and briefly took a 5-3 lead, they were unable to hold on to it. Pitt-Greensburg made a comeback themselves scoring five runs in the final innings. The loss was the first of the season with pitcher Scott Carney starting. In the second game, Westminster didn't score until the seventh inning.



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Senior infielder Chirs Norris grabs a ground ball in the 16-3 win against Saint Vincent on April 9. The Titans also won the second game of the double header, 8-7. The team heads to Geneva on Saturday, April 12.

"We made a lot of mental mistakes on defense and didn't hit the ball that well," Drespling said.

While Pitt-Greensburg scored five runs in two innings of the second game, the Titans only recorded 11 hits overall.

The Titans rose to 13-7 (3-1 in the PAC) on Wednesday with two wins against Saint Vincent following two wins against Hiram on April 6 and a split with PAC-rival Thiel on April 5.

In a double-header against Saint Vincent, Westminster won convincingly in the first game with a final score of 16-3. The second game, however, was much closer with the Titans down 7-4 in the ninth inning. Following a run by Drespling, Junior John Izzo scored a three-run hit to tie the game. In overtime, Drespling hit the game-winner to make it 8-7 in the 10th inning.

Izzo led the team in the first game with three runs. In the second game, nine players scored with senior Donnie Womeldorff, junior Nick Maiorano and senior Brandon Drespling all scoring three runs. Westminster used seven pitchers throughout the second game while sophomore Mike McCoy pitched the full first game.

The wins followed another double-header sweep against Hiram three days earlier. The Titans defeated Hiram 3-1 in the first game and 11-1 in the second.

Senior David Colella led the Titans in both games by batting two for three and three for three. Despite falling behind early in the first game, the team allowed only a single run in each game. In the past four games the Titans have outscored their two opponents 38-12.

The team split with PAC-opponent Thiel on April 5 in two close games. Despite winning the second game in the 10th inning, the Titans fell in the first. Final scores were 9-8 and 7-6. Westminster held a 6-0 lead by the fifth inning. However, Thiel mounted a seven run comeback in the bottom of the fifth. In the second game, the Titans took an 8-7 lead in the top of the eighth inning before a Thiel effort to tie. Sophomore Dave Evans pitched the final three innings and allowed only two hits.

The Titans currently hold second place in the PAC, coming in behind Thomas More with a 4-0 record (9-6 overall). Thiel is in third place with a 3-3 record (12-8 overall). Only Thomas More and Westminster have winning records in the PAC at this time. Despite a losing record last season, the Titans finished strong in the PAC to qualify for the championship.

The Titans will travel to Geneva on April 12 for their next game. Last season the Titans did not play Geneva which is currently 11-6. The game starts at noon.

Lady Titans softball plays non-PAC doubleheaders

By Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

Following a split doubleheader against Chatham Saturday, April 5, the softball team lost both games in a doubleheader against Geneva Tuesday, April 8.

The Titans President's Athletic Conference record is now 1-3 and their overall record is 10-7.

The Titans hosted the PAC doubleheader against the Cougars (10-5, 1-3 PAC) that ended with a first game win, 6-2, and a second game loss, 5-4. Freshman DiAndra DiBacco contributed a two-run homerun during the first game.

"Hitting a homerun in the first game against Chatham was really exciting because it was the first in my college career; however, most importantly, it scored two points for the team, and started our rally," DiBacco said.

Sophomore Addie Parker led the Titans offense with two hits on three at bats and two runs scored.

Sophomore Jennifer Emery pitched a complete-game three-hitter with no walks and a strikeout. Emery also scored a two-run homerun in the first game.

The Titans took a 2-0 lead in the second game before Chatham responded by scoring five runs off freshman Amber Crompton. Crompton went five innings with five runs (1 earned) off seven hits with no walks and a strikeout.

Offensively, Emery led with three hits and three RBI.

Katie Lloyd led Chatham during the second game, contributing two hits to their seven-hit total.

The Titans traveled to Geneva (15-9) where they lost both games in a doubleheader against their non-conference opponent.

"I feel that we are struggling offensively as a team, but it's just a matter of time and hard work at practice before it is fixed," Parker said. "Our performance defensively against Geneva was good, but we can't win if we don't score and we can't score if we don't hit."

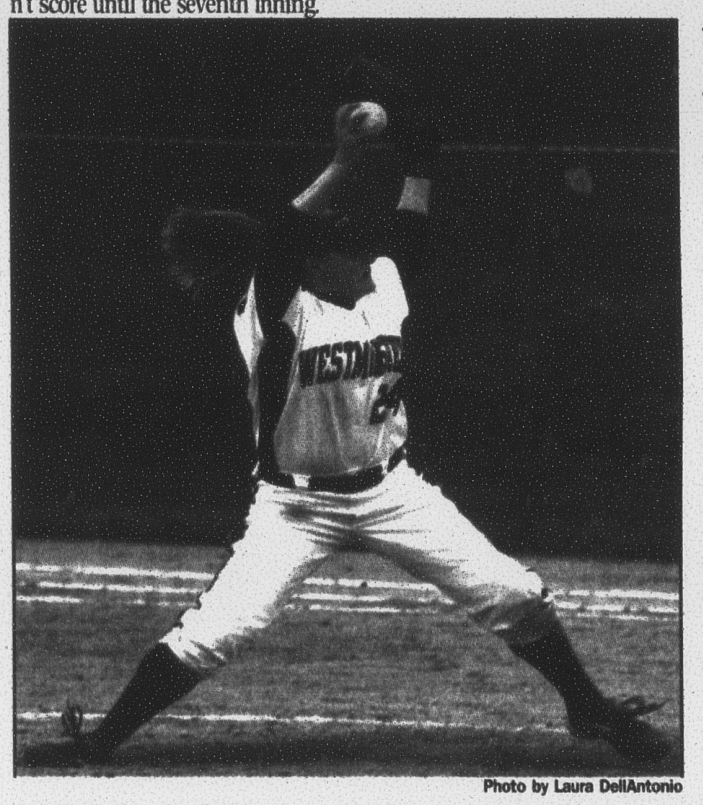
Senior Maria Joseph and Parker led the Titans in the doubleheader, each batting 3-for-6.

Emery took the loss in the first game, pitching six innings with seven runs (3 earned) on 11 hits, one walk and four strikeouts. Freshman Lis Schulz absorbed the loss in the second game with eight runs on 12 hits, two runs and two strikeouts.

Amy Pearce led the Golden Tornadoes with two hits in each game that resulted in a total seven RBI and a three-run homerun in the second game.

Geneva's Ashley Archer pitched during the first game gaining the win with one run on six hits, one walk and nine strikeouts. Teammate Rebekah Wahl pitched the second game resulting in four hits, two walks and four strikeouts.

The Titans travel to Case Western Reserve Friday, April 11 for a make-up doubleheader. The softball team hosts PAC opponent Grove City Saturday, April 12.



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Freshman pitcher Lis Schulz throws one down for a strike. The Titans lost both games in a double header against Geneva on April 8, 1-7 and 0-8. The team will travel to Case Western Reserve on Friday April 11.

Men's golf swings into competition

By Corey Kendall
Sports Writer

As spring is slowly rolling around the corner the Westminster Titan men's golf team is getting into the swing of things. Over the past two weeks the Titan's competed in two invitationals.

On Saturday, March 29, the Titans traveled to the Greene County Country Club for an invitational hosted by Waynesburg. The Titans competed against 7 other teams and ended up tying the host for fourth place with a team score of 341. Washington and Jefferson took first place with a score of 318.

Junior Nick Marzo ended up with a team-low 80 (41-39) for a sixth-place tie overall. Junior David Horn scored an 86 (45-41) for 19th, while sophomore Matt Hoover added an 87 (43-44) for 21st, and junior Ravi Amina shot an 88 (41-47) for 23rd.

"We did pretty well at Waynesburg for it being our first tournament of the year," sophomore Steve Previs states, "especially since the weather wasn't quite what you would consider "golf" weather."

But coming of from the fourth place, the Titans planned to do even better as they would be the ones to host the next tournament which took place at the New Castle Country Club on Monday, March 31. Out of 11 total teams, the Titans were able to claim third place with a score of 321.

Westminster junior Nick Marzo was able to tie for seventh overall with a 77 (39-38) while classmate Ravi Amina marked down a 10th-place score of 79 (42-37). Sophomore Matt Hoover scored an 81 (44-37) for 13th place while junior David Horn shot an 84 (45-39) for 22nd place. Freshman Steven LaRue posted an 87 (44-43) taking 38th place.

"Overall the team played well," junior Jordan Flaim states, "which is always important when you are hosting a tournament."

The Titans plan to continue the rest of the season very strongly by working extremely hard to improve overall as a team.

"For the rest of the year, we plan to play our hearts out and try to come out on top," states Previs. "We have very strong competition in Washington and Jefferson and St. Vincent, but I feel that if we can play to our potential, anything is possible. We are a close knit group of guys with an amazing coach, and the sky is the limit."

The Titans will have a chance to improve themselves even better as they attend the Carnegie Mellon Invitational on Saturday, April 12.

Lady Titan tracksters continue to rewrite record books

By Bob Long
Sports Writer

After a very impressive showing at Malone College on Apr. 5, the men's and women's track teams showed they are ready for the PAC championship.

Each week it seems the record books are changing, and there is no end in sight. Four new school records were set during the meet by three Titan women. The Titan women held 23 top-eight place winners in 14 events, while the Titan men got five place winners in three events.

The Lady Titans exploded off the blocks this past weekend, rewriting the records once again. Megan Harding broke her own school record time of 12.56 in the 100-meter sprint by running a second-place time of 12.45 at Malone College. Harding also beat her school-record time of 25.58 in the 200 down to 25.55 for second place at the meet. Although she only placed second in both of these events, Harding has been constantly improving all season long.

"I was really happy and proud of myself because I lowered my records again. My goals for the rest of the season are to stay healthy and strong, and to run my best at PAC's," Harding said. "My goal is for the women's track team to become the new PAC champions."

Harding was not the only record breaker at Malone College. Rebecca Shiner broke a five-year-old school record in the 800 meters with a third-place time of 2:21.13. This time beat the old record of 2:24.9 held by Katie Spehar in 2003. Shiner commented on the team's focus and performance.

"A lot of our times have been dropping which is always a good thing," Shiner said. "As a team, the main goal is to win the PAC meet; we were so close last year, and this year we want that more than anything."

There was one more record broken as Jess Cooper beat her own record in the high jump. Her new record now stands at 1.67 meters. Kate Kushner also placed first in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:06.11.

The men were led by the performances of Jonathan Morrow. He was the highest finisher with a third-place distance of 50.49 meters in the javelin. Shawn Flowers tied for fifth in the long jump at 6.0 meters.

The meet at Malone College was not scored, and the track teams are becoming battle-tested for the PAC title.

"We have been working hard all season and can't wait to have our shot at the PAC title," junior Amanda Smallhoover said.

All-Time Impact

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

MJ, The Babe, Ali, and Tiger are names synonymous with superstar status.

Although all have forever changed their respective sports, I became engaged in an argument the other day over which single athlete has had the greatest impact on his or her sport. I thought the answer was quite simple really, and with the Masters Champion set to be crowned, I responded that Tiger Woods is the master of all athletes when it comes to the greatest impact an individual has had on an entire sport.

While the lore of Babe Ruth will forever follow baseball, Ruth did not change the game. Ruth's countless homeruns will always be remembered, but many others then and certainly now have hit as many, not to mention more, homeruns than The Babe in both a career and a single season.

Ruth may have hit more homeruns than anyone during the time he played, but that does not mean he had the greatest impact on his sport. For instance, we do not say that Barry Bonds has had the greatest impact on Major League Baseball.

As for His Airness, Michael Jordan is the best player ever to have played the game of basketball. However, the gap between Jordan and the other greatest players to have ever played basketball is not that wide. Many argue that Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Wilt Chamberlain, Oscar Robertson, and currently Kobe Bryant are as good as Jordan if not better.

Another reason that both Jordan and Ruth have had the greatest impact on their sports is the fact that they played team sports. In team sports, when one individual has a bad day the team can still win. For instance Ruth could go 0-4 with three strikeouts and the Yankees still could have won. MJ could have scored eight points and Scottie Pippen could have gone for 38 and given the Bulls the win. Imagine what happens when Woods has a bad day. There is no covering it up because other guys cannot account for his poor performance.

Clearly, this debate comes down to two: Tiger Woods vs. Muhammad Ali. While I believe Ali is the greatest boxer of all-time, some argue that Sugar Ray Robinson was decidedly better and that Joe Frazier may have been equally as great as Ali.

In golf, there is no debate about who is the best golfer of all-time. Jack Nicklaus is a tremendous second place, but he comes nowhere near Tiger. Let's face it Tiger is rewriting all of his sport's record books, revolutionized his sport by expanding the driving distance and subsequently forcing courses to adjust, and has his own brand of Gatorade. I mean really, who else has ever gotten their own brand of Gatorade?

The overall attention and press golf now gets has more to do with Tiger Woods than anything else. The popularity of golf revolves around Tiger. There is no doubt that the pure golf fans would still follow the sport with or without Tiger, but for casual golf fans, such as yours truly, Tiger is the reason I watch.

It has gotten to the point where a fair bet in golf is considered to be Tiger vs. the rest of the field. What's more astonishing than that is taking Tiger provides the better chance of winning.

For the fact that Tiger plays an individual sport, is beyond debate the best player to have ever played golf, and is single handedly responsible for such an enormous audience, he has had a greater impact on his sport than anyone else has had on theirs.

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Sports

Winter colorguard wins spur-of-the-moment competition

Ladies arrive at competition just in time to put on championship performance

By Laurel Sprague
Campus Writer

With not a minute to spare the Winter Guard gathered up their girls on March 30 and competed at the Twirling Unlimited Competition without even having the time to warm-up.

"It was ridiculous," said Erin Tarpey, co-captain of the Winter Guard.

The competition for color guard and majorettes was held at Sharon High School. Participants were there to compete for the Regional Competition Championship. Report-time for each team's performance was given out the day of the competition.

"We never got any information about our report time. Just to be there by 10 o'clock," said Hannah Colbrese, co-captain of Winter Guard.

Colbrese went to Sharon High School early to find out her team's report-time in an effort to better prepare her team. She learned that her team needed to be there immediately and dressed for competition. By the time the team arrived, it was time to compete.

"There was a girl putting on her pants literally as we were walking on," said Tarpey.

Westminster's main competitor was Slippery Rock University who named themselves the SRA Illusions.

"We were all really nervous because we knew their reputation," said Colbrese.

Westminster won the competition with a score of 144.1 out of 200. A score of 150 would have qualified them for nationals.

"This was the first time we competed against someone and we beat them so we were really excited," said Colbrese, "We learned the routine in about six weeks which was one week before competition."

The team received a 2-foot trophy and a medal for each team member titling them as Regional Group Champions. Both Colbrese and Tarpey consider winning quite the accomplishment for a group that just started this year.

"We always had a dream of starting it," said Colbrese.

After being approved by Westminster College, Colbrese and Tarpey started up the Winter Guard with six other girls.

"They always had a great attitude and work ethic," said Tarpey of her teammates, "I really appreciate their level of commitment."

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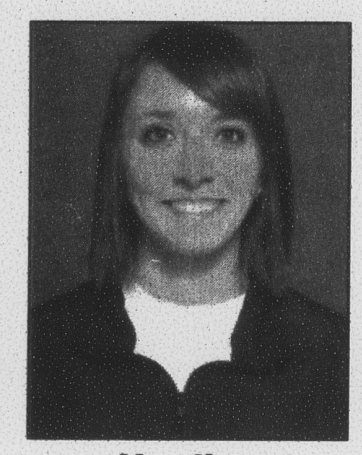
Members of the winter colorguard perform at Sharon High School on March 30. The ladies went on to win the competition as regional group champions.

Titan athletic honors

PAC athlete of the week



Harding

For the third straight week, the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) named junior Megan Harding as its PAC Women's Track Athlete of the Week, for the week of March 31-April 6.

Harding broke her own school record time of 12.56 in the 100 meter dash by running a second-place time of 12.45 on April 5 at the Jack Hazen Open hosted by Malone College. Harding also cut her school-record time of 25.58 in the 200 meter dash down to 25.55 for second place at the meet.

After tying the school record in the 100 meters on March 22 at Coastal Carolina, Harding became the outright record-holder in the event after she ran a time of 12.56 in the preliminary and 12.67 for first place in the finals at the Carnegie Mellon Invitational. Harding won two individual events during the meet as she also ran a first-place time of 26.07 in the 200 meters.

Harding is a junior business adminstration major from North Hills/Pittsburgh, Pa.

Titan athlete of the week

Emery

Sophomore softball player Jennifer Emery has been named the SAAC Titan Athlete of the Week, as voted on by members of the StudentAthlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) for the week of April 17.

Emery led the Titans by batting .526 (1019) with 11 RBI, four runs scored, a double and three home runs, two of which in each game vs. Chatham on April 5, as the Titans posted a 3-3 record.

Emery also dazzled on the mound by posting a 2-1 record with a 0.95 ERA in 22 innings with four runs (3 earned) off 17 hits, no walks and nine strikeouts. She appearedin four games and her three starts were complete games.

Emery is a second year starter.

She started 15 games as a pitcher, 14 as a fi rst baseman as a freshman last year. She also earned first-team, all-PAC honors and was an ECAC Division III Southern All-Star.

Emery is a sophomore broadcast communications major from New Castle, Pa.

Penguins Rout Senators in Game 1

Game 1: Penguins 4, Senators 0

PITTSBURGH – The Ottawa Senators and the Pittsburgh Penguins staged a near replay of their playoff Game 1 from last season, only with a much different result.

Gary Roberts and Petr Sykora scored in the first period and the favored Penguins, determined not to duplicate their awful postseason opener of a year ago, rode Marc-Andre Fleury's goaltending after that to a 4-0 victory over Ottawa in the Eastern Conference playoffs Wednesday night.

Roberts had two goals, only one fewer than he had during an injury-interrupted season, and Evgeni Malkin _ the NHL's No. 2 scorer _ had a goal and two assists.

Pittsburgh, which never recovered from its opening-game 6-3 loss to Ottawa during their five-game series last April, takes a 1-0 lead into Game 2 on Friday night. The Penguins have won their last nine home games.

Fleury made 26 saves in his first career playoff shutout, twice stopping Cory Stillman during an extended Ottawa power play late in the second period in which Pittsburgh was down two men for nearly a minute. Fleury is 11-2-1 since returning Feb. 28 from a nearly three-month layoff with a badly sprained ankle.

Pittsburgh also was down two men for 50 seconds early in the third, but the Senators _ a below-.500 club since their NHL-record 13-1 start _ couldn't get the puck past former No. 1 draft pick Fleury in only his second career postseason victory. The Senators were 0-for-7 on the power play.

It was a major turnaround from last April, when the Senators jumped on Fleury and the playoff-inexperienced Penguins for a 2-0 less than seven minutes into Game 1 in Ottawa and went on to dominate the series despite losing the next game.

On Tuesday, Penguins captain Sidney Crosby said it was imperative to avoid such a letdown _ and he showed some playoff grit of his own by trading swings with Wade Redden late in the game after Crosby was pummeled while carrying the puck to the net.

Two of Pittsburgh's most experienced players made certain that letdown didn't happen as Roberts, who turns 42 next month, exasperated the Senators yet again with two more goals. Roberts played on Maple Leafs teams that eliminated Ottawa three times during a four-season span from 2001-04.

Roberts, out since Dec. 29 with a broken leg until returning Sunday in Philadelphia, kept Wade Redden away from the puck behind the Senators end not long after the opening faceoff. That allowed Georges Laraque to grab the puck and get it back to Roberts in front, where he beat Martin Gerber in close with only 1:08 gone _ Roberts' first goal since a two-goal game Dec. 23 against Boston.

Sykora, who didn't score in Pittsburgh's final six regular-season games, made it 2-0 with 7 1/2 minutes left in the first, working a 2-on-1 break with Malkin after Mike Commodore gave up the puck at mid ice.

Malkin and Roberts also scored late in the third period, after it was clear there would be no Senators comeback.

Ottawa _ already without key injured regulars Daniel Alfredsson, Mike Fisher and Chris Kelly _ played most of the final two periods without defenseman Anton Volchenkov, who lay on the ice for several minutes after being cut in the forehead by Malkin's slap shot midway through the second.

Play was stopped briefly to clean up a small pool of blood on the ice, but Volchenkov got up on his own and may have been saved from a more serious injury by his protective visor.

Notes:@ With the Penguins nearly at full strength for the first time in months, D Darryl Sydor was scratched. .. Pittsburgh won Game 1 of a playoff series at home for the first time since a 4-3 win over the Rangers in the 1996 Eastern Conference semifinals. .. Ottawa is 3-9-1 without Alfredsson this season. .. Gerber, who backed up Ray Emery as Ottawa reached the Stanley Cup finals last season, made 31 saves.

Frisbee team breaks ultimate ground by hosting tournament

By Gretchen Fatula
Campus Writer

The first ultimate Frisbee tournament at Westminster was held on Saturday, April 6.

Westminster's Ultimate Frisbee Club hosted this tournament. The Ultimate Frisbee Club has been on campus for four years and the current president is Marissa Shetler. Sophomores Andy Bennett and Dan Chesky coordinated the tournament last weekend. Grove City College and Slippery Rock University's Ultimate Frisbee teams were invited. However, the Grove City teams were the only teams able to attend.

Westminster's Ultimate Frisbee Club has two teams, the A team and the First team. Grove City had three teams in the tournament, the A team, the Freshmen team and the Garbage Men.

The tournament was a round robin. Grove City's A team and the Freshmen team played each other in the first round with the A team coming out victorious. Westminster's A team faced off against Grove City's A team. Westminster's First team played the Garbage Men. Both of Grove City's teams won.

"We're not real competitive, we just play to have fun." Said Bennett.

The final tournament standings were Grove City's A team in first, the Freshmen in second, the Garbage Men in third, Westminster's A team in fourth, and the First team in fifth.

"Everyone played a part in the points we scored." Said Bennett.

The next tournament will be held at IUP on April 19. Westminster's club will be attending if enough people can go. The Ultimate Frisbee Club plays everyday at 4PM by the softball fields. Anyone is welcome to come.

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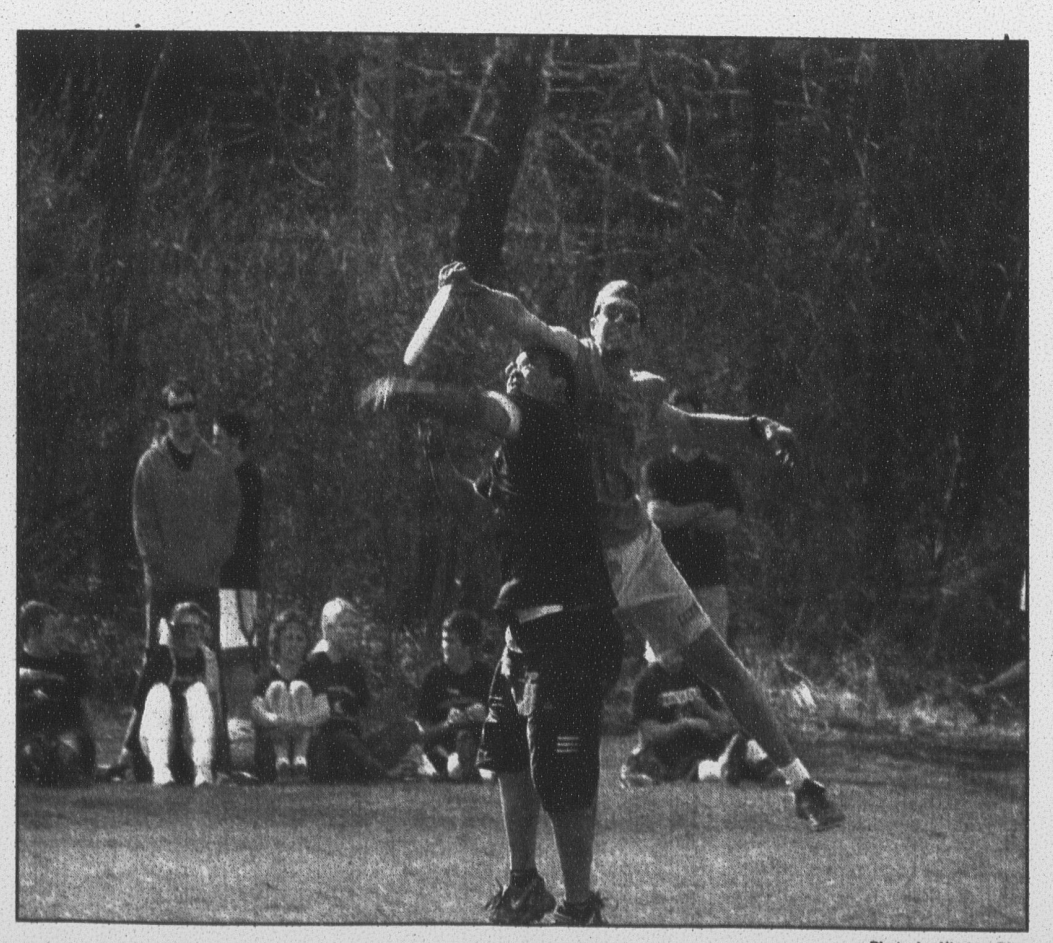

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CALENDAR

Friday, April 11, 2008
All Day Events
FAFSA Form Deadline is May 1
11:30 AM College Feminists Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)
11:40 AM Biology Lunch Seminar (Phillips Lecture Hall)
11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)
12:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Exec Meeting
(MCC Weisel Conference Room 255)
3:30 PM Softball @ Case Western Reserve
4:00 PM MEN'S TENNIS v. Pitt-Greensburg
7:00 PM College Republicans Present "Deal or No Deal?" (MCC Club/Lounge)
7:30 PM Robert M. Woods Memorial Lecture: Dr. David Newman, "Aurora Borealis: Its Beauty, Causes and Effects" (Phillips Lecture Hall)
8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Kite Runner (MCC Mueller Theater)
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Charlie Wilson's War (MCC Mueller Theater)

Saturday, April 12, 2008
All Day Events
Relay for Life
TBA Men's Track & Field @ Slippery Rock Invitational
TBA Women's Track & Field @ Slippery Rock Invitational
12:00 PM Baseball @ Geneva
1:00 PM SOFTBALL v. Grove City*
6:00 PM BSU Fashion Show (Orr Auditorium)
6:30 PM Opera Westminster Hosts "An Evening of Excellence" (MCC Witherspoon Rooms)
7:00 PM Mass (Wallace Memorial Chapel)
8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Charlie Wilson's War (MCC Mueller Theater)
10:30 PM BSU Fashion Show After Party (MCC Club/Lounge)
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: The Kite Runner (MCC Mueller Theater)

Sunday, April 13, 2008
10:00 AM Men's Tennis @ Thomas More*
1:00 PM Baseball @ Case Western Reserve
3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Charlie Wilson's War (MCC Mueller Theater)
3:00 PM Students' Joint Recital: Amber Kunder, Flute; Kim Hasara, Voice (Wallace Memorial Chapel)
7:00 PM Vespers/Christy Lecture: Rob Prestowitz, Executive Director of Urban Promise (Wallace Memorial Chapel)
9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Kite Runner (MCC Mueller Theater)

Monday, April 14, 2008
TBA Men's Golf @ Grove City Invitational
TBA WOMEN'S GOLF v. M.L. Cleland Eckles Invitational
9:30 AM - 2:00 PM Chapel Office Continuing Education Event: Rev. Dr. Kang Na (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)
12:00 PM Holcad Staff Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)
4:00 PM SOFTBALL v. Penn State-Behrend
4:15 PM Peace Studies Coffehouse on India: Dr. Patricia Clark (Thompson-Clark 315)
9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

Tuesday, April 15, 2008
All Day Events
Celebrity Series: Evita
FAFSA Form Deadline is May 1
Last Day to Withdraw From a 7-Week Course Held the Second Half of Semester – $15 Fee
Newman Club Meeting
1:00 PM Baseball @ Hiram
4:15 PM Allies Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)
5:30 PM College Democrats Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)
6:30 PM Japanese Anime Club (TC 210)
7:00 PM Jacob Erhardt International Film Festival: La Haine (French 1995) (MCC Mueller Theater)
7:00 PM Theta Chi and Sigma Phi Epsilon Present "SURVIVORS' SHOUT OUT!" (MCC Club/Lounge)
9:40 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting (TC 314)

Wednesday, April 16, 2008
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM IRS Westminster Project
11:45 AM Faires Faculty Forum: Eileen Morelli, CHIPS: A College/High School Interactive Literacy Project (MCC Mueller Theater)
11:45 AM Future Media Professionals Meeting (Thompson Clark 210)
2:30 PM BASEBALL v. Allegheny
4:00 PM SOFTBALL v. Saint Vincent
4:00 PM Academic Standards Committee Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)
4:15 PM Green Party Meeting (MCC Weisel Conference Room 255)
4:30 PM Children's Literature Group Discussion: Good Masters! Sweet Ladies!: Voices from a Medieval Village by Laura Amy Schlitz (Mugsies)
5:15 PM CPC Meeting (MCC Club)
6:45 PM Newman Club Exec Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)
7:00 PM SGA Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)
7:30 PM Habitat for Humanity Chapter Meeting (MCC 255)
7:30 PM Saxophone Studio Recital: Jim Flowers (Orr Auditorium)
8:00 PM YPS Discussion Groups (MCC Witherspoon Maple)
9:30 PM Seekers Meeting (MCC Club/Lounge)

Thursday, April 17, 2008
All Day Events
FAFSA Form Deadline is May 1
TBA Men's Golf @ Saint Vincent Invitational
TBA Women's Golf @ Saint Vincent Invitational
12:40 PM COC Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)
12:50 PM Interfraternity Council Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255) 5:00 PM College Republicans meeting
(PH 231)
5:00 PM Lambda Sigma Banquet (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)
5:30 PM BSU Meeting (MCC Weisel Conference Room 255)
7:00 PM Bleasby Colloquium: Capstone Presentations and Senior Farewell (MCC Witherspoon Maple)
7:00 PM Gospel Choir (Wallace Memorial Chapel)
7:30 PM Planetarium Presents "The New Cosmos" (Hoyt 116)
7:30 PM Theatre Westminster Presents Quilters (Beeghly Theater)
8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: One Missed Call (MCC Mueller Theater)
8:00 PM Theta Chi and Sigma Phi Epsilon Present "TAKE BACK THE NIGHT" (Orr Auditorium)
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: John Rambo (MCC Mueller Theater)
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Friday, April 18, 2008
All Day Events
SGA Day
TBA Men's Tennis @ PAC Championships (at Erie, Pa.)
11:30 AM College Feminists Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)
12:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Exec Meeting (MCC Weisel Conference Room 255)
7:30 PM Planetarium Presents "The New Cosmos" (Hoyt 116)
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HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21 - April 19):
Pay attention and handle your finances with caution this week. Avoid frivolous spending on items that you do not need.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):
Popularity among your colleagues will put your time and attention in high demand. Do not scatter your energy or commit to too many activities.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21):
You can be very productive, happy or content spending quality time alone. Steal away to a favorite hideaway where you can focus on work or relax.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22):
Keep an eye on your spending and take advantage of an opportunity to increase your income. Meet with friends and review plans for a moneymaking project.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):
Avoid forcing a career move. Be patient and listen to the advice of a counselor who is in a position to steer you in the most advantageous direction.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):
You are in a position where you must choose between what others want and what is best for you. Speak up and clarify your thoughts and feelings.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23):
Strive to gain control of your finances. Re-evaluate your spending habits, renegotiate the terms of your debt and pay cash whenever possible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21):
It may be necessary to make a final decision about a partnership dilemma. Think with your head, not with your heart and be true to yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):
Program your mind to get a lot accomplished. Roll up your sleeves and vow to work hard and complete some unfinished projects.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):
Turn to a sibling or colleague to help you with a creative assignment. Put your heads together and come up with some outlandish ideas.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):
Interacting with family members will promote better understanding this week. Speak honestly and openly discuss your problems and concerns.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):
Look for opportunities to exchange information and to excel in different areas of communication. Take your time and strive for accuracy.

If your birthday is this week:
You have a highly visible and interactive cycle on tap for you during the coming year. Be prepared to spend plenty of time in the public domain and to make good use of the contacts or information that will become available to you. There is an idealistic, romantic or creative cycle that could work to your benefit or detriment; it is up to you. Rise above self-deception and face the truth about a partner, job or domestic situation.

Also born this week:
Malcolm X, Busta Rhymes, Notorious Big, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Jewel and Bob Dylan.

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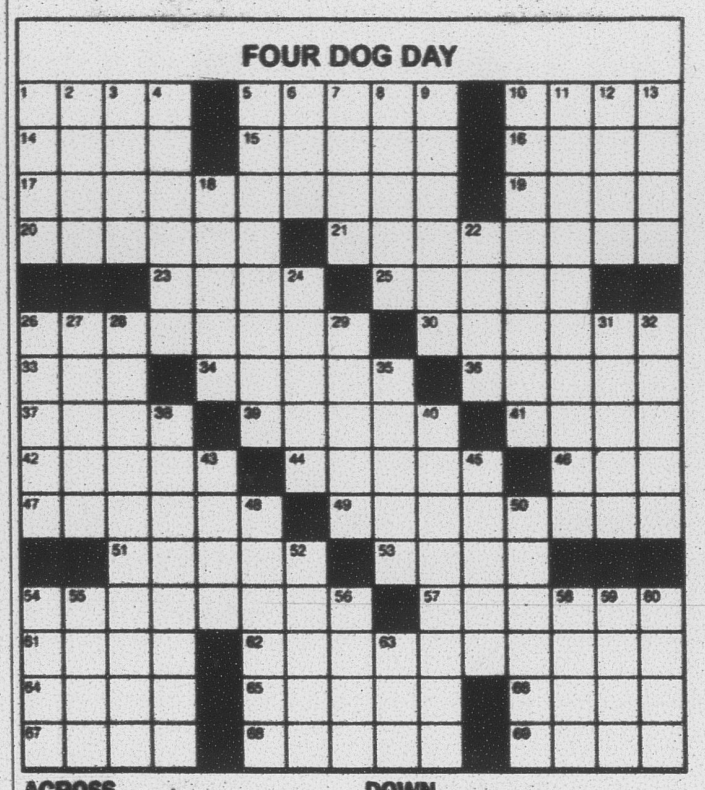

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CROSSWORD ANSWER

McKelvey Weekend Entertainment

"The Kite Runner "

"Charlie Wilson's War"

Movies Playing at Mueller Theater

8:00 PM	Friday	10:30 PM
10:30 PM	Saturday	8:00 PM
9:00PM	Sunday	3:00 PM

Movies provided by Club Room
Entertainment provided by CPC
Westminster ID's will be checked at all movies.
ID will admit you and one guest.
There is no charge; it's just for a count.

Late Night in the Club Room
Monday - 8 PM to 1 AM
Tuesday and Thursday - 9 PM to 1 AM

Arts & Entertainment

The Bravery's double-disk re-release a difficult analysis

Chris Lehberger
A&E Editor

When I opened the package, I was happy I had received new album from The Bravery. When I opened the CD case and found that it was a double disc, my heart sunk a little. When I read the press release and found out the album was actually a re-release of the band's 2007 album, *The Sun and The Moon* and included an additional disc featuring the album as "re-imagined and reworked," my heart sunk even further.

It is true that reviewing this album was increasingly difficult. Not only do I hate full length double discs, but I also loathe re-releases, mainly because I view them as a money-making machine for money-hungry labels. Furthermore, listening to the same song twice (original, then remixed), whether "re-imagined" or not, was painful. Don't get me wrong, the music itself wasn't painful, but in order to properly assess the valid characteristics of the albums as a whole, the songs had to be compared back-to-back.

Using this method, I found my notes to be scant. It seemed as if some of the reworked songs were very close to the original cuts, with the only notable changes being the about-face of acoustic drums to electronic and the use of the oh-so-tiring-nowadays synthesizer ("Tragedy Bound," "Believe.") Unfortunately, I don't think the band takes enough of a risk on the remixes, staying too close to the original songs; even most of the melodies and song structures of the songs are the same all the way up to the guitar solo on "Angelina." To me, re-imagine means to really take a step, and push the limits. Instead, what we get are The Killers b-sides ("Every Word Is A Knife In My Ear," "This Is Not the End," circa Hot Fuss era, amalgamating dance-y drum beats and keyboards. Vocalist Sam Endicott's voice seems forced on both records as well, only ceding in the Beach Boys-esque "Angelina" ad the remix of "Bad Sun" sounds like it should be in an American Eagle store on a Saturday night with its pumping techno drums.

I admit I'm being unfair in giving this album a bad review; when listened to straight through, both discs sound much more cohesive and enjoyable. Endicott isn't a bad songwritereither, offering catchy choruses on "Fistful of Sand" and a moodier "Above and Below" which thrusts up hints of The Beatles. However, if you already own *The Sun and the Moon*, don't waste your money on this album. The songs don't differ enough from the originals to be much of value.

Photo from amazon.com

However, if you don't own the original album, go pick this one up. *The Sun and the Moon* is good enough as it is, and the reworked album is a bonus. At the same price as the original record, you really can't go wrong, whether you actually like the re-thought album or not.

Chris is a junior public relations major who's addicted to *LOST* and *the Office*, and despite being a writing minor, can't finish books. Or sing. At all.

Photo from myspace.com

Chris' Rating: ★★★☆☆

Movie reviews

The Ruins fails to engage audience, lacks depth

Photo from http://www.slashfilm.com

By Brett Gerthoffer
A&E Writer

These days, it truly is difficult to provide a highly judgmental audience with a good (or at least decent) horror flick. Emotion and suspense are two of the main points to focus on while trying to do this, not to mention a good quick back story and character development. Writer Scott B. Smith and director Carter Smith tried with this novel made into a movie, *The Ruins*. Key word: tried. They attempted to develop a good back story. They aimed to develop the characters quickly and effectively. They tried to scare us. They strove to freak us out with good amounts of blood and people cutting themselves. They struggled to appeal to our emotions and squeamish stomachs. They failed, for the most part.

A group of friends sets out on a hike to some Mayan ruins on their last day of vacation, but they run into something they never thought they would. As they approach the temple pyramid, they are surrounded by Mayan villagers wielding guns and bows. The villagers force them up the temple because they touched the vines that cover the entire temple (you'll quickly figure this out even though the hikers don't know what is going on). Jena Malone (Donnie Darko), Jonathan Tucker (In the Valley of Elah), Shawn Ashore, Laura Ramsey and Joe Anderson engage in their horrific experience with the killer temple.

Blood red flowers and vines is our suspect here. You heard me, flowers. Definitely a different take on something that is killing people. I like the fact that they are trying to be different and unique, but I feel they just didn't pull it off. Before I start trash talking this movie anymore, let me make it clear that it is decently entertaining to watch. Aside from analytical observations, I was pretty entertained. But I don't think the guy behind me who fell asleep 10 minutes into the movie and snored (literally) through the entire film thought it was too entertaining. I called him out a few times, but that's a different story. The flowers did two cool things. The first is that they used their little stem in the center to vibrate and make it sound like people were talking inside your head. They egged you on to things or just plain scared you and basically let you know that you're going to die. They also inserted small sections of living vine to travel through your body and ultimately kill you. One of the hikers attempted to cut out these vines and in doing so (also by the influence of the screeching flowers) started to believe that there were more in her than there really were. So we see a nice scene of an entirely bloody camper cutting an entire section out of her upper leg, not even feeling pain due to her ignorance of reality. The unusual nature of this horror monster was one of the clever parts of the movie.

The character development and back story was poor and not very effective. The film also moved quite slow with not enough scary moments or even gory scenes (which was one of the main scare tactics) to balance the equation. My emotional response to the movie was low due to the poor character development, and the bloody goreness just wasn't enough to satisfy me, but I enjoy a sick twisted movie, so it takes a lot for me. The cinematography was a plus for this one with nice shots of Mexican wilderness and a nicely designed Mayan temple. A huge turn-off for me was the typical stupid person in a horror film that does all the things you wouldn't do if this happened in real life. These kind of characters infuriate me, and I have yet to understand why any filmmaker would even consider using them (come on, you're better than that).

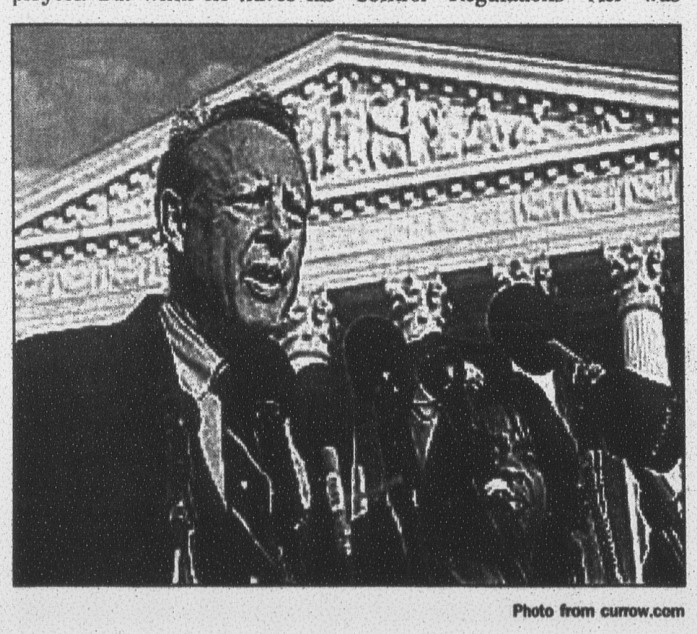
Basically the movie was entertaining and is worth a matinee showing, but that's it. Not to mention the writer tried to use a "decide for yourself" ending that didn't work at all. If you want to see *The Ruins* go to a matinee on a super boring day.

Brett's Rating: ★★☆☆☆

A&E writer Erik Chesney takes a moment to comment on gun control

By Erik Chesney
A&E Writer

Dick Heller works as a security guard on government property in the District of Columbia where he is trusted to carry a firearm to protect government property and employees. But when he leaves his job, if he wants to carry the same firearm to protect himself, his family or his home, the same government that he works to protect forbids him from doing so.



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D.C. has had some of the nation's strictest gun control laws since 1976, when the Firearms Control Regulations Act was passed. The law completely bans handguns that were not registered prior to the ban and mandates that all rifles and shotguns be kept unloaded and unlocked or completely disassembled, thus rendering them ineffective for home defense.

Along with six other D.C. residents, Heller took his case to the D.C. Court of Appeals where they ruled in his favor, claiming that D.C's ban is a violation of the second amendment. Now the case is being appealed yet again by D.C. at the Supreme Court, and it is the first major gun case to be heard since U.S. v. Miller in 1939. Oral arguments for D.C. v. Heller were heard on March 18, and a ruling is expected near the beginning of July.

Both pro-gun and anti-gun organizations have "rallied the troops" and filed amicus, "friend of the court" briefs in support of their respective positions to the Supreme Court. The ramifications of the ruling will have a large impact on the scope and importance of the second amendment, which reads, "A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

The Supreme Court Justices may interpret the notorious amendment in many ways. A ruling that supports the argument that the amendment supports individual rights may make many federal, state and local gun laws unconstitutional. The opposite ruling, a "collective rights" interpretation stemming from the "well regulated militia" clause, would give the constitutional "A-okay" to present and future gun control laws.

21 doesn't need a helping 'hand'

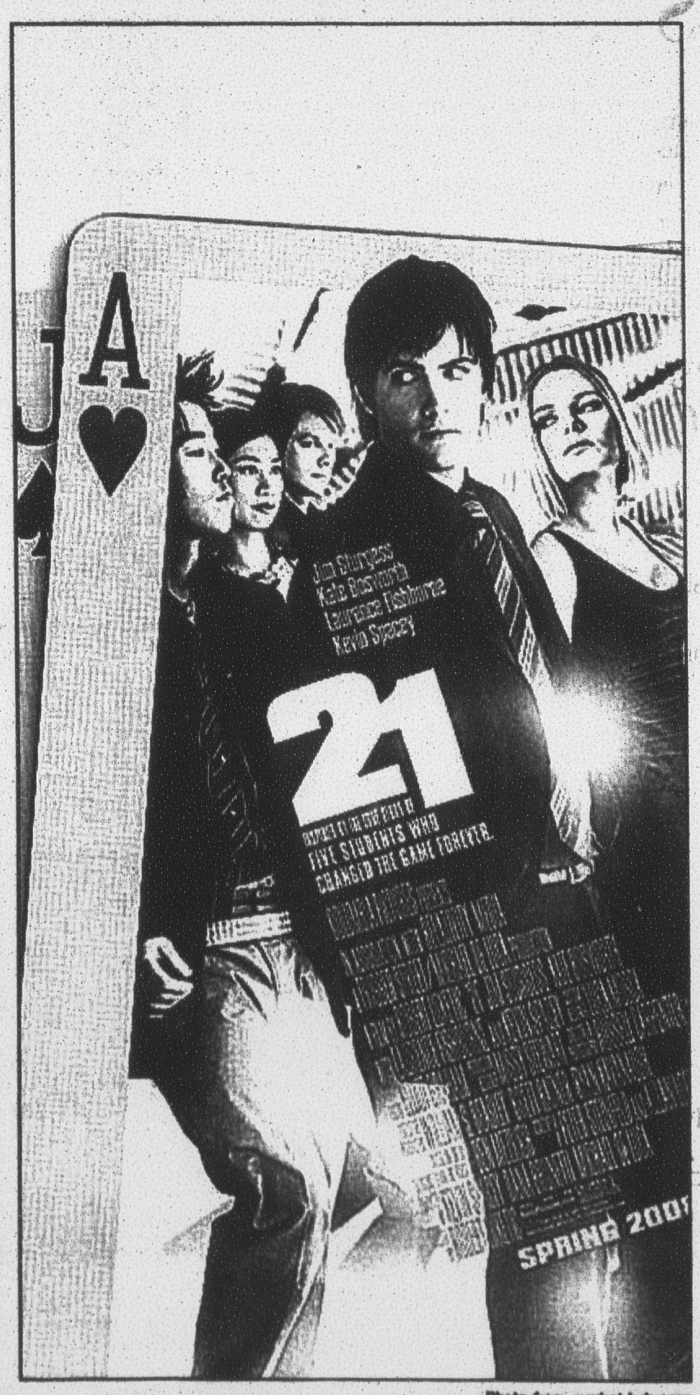
By Erik Chesney
A&E Writer

Based on real events, *21* is the story of six MIT students who developed a card counting system and won millions from Vegas casinos playing Blackjack. The movie was inspired by the true story as chronicled in the book Bringing Down the House. I say 'inspired', because the writers of the movie changed many of the details to make the film more entertaining.

The main character, Ben Campbell, played by Jim Sturgess, is accepted into Harvard medical school, but without money to pay for it he is attracted to the Blackjack team led by his math professor Micky Rosa, played by Kevin Spacey. Also enticing Campbell is fellow Blackjack team member Jill Taylor, played by the beautiful Kate Bosworth.

After Campbell undergoes the rigorous preparation led by Rosa, the team heads to Vegas and hits the tables. As their winnings increase, he is more and more engrossed in the game and winning enough money to pay for medical school. All the while, the casino's violent enforcer Cole Williams, played by Laurence Fishburne, is closing in on their operation.

While the film isn't true to the facts of the MIT Blackjack team's story, *21* is very believable and very entertaining. The film also has some impressive cinematography, offering beautiful shots of Vegas and the action of the Blackjack table. For those of you interested in becoming card counters, casinos now use Continuous Shuffling Machines that make counting nearly impossible, and besides, who wants Morpheus to beat the hell out of them?



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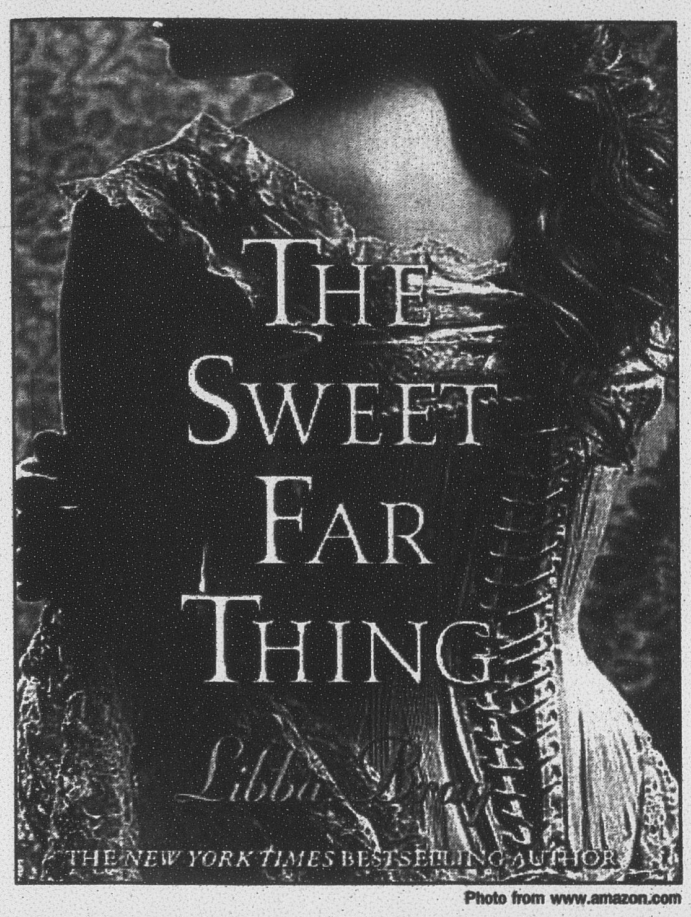

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By Danielle McCullough
A&E Writer

This week's article is just going to fill you in on what I am reading now. So really, if you are male and a democrat, I have nothing for you. However, if you are anything I am, I am sure you will find something below.

The first book that I am going to talk about that I have been reading is *The Sweet Far Thing* by Libba Bray, the last book of the Gemma Doyle Trilogy. I am not looking forward to ending the trilogy, because it is an amazing read. Nevertheless, it is more for girls than for guys to read- sorry boys.

For the (republican) boys, I have Ann Coulter's latest *If Democrats had any Brians, They'd be Republicans*. Just about every republican boy I know thinks she is gorgeous. Umm… sure. I just happen to think she is a witty writer. Her stuff is fabulous, and any books she writes should be read by everyone- not just because they think she is pretty, but because she knows her stuff.

Last fall I wrote about *Bass Ackwards and Belly Up*. The sequel to this book, *Footfree and Fancyloose*, recently came out. Though I am only a chapter in, I think it is wonderful and look forward to finishing it soon.

Last but not least, I am also reading *Black Like You*, by John Stausbaugh. Oh wait. No, no, that one is not for fun… that is actually a schoolbook. Nevertheless, if you ever wonder about black face, I say pick it up.

So that is what I have been reading lately, outside of class (other than *Black Like You*). Hopefully you find something to read without being forced to read it as well.

Tokiva announces world's first IM-to-call service

TORONTO and BEIJING, March 10 /PRNewswire/ -- Today Tokiva announced the world's first IM-To-Call service on its open mobile communications platform. Tokiva IM-To-Call service is available immediately on leading instant messaging systems, including MSN Messenger, Yahoo Messenger, AOL Messenger, and GTalk. Since beta launching the IM-To-Call service in January 2008, Tokiva is becoming the most popular IM buddy in the world, with tens of thousands users taking advantage of IM Tokiva on a daily basis.

Without downloading any software, registered users receive an invitation to add Tokiva to their IM buddy lists, and simply IM Tokiva to call. Tokiva calls back to the user's land line or mobile phone, and immediately connects the user to the desired number. Using Tokiva can save up to 90% of normal call costs, because the calls are carried by Tokiva's global VoIP network that has a footprint in over 185 countries.

"Tokiva users tend to be on IM systems all the time. Tokiva IM-To-Call service is a natural extension to what the IM users are already doing -- communicating in real time with their friends worldwide," commented Tong Li, Founder and CEO of Tokiva Inc. "Tokiva is connecting text based IM systems with voice based phone networks in a simple yet powerful way."

Tokiva has filed a patent on the enabling technology platform that currently supports MSN Messenger, Yahoo Messenger, AOL Messenger, and GTalk. According to comScore Media, there are 90 million instant messaging users on IM systems in the United States alone. By Q2 2008, Tokiva will also support QQ Messenger, the most popular IM systems in China with 520 million users.

Simpson to wed Fall Out Boy

LOS ANGELES (AP) _ Ashlee Simpson and her rocker boyfriend Pete Wentz are engaged.

"We know there has been a lot of speculation recently about Pete and I, and we wanted our fans to be the first to know, because you guys are the best," Simpson said in a statement posted Wednesday on People magazine's Web site. "Yes, we are thrilled to share that we are happily engaged."

Simpson's manager-father, Joe Simpson, told the magazine he's "totally happy" and "so excited to have Pete as part of (our) family."

The couple began dating in fall 2006, according to People.

Wentz, 28, is bassist for Fall Out Boy. Simpson, 23, a singer, songwriter and actress, is the younger sister of pop star Jessica Simpson. Ashlee Simpson's new album, "Bittersweet World," is set for release on April 22.

A phone message left Wednesday for Joe Simpson by The Associated Press was not immediately returned.

Carolla leaves "Dancing with the Stars"

LOS ANGELES (AP) _ Last place became last dance for Adam Carolla on "Dancing With the Stars."

The 43-year-old comedian and his professional partner, two-time champ Julianne Hough, were eliminated from the ABC dance-off during Tuesday's results show.

Carolla incorporated a unicycle into the couple's paso doble, but the performance earned a meager 19 out of 30 from the judges during Monday's show.

"You are such a lovable character that (we) just want you to do well, but unfortunately you're not much of a dancer," head judge Len Goodman said.

Judges scores are combined with viewer votes to determine which couple is eliminated each week.

Carolla said he "had the time of my life" during his four weeks on the show.

"I recommend this experience to anyone who's scared of everything," he said. "You at home, there's something that scares you. There's something that's your 'Dancing With the Stars.' Embrace it. Don't run from it."

Looking at his partner, Carolla said, "I lost 25 pounds of fat and I gained 105 pounds of angel."

Tuesday's show also featured a mini-competition between two 8-year-old ballroom-dance couples and a live performance by Sheryl Crow, who performed her breakthrough hit, "All I Wanna Do," and her latest single, "Out of Our Heads."

The remaining competitors include pro football player Jason Taylor, Olympic skater Kristi Yamaguchi, R&B singer Mario, and actors Shannon Elizabeth, Christian de la Fuente, Marlee Matlin, Priscilla Presley and Marissa Jaret Winokur. Steve Guttenberg, Monica Seles and Penn Jillette have already been eliminated.

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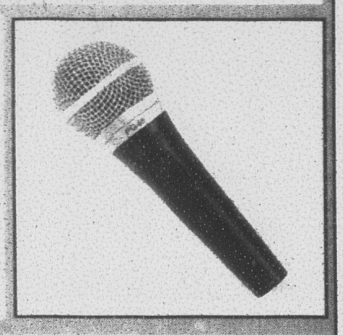

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29: 7:00 p.m. **Mayday Parade w/ My American Heart** @ Diesel
30: 7:00 p.m. **The Maine w/ Danger Radio** @ Diesel
30: 8:00 p.m. **Van Halen** @ Mellon Arena

May
1: 7:00 p.m. **All Time Low w/ The Rocket Summer** @ Diesel
2: 8:00 p.m. **Bouncing Souls w/ The Gaslight Anthem** @ Mr. Smalls Theatre
2: 7:30 p.m. **Third Day** @ Orchard Hill Church
5: 7:00 p.m. **Children of Bodom w/ Into Eternity** @ Mr. Smalls Theatre
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16: 8:00 p.m. **Flyleaf** @ Mr. Smalls Theatre
18: 7:00 p.m. **Tantric w/ Framing Hanley** @ Diesel
30: 8:00 p.m. **Coheed and Cambria w/ Baroness** @ Gravity Nightclub at Ches-Arena
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June
6: 7:00 p.m. **Over The Rhine** @ Diesel *21 and over
7: 8:00 p.m. **Bob Saget** @ The Palace Theatre of Greensburg
13: 8:00 p.m. **Death Cab For Cutie** @ Plain- Dealer Pavilion

July
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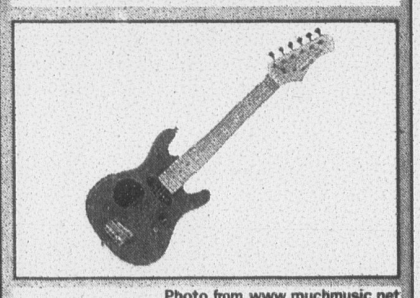
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Features

Spring is in the air, finally

Lurene McDonald
Features Editor

With this first break of good weather, spring fever hits the campus. Everyone snaps out of what is a pretty consistent dire mood and puts a bounce in their step.

Westminster becomes what I remember it as when I am away from it. People are all over the quad, reading, eating lunch, playing Frisbee. There is pick up games of basketball and kickball at night. Students take a walk around the lake and you can smell VolleyRock in the air. It must be spring.

When I think of our college, I think of this: People are all around with bright smiles and laughter is carried across the campus. It is the environment that I fell in love with very quickly as a freshman.

Do you find that this is the time of the year that you feel the most crazy? That is crazy in multiple ways.

It is the last month of classes. You are in the home stretch. Spring is surrounding you and you can smell summer in the distance.

Happy days of grill outs, bonfires, weekends at the pool, and vacations at the beach dance through your daydreams in class.

I know my mind is now frequently drifting towards thoughts of the end of the semester, as I am sure many of yours are as well.

I'm looking for my summer job. 'mI making plans for my vacations to Phoenix and Boston. I just simply cannot wait for summer to come.

However, in my desire for it to be here lies a problem. It is not here yet! There is still a month of classes, activities, and things to do yet!

I find at this time of the year it is incredibly difficult for me to concentrate. I will be reading for class and think, I should go read on the quad. So, I gather up my blanket and my sunglasses and wander outside my doors to the quad.

Do I read? Nope. I pretty much do anything but read. I talk to people walking by. I take a nap. I soak up the sun. I get caught up in an impromptu game of something or another. Realistically, I know when I go outside to read, it is not going to happen.

It is part of spring fever. The weather is warm and you feel great, but you just do not want or cannot bring yourself to get anything accomplished.

These last few weeks are filled with some of the campus' favorite activities. Relay for Life, Greek Week, SGA Day, and VolleyRock are just around the corner. I know personally I cannot wait.

While it is great to look forward to our fun time as a campus, it is important to stay focused on the end goal, to pass this semester and finish out classes strong.

Do not let spring fever get the best of you. Papers, final projects, and finals are also around the corner. You still have to stay focused on your commitments to people and organizations. While this is something that most of us do not want to think about, it is important. I am just happy there are other things to look forward to besides these.

Finish the year strong. Use your spring fever force for good. Keep your eye on the prize, but have fun while doing it! May the force be with you.

Lurene is a sophomore public relations major who enjoys a mug of hot chocolate and cozy afternoon naps. She loves being a member of Kappa Delta Sorority and the Admissions Office Staff.

Student is one-gal show

By Shannon Bobbert
Features Writer

There is a place on campus that appreciates the budget of a poor college student. From projectors to PowerPoint help, the AV Office is your one-stop shop for free help and cheap technological services.

"Technology is changing, and we are helping everyone adapt. Our job is getting all sorts of technology to work together," Office Director, Gary Swanson, said.

An important service the AV Office provides is poster printing–a job run entirely by hard-working student, Katie Hilliard.

"It was a process and it took a while to learn. I had a strong background in printing, so I started with the basics and ran with it," Hilliard says.

She is one of the only people to understand the ins and outs of the poster printing machine–everything from image editing to printing the final copy is within her prowess. Hilliard not only prints quality posters, but she also checks the information, the fonts, the colors, and the image. She knows how to conserve paper, and even does her own troubleshooting.

Katie has been in the AV office nearly a year, and already it is almost time for her to move on with her approaching graduation. She admits that it will be difficult to pass the torch.

"It will be hard to give up the job, especially since I started it. It's my baby," Hilliard says.

The poster printer can produce museum-quality prints, according to Hilliard. It has the capability to print on canvas, which can be a real asset to artists who are looking to create a replica of their work for their portfolio. And according to the students in the AV Office, their posters are cheaper than a Kinko's print.

Speaking of cheap, the AV Office is on your side when it comes to renting equipment. When you're planning for big presentations or projects, nobody wants to invest in equipment that will only be used a few times. The Audio-Visual Office on campus acknowledges and provides for technological needs by taking equipment requests from students and providing items like video cameras and projectors for educational purposes.

"Students shouldn't have to buy this stuff on top of everything else," Director of the AV office, Gary Swanson, said.

For an Audio-Visual service that started in the Education Department, the AV Office has grown into a considerably large resource which now provides campus-wide support. Any questions about formatting, downloading, or other technological applications can be directed there with good response. Even CD and DVD repair and duplicating services are available. The people at the AV Office also help with PowerPoint presentations, and even film editing.

"We've got a lamination service for students' personal needs as well, if they want photos or newspaper articles preserved," student worker, Heather Mackenzie, said.

If those weren't good enough reasons to pay a visit to the AV Office, then students should know that they have a huge media library with over 5,500 movies and documentaries for teachers and students alike to use in their academic endeavors.

All of the student workers take pride in their efforts in the AV Office, and Mr. Swanson has even spoken to alumni who have called to check up on the state of their former job.

"Other than me, we are effectively student-operated. We have been very blessed to have a very wonderful group of students to work here. They have a high level of commitment, and I greatly appreciate that," Mr. Swanson says.

The AV Office is looking to hire three students in the fall semester of 2008: two student assistants, as well as a publications manager who will take on Hilliard's poster printing responsibilities. Students of any major are encouraged to apply.

"It's a great opportunity; I learned a lot," Heather Mackenzie says, "I like the atmosphere as well as the people who work here. Our boss, Gary, likes to make sure people are comfortable, and he is always open to ideas."

Inside Westminster's Thompson House

Digital 88.9 News-

Thompson House at Westminster is a historic gem that dates back to the 1800's. The recent renovations at the Victorian-style building reclaims its history with the college as a residence hall for women on campus. The building reopened for student living in August 2006. Officially called the the S. R. Thompson House, it was built in 1884 by Samuel R. Thompson, a professor of physics and the developer of Westminster College's science department. The structure has served as a boarding home, a sorority house and even housed men at one time. The college purchased the building in 1945 to serve as a residence hall and later housed administration offices and the alumni center. In 1985, the house was placed in the National Register of Historic Places. Now that Thompson House is back in the business of serving as a home for young college students. Titan Radio's Thomas Miller set out to compare what it is like to live in such a historic structure now with what it was like decades ago when the college placed severe restrictions on men wanting to visit the women living inside the house.

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The good, the bad, and the ugly

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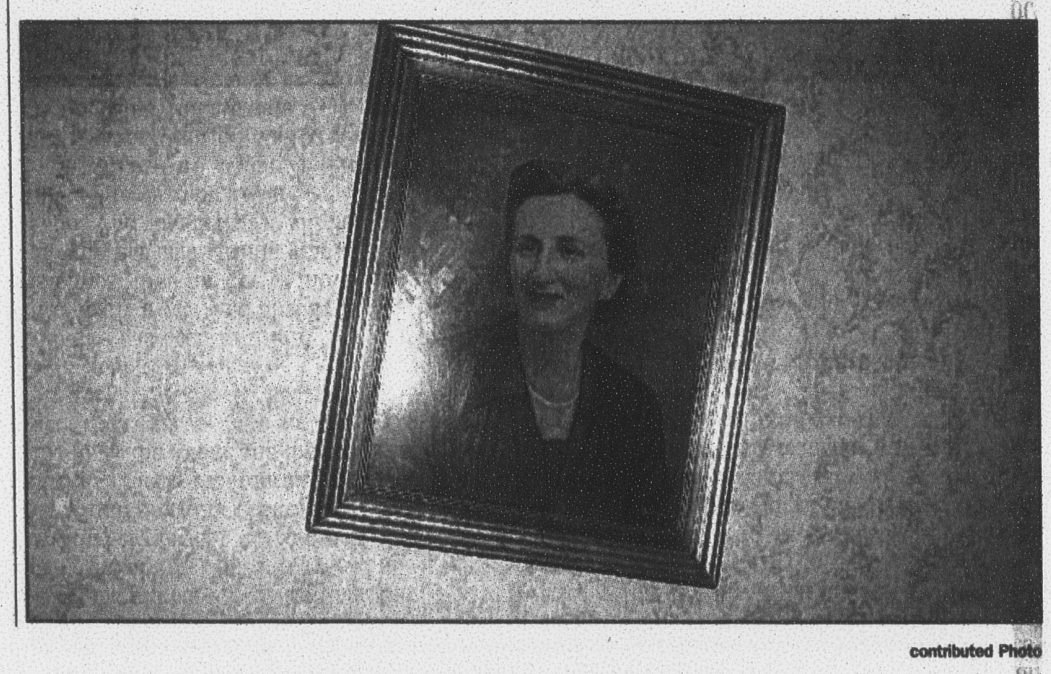

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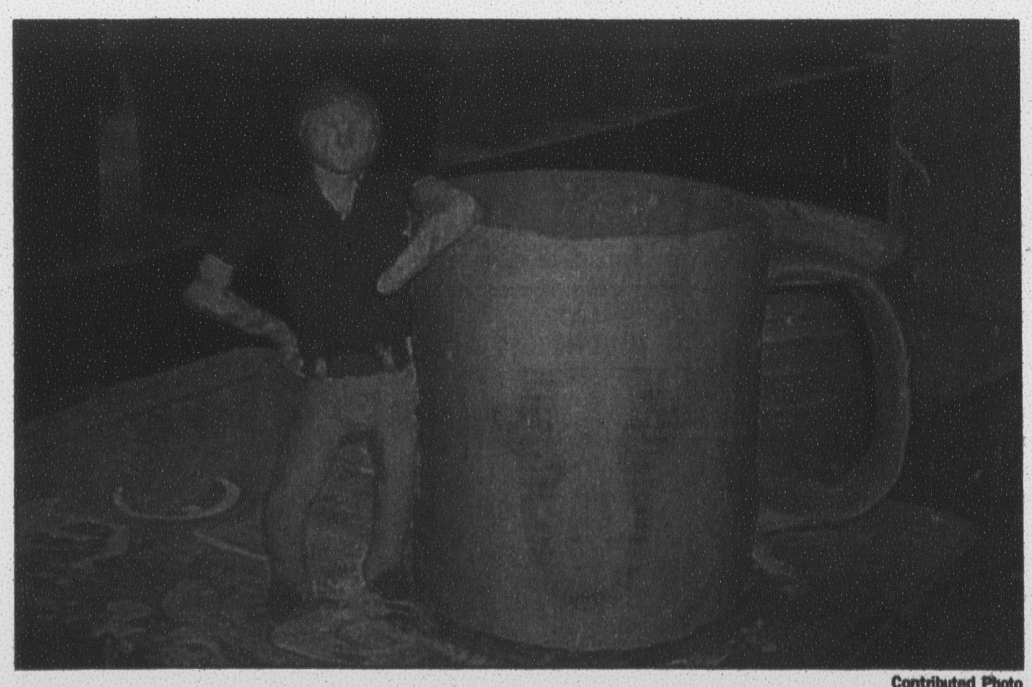
Mrs. Shaw is doing the gangsta lean after an eventful weekend.

The good



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Young whipper-snappers track packing peanuts through the hall of one building.

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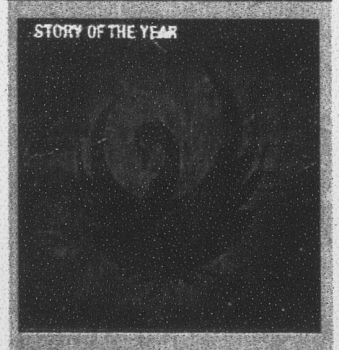

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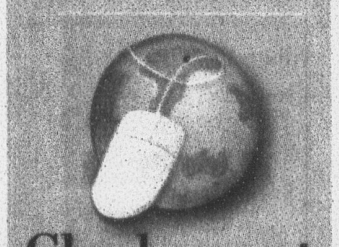

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String of locker room thefts continue

Culprits identified and items returned, but student-athletes remain wary of possesion safety

By Lurene McDonald
Features Editor

More than 15 student-athletes have been the victims of three waves of theft in the Memorial Field House locker rooms since Jan. 18.

While most of the stolen items have been recovered, students, athletes and non-athletes alike, have begun to question the safety of their possessions.

"It's New Wilmington," junior varsity swimmer Chris Lehberger said. "We trust people. We trust parents to watch their kids and students not to steal from other students. You just wouldn't think that your stuff would be taken."

Reality crashed in on the men's and women's varsity swim teams, however, during the spring semester. They have endured three separate events of theft in their locker rooms.

According to campus security, the event took place Jan. 18-19, 29, and 31, Apr. 1, and Apr. 9-10.

The first round of thefts began before classes were even in session, and the first victims were 11 female varsity swimmers. Valuables such as jewelry, money and clothing were stolen.

New Wilmington police identified the perpetrators as two juveniles enrolled in the Wilmington Area School District.

"Most of the items were recovered from this occurrence and restitution is a requirement of the actors' punishment," said security site supervisor William Brandt.

Wilmington Area School District students were also identified as the culprits in the thefts that took place on Apr. 1. The students, who entered the men's swimming locker room and stole money, were spotted by student-athletes.

"They saw unknown subjects in areas they weren't supposed to be," Brandt said. "We notified the New Wilmington police and we took a look around."

With the cooperation of students and the actors' parents, the thieves were quickly identified. The money was returned to the victims.

The juveniles in both of these incidents will also face consequences imposed by the college.

"When someone is identified as being involved in a crime on campus and they are not a student here, they are banned from the campus," Brandt said.

A letter is sent to the actor, and to their parents or legal guardians if they are a juvenile, to notify them of the banning. Those banned are barred from the campus unless they receive special permission from the college's administration.

The last round of thefts have yet to be resolved. The victims were three varsity men swimmers. The possessions stolen included two pairs of tennis shoes and an Atlanta Braves ball cap.

"I had a brand new pair of running shoes taken from the men's swim team locker room," freshman swimmer Devin Gannon said. "They had literally been worn only three or four times."

These occurrences have left students questioning what they can do to protect themselves from becoming victims.

Athletes are given locks by the Field House. They are encouraged by public safety to lock up their valuables.

Students can also help prevent crime by being aware of what is occurring around them.

"Be vigilant of people who are there that should not be," Brandt said.

Often community members or others utilize the swim teams' lock rooms during open swim hours. However, these people should not be in areas designated to lock up belongings. If unauthorized people are seen in this area, they should be questioned as to why they are there. Public safety should be notified immediately if anything seems suspicious.

In general, theft rates are low on campus. Most incidents have been solved. However, crime can happen at the college and students are encouraged to handle it properly.

"If you are a victim of a theft, let us know so we can record it and solve it and stop the thefts," Brandt said. "We've been pretty successful in solving these things and getting these people identified."

Photo by Ben Jarrett

Photos by Laura DellAntonio

Yours for the taking!

Jack Marti, Chris Lehberger and Ben Portz rock out as they perform for Sig Eps' and Theta Chi's "Take Back the Night" philanthropy event.

"Take back the night"

Two fraternities rally for women's rights

By Melissa Kramer
Campus Writer

The brothers of Theta Chi and Sigma Phi Epsilon participated in a joint philanthropy event, "Take Back the Night," during the week of April 13-18.

Junior Tony Gomez and sophomore Chris Kadvan co-chaired the event.

The origins of "Take Back the Night" are believed to date back to 1877. Women of London protested the violence that they experienced in the streets. Some believe that the roots lie in 1976 Belgium. Proceeds from the event benefited the Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County.

"Our main goal was to raise awareness and consciousness of abuse, while our monetary goal was to raise $2,000 for the crisis shelter," Gomez said.

Thousands of marches and rallies bearing the name "Take Back the Night" have taken place worldwide, but few feature a week of events preceding the march.

During the week, brothers sold paper stars, a permit and a candle for $1. The stars were decorated by the purchaser and hung up in the TUB, while the permit and candle were saved for the week's final event: the rally and march.

Additionally, the brothers accepted donations throughout the week at the various events they hosted.

A women's self-defense clinic took place Sun., Apr. 13 in Old 77. Seven women participated in the clinic that lasted for two hours. During that time they were placed in different situations and learned how to defend themselves.

"The self defense clinic went well," Kadvan said. "We didn't have as many people as we would have liked, but the girls seemed like they had fun and learned a lot."

A "Survivor Speak-Out" took place Tues., Apr. 15 in Berlin Lounge. The speak-out was followed by the "Girl's Night Out Concert" on Thurs., Apr. 17 in Berlin Lounge. Sophomore Ben Portz and junior Levi Sanchez performed at the concert.

The "Take Back the Night Rally and March" concludes the week on Fri., Apr. 18. The rally and march begins in Orr Auditorium, where students will receive their candles and march through the Quad.

Kadvan hopes that this year's "Take Back the Night" is just the beginning of an annual event in which Theta Chi and Sigma Phi Epsilon work together toward a common cause.

"When you work in a big group, a lot more can be accomplished," sophomore Ben O'Keefe said. "The week of events not only benefited the shelter, it also helped us to learn to work together toward a good cause."

Quilters to conclude theater season

By Laura Henry
Staff Writer

Students, faculty, and staff get ready to grab their patches and sewing needles as they flock to the college's third and final major theater production of the semester. *Quilters*, the musical, will be perform on Beeghly stage, running Thursday through Saturday, Apr. 17 through the 19, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday Apr. 20 at 2:30 p.m. The play is planned to last two hours, consisting of two acts and a 10-minute intermission.

The "extraordinary talents" said student director and production manager Marisa Monohan, will be expressed by seven harmonic singers and actresses. The show will star Danielle Adams, Claudia Brown, Sonia Firster, Tracy Harmon, Jennifer Schindler, Alicia Tansey, and Stephanie Witzorreck. The women will express the hardships and struggles of the lives of women in their Westward travels, through ballads, folk songs, monologues and scenes.

Quilters gives a look into the lives and the great endeavors of women settlers. As the women face the many hardships in their lives, quilting becomes their escape from reality and a form entertainment. They use their quilts as a way to convey their stories and record the history of their lives, providing the world with their testimonies of the laughter and tears of their childhood and adulthood.

Director Eileen Hendrickson is very excited about the production and expresses that the entire rehearsal process has been inspiring.

"I just love hearing these seven talented women sing. They are so very talented," said Hendrickson. "This production is a completely different type of musical. The music is so lively and it can even be haunting as the girls take on their roles and fill the stage with music."

Quilters is one of the few times the college has put on a smaller musical production. It does not require a large cast and Hendrickson feels that the small cast is one of the reasons the play is so popular. *Quilters* has been a Broadway success, winning the Tony award for Best Musical.

Monohan has been involved in theater all of her college career, performing in a major production every attending semester. This semester Monohan took on the role as student director and explained that it is nice to know that the girls trust her with that responsibility. She continued expressing that many relationships have been built and the experience as a whole has been very rewarding. Monohan's past experiences in theater as well as her current experiences have provided her with many learning opportunities.

"Its funny how when you put on a show that is set back in time, how much you learn about the history of that time," said Monohan. "Through this production I have learned about the many struggles women used to face in everyday life. It is amazing to see what women have gone through to get where we are today."

The performance is free to the public, with each student receiving one free ticket, and with faculty and staff each receiving two free tickets. Tickets can be reserved by calling the box office at X 7241. Leave your name and the night you would like to attend.

Tickets should be picked up by 7:15 p.m. the night of the performance. Tickets can also be picked up at the box office Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. or Tuesday or Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Opinion

RANT & RAVE

Yay Spring!

I sense your presense.

Creep bag!

I smelled you a mile away.

That's hogwash!

I <3 parking tickets.

Scaramouche!

Graduation approaches!

Pagina di FUN.

Well, then.

It's a beautiful day.

You are a waffle of some sort.

I want to go on a canoe!

That's food? Really?

I miss my posse.

That woman scares me.

That was caticlismic.

Yay saxy-phones!

It's a three banger.

Hot wheels makes bigger tires.

Filth.

Bucket.

Snipers work in the Argo office.

Tisn't easy being burnt sienna.

That doesn't look like cheese.

There is an expanse of terrain.

That was rather political.

I took a paper cut to the shin.

Endo la storia.

Want to Rant & Rave? Email *The Holcad* with RNR as the subject.

The Weekly Glip: I'm not a child

Anthony Colwell
Weekly Glipper

I don't know about everyone else but I am sick and tired of being treated like a child. I feel like the fact that I live on my own, pay for college on my own, and work three part time jobs, gives me the right to make my own decisions about what I want to do with my life.

Now many of you are probably expecting me to discuss how the school and administration treats us like children by putting so many restrictions on us. I will delve into this of course but I will be ending on a more positive note by complimenting our very own SGA for trying to put a stop to this kind of treatment at its source.

My first point is more or less of continuation of my point from last week. Many of you know that it is almost impossible to avoid living on campus. This is due to the fact that the school makes it very difficult to do so by only letting those students who participate in a raffle to get one of the very few apartments off campus. If a student attempts to live off campus without the schools permission it leads to events such as the one described in my column last week.

This leaves one wondering why the school would enact such a policy. Well besides increasing endowment there is another reason that deals with a different issue altogether. Several years ago the amount of students that were allowed to live off campus was much greater. Then the trouble began. The school began to receive calls from parents, I believe one in particular, complaining that they felt their child was not eating enough and it was the schools responsibility to intervene and make sure that their child didn't starve.

Believe it or not this situation did happen, so if you are ever angry about not being allowed to live off campus you can thank those parents who wish to pass on the job of taking care of their momma's boys onto the campus administration. I guess this one student forgetting to manage his money bought too much booze and not enough bread, and those of us who wish to be treated like the adults have to pay the price.

Speaking of booze, this brings me to my next point which deals with alcohol being allowed in the dorms on campus. I understand that the school wants to prevent underage drinking on campus, but shouldn't students who are 21 years of age have the right to imbibe at their leisure?

Of course this is not the case. The school does not allow any students, even those over the age of 21, to imbibe in the dorms. They state that the reason for this is that they want to stop the passing on of alcohol from these individuals to those others in the dorm who are underage. I guess this same rule should apply to other communities as well. For instance, I suppose no one in New Wilmington should be allowed to drink until all of the children are above the age of 21. They might pass it on to these children and this possibility must be prevented!

This may seem like a radical analogy but it makes me angry that I am not allowed to enjoy the occasional Captain Morgan and Coke in my dorm room. I guess I could always live off campus and enjoy my alcohol there. O nevermind, that is impossible because I am not allowed to live off campus.

With that being said I want to give our SGA a pat on the back with regards to this issue. At the last meeting they cosigned with another school to counter-legislation on the state level that would enact severe consequences for those caught drinking alcohol in dormitories. For instance, the first offence for being caught would be removal of the alcohol and the student being forced to attend counseling sessions. The state apparently must believe that all students who wish to drink alcohol, even those who are 21, must have some type of psychological disorder.

Thank you SGA for taking a step to prevent this legislation. You can imagine with such a consequence for the first offence then there would be dire consequences if you were caught by Big Brother more than once.

Anthony is a senior mathematics and philosophy major. He is currently attempting to stabilize his orbit utilizing the correct images, and is voting for Reagan in 2008.

POLITICAL CARTOONS

Olympic torch on the last leg in China

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Memories of tragedy still poignant

Support from friends, family lessens grief in aftermath of Virginia Tech shooting

Darren Price
The Daily Gamecock - Viewpoints

COLUMBIA, S.C.- Exactly one year ago, my hometown became the focal point of news media.

Blacksburg, Va., was on CNN on April 16, 2007, because a disturbed Virginia Tech student opened fire on classrooms in Norris Hall around 10 a.m., and killed 32 sons, daughters, husbands, wives, fathers and mothers.

That week, the entire news community descended upon my town. Never before had more journalists been in such a small town, as the likes of Wolf Blitzer and Brian Williams reported from the middle of Virginia Tech's campus. I saw news sets at the pond I used to run to with my high school track team, and media vans on the hill I learned to ride a bike on.

I spent most of my day on April 16 glued to my roommate's 11-inch TV, not even knowing why I was watching. I could not function that week, and I had never felt more alone in my life. The third day after the shootings, I had my father drive me home because I could not bear to be away from my little mountain town for another minute.

When I got home, I had to go to campus. I had to see where it had happened. I took my brother to visit Tech's cavernous Drill Field to a makeshift memorial. What I witnessed I will never forget. In front of Burruss Hall, the school's picturesque auditorium, laid hundreds of bouquets of flowers and goodbye notes to those who lost their lives that windy Monday morning.

That night, I found out that one of my high school classmates, Austin Michelle Cloyd, died in the shooting. Austin transferred to Blacksburg High my senior year, and she was always known to have the reddest hair and the biggest smile. Two days later, I went to her funeral. I had never seen so many heartbroken people in one place. Grown men approached her parents, eyes pouring, only able to mutter the words, "I'm so sorry."

When I got back to Columbia, I made the decision to transfer back to Virginia Tech because in my mind, everything that happened that day was my fault. I had lived there all my life, and as soon as I leave, 32 lives are lost. As irrational it was, no one could change my mind.

That is, until my family kept me here. My hall mates and my friends, they were my family. Just one week before, I had never felt so alone in my grief, but just a few weeks later, I had a family. Somehow, through things as simple as smiling and listening, they kept me from leaving.

April 16, 2008 is a day of grieving and remembrance. For me, it is also a day of gratitude for the people who were there for me last April.

I tell my story because I can only speak for myself. Everyone in Blacksburg dealt with the grief differently. My own mother's experience is so different from mine that I would never be able to recount it adequately, and I can't even begin to fathom the grief of Austin's parents.

On this day of remembrance, I only feel right stating what I will always remember - Austin's face, and the love my family here showed for me.

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Outside the Bubble

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REGIONAL

Police in Pa. reopen investigation into 1977 murder case

BELLEFONTE, Pa. (AP) - State police have reopened an investigation into the murder of a waitress who was raped and thrown from a highway bridge three decades ago.

Emerson McCauley, now 48, of Boalsburg, was convicted of second-degree murder in 1989 and is serving a life sentence for his role in the 1977 killing of Devera Frink. He has always maintained that the other two men were involved, police said.

Frink, 21, was last seen alive when she began hitchhiking to her home in Boalsburg. Her partially nude body was found the next day below a Route 322 bridge in Juniata County.

Details of the renewed investigation into Frink's death emerged Monday when a court unsealed a search warrant for DNA for a man who was implicated by McCauley, but not charged by police.

McCauley told police in a statement in 1983 that he was with two other men when they picked up Frink.

As part of an appeal, McCauley's attorney in 2006 asked that a sample of Frink's hair be tested for DNA.

A state police lab last year found two DNA profiles from semen stains on Frink's clothing, but neither matched McCauley's DNA, the Centre Daily Times reported Tuesday.

McCauley told police he saw one of his companions – who has since died – hold Frink down while a third man raped her inside their van, according to an affidavit of probable cause filed by state police in November, when investigators requested the search warrant to take the third man's DNA.

At the time of McCauley's trial, "the available evidence against (the third man) was thought to be insufficient to support charges," police wrote.

State trooper David Clemens said the case was reopened when McCauley's attorney requested the DNA test. He declined to comment when asked if the search warrant yielded new evidence.

Romanian man gets five years in prison for ATM scheme

PITTSBURGH (AP) - A man identified by the FBI as part of a Toronto-based Romanian organized crime ring was sentenced to more than five years in prison for skimming bank account information from automated teller machines in Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Vasili Ciocan, 30, has been incarcerated since he and another man were indicted by a federal grand jury last May, a few weeks after witnesses saw them acting suspiciously near an ATM in Monroeville, about 15 miles east of Pittsburgh.

Ciocan pleaded guilty to bank fraud, aggravated identity theft and access device fraud in December. On Tuesday, he was sentenced to prison for five years, one month – more than four times the 15-month sentence sought by his defense attorney, William Schmalzried.

U.S. District Judge Nora Barry Fischer rejected Schmalzried's argument that Ciocan's life was adversely shaped when he fled Romania alone at age 15 in 1993 during social unrest following the 1989 overthrow of dictator Nicolae Ceausescu.

"Mr. Ciocan has always been alone. He's had no one since he was 15 years old," Schmalzried said. "He had no one to rely on. He had no safety nets."

Fischer noted, however, that Ciocan came from a relatively privileged background, with a father who owns a construction company, and that his employment history shows he has the skills to work for a living if he wished.

FBI Special Agent Timothy Lauster testified that government wiretaps and records show Ciocan was a key player in the ATM skimming operation run by a Romanian syndicate in Canada that also was involved in kidnapping, extortion and other crimes. On one wiretap, Lauster said Ciocan was overheard saying he wanted to kill Petru Vascan, a Michigan truck driver implicated in the scam who later cooperated with authorities.

Fischer agreed with federal prosecutors who argued Ciocan didn't learn from a two-year Canadian prison sentence for a similar scheme in 2004.

"The fact that he was convicted, got a two-year sentence, then jumped right back into this kind of conduct tells the court all it needs to know," Assistant U.S. Attorney Brendan Conway said. "He is a career criminal. That is what he does to sustain himself."

Court records show Ciocan and his co-defendant, Romulus Pasca, 36, were in the U.S. illegally when they were charged with using bogus automated teller machine cards in western Pa. The cards were made with account information gleaned from devices installed on ATMs, prosecutors said.

The government is expected to deport Ciocan after he serves his sentence. Pasca has pleaded not guilty and is scheduled for trial before Fischer next month.

Ciocan had previously been charged along with the trucker, Vascan, by police in Sylvania Township, Ohio, a suburb of Toledo, with stealing more than $53,000 from ATM customers there.

The men were accused of placing magnetic card readers and tiny cameras on ATMs owned by Fifth Third Bank and KeyBank branches to steal information from about 400 customers.

The Ohio charges against Ciocan were folded into the Pennsylvania case that was resolved by Fischer's sentence.

Vascan, 31, of suburban Detroit, pleaded guilty last year in Ohio and was sentenced to six months in federal prison, plus three years' probation, according to federal court records. Vascan is appealing the prison sentence.

Vascan has started paying restitution in the Ohio cases, and Ciocan was ordered by Fischer to pay more than $49,000 for those crimes. She ordered Ciocan to repay more than $17,000 to four banks victimized in Pennsylvania.

NATIONAL

Cops: Side dish of marijuana found in fried chicken

MAGNOLIA, Ark. (AP) -

Police in Magnolia, Ark., say that it wasn't the fried chicken in Savalas Vantoli Stewart's vehicle that gave off a rather funky smell, yesterday.

Instead, officers who pulled over Savalas Stewart on Friday night say that they found a side dish of marijuana hidden in a recently purchased box of chicken pieces.

Police say officers smelled marijuana coming from the car and found it after Stewart consented to a search. Officers say they also found several Ecstasy pills in Stewart's pockets.

The 33-year-old Waldo resident faces a misdemeanor marijuana possession charge and felony drug possession charge.

A deputy at the Columbia County jail says Stewart was released Monday to await a court appearance. A telephone number for Stewart in Waldo could not be found.

Iowa pranksters get just desserts: 3,000 forks in their yard

DUBUQUE, Iowa (AP) - When known pranksters Rick and Marilyn Jones left town for a wedding, neighbors seeking payback eyed their property and decided to stick a fork in it – a few thousand forks, in fact.

Tom and Paula Tschudi planted 3,000 white plastic forks in the Jones' yard and dangled more from the roof, fence and garage.

"We just wanted to do something funny to them, because every time we leave, they pull some prank on us," said Paula Tschudi, who promised to help pick up the forks.

Over the years, the Joneses have strung beer cans like holiday lights around the Tschudis' home, put a for-sale sign in their yard and strung yellow crime-scene tape around chalk outlines of bodies on the sidewalk.

As the Tschudis, their two children and another neighborhood family planted the forks Sunday, one passer-by asked what they were doing.

"We told him we were aerating their lawn," Paula Tschudi said with a laugh.

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Trout season's opening day brings out anglers in Lawrence County

Up and down the Neshannock Creek, from Volant to Neshannock Falls and beyond, anglers gathered for the first day of the 2008 trout season. The Neshannock Creeek along with Slippery Rock Creek and the tributaries of each stream are popular spots for anglers of all ages. Fishing season opened promptly at 8 a.m on. Saturday as fishing enthusiasts were greeted by chilly temperatures and the chance of showers. Dozens of trucks, cars and SUVs were parked along stretches of State Route 956 south of New Wilmington as the opening day beckoned to anglers of all ages. In Volant, trout widows made their way to local shops as their husbands hit the Neshannock near the old Volant Mill.

The commission stocked 3.4 million adult trout in Pennsylvania waters last month. Nearly 1,000 trout were released in the Neshannock. Fish and Boat Commission officials say the average length of a trout will be 11 inches, with the minimum size for a catch set at 7 inches. Anglers must display fishing licenses on outer garments and include a trout/salmon stamp, and anglers are also required to carry one other form of proper identification with them. Meanwhile a nearly three mile stretch of the Neshannock from the dam in Volant to the Banks Covered Bridge in Wilmington Township operates under the state's Delayed Harvest Artificial Lure regulations.

INTERNATIONAL

Former President Carter visits rocket-battered Israeli town, calls attacks 'despicable'

SDEROT, Israel (AP) - Former President Jimmy Carter deplored Palestinian militant attacks on Israel as a "despicable crime" as he toured a rocket-battered town on Monday.

Carter met with police officials and with the mayor of Sderot, a southern town a mile from the Gaza Strip border. He was shown a house badly damaged by a rocket strike, and rusting piles of projectiles that had hit the town.

"I think it's a despicable crime for any deliberate effort to be made to kill innocent civilians, and my hope is there will be a ceasefire soon," Carter told reporters.

Carter brokered Israel's historic peace accord with Egypt in 1979, the first treaty it signed with an Arab country. But he has been unpopular in Israel since publishing a book two years ago drawing comparisons between Israeli policies in the West Bank and Gaza and apartheid in South Africa.

He further angered Israelis with his plans to hold talks in Syria this week with the leader of Hamas, the Islamic group that rules Gaza and is largely responsible for the rocket fire. Hamas has killed some 250 Israelis in suicide bombings and has been blacklisted by the U.S. and Israel as a terrorist organization.

Sderot mayor Eli Moyal said he met with Carter to present Israel's side, even though he said he was "upset" about Carter's scheduled meeting with the Hamas leader, Khaled Mashaal.

"I don't think he should meet with killers," Moyal said.

Carter has been snubbed so far by Israel's senior leadership, including Prime Minister Ehud Olmert. He met Sunday with Israel's ceremonial president, Shimon Peres, who told him that meeting Mashaal was "a very big mistake," according to Peres spokeswoman Ayelet Frisch.

In an interview with the Israeli daily Haaretz published Monday, Carter said he intended to use the Mashaal meeting to press for the return of three Israeli soldiers captured by Hamas and the Lebanese Hezbollah militia. He said he would also try to get Hamas to accept a pan-Arab plan for peace with Israel.

"The most important single foreign policy goal in my life has been to bring peace to Israel, and peace and justice to Israel's neighbors. I have done everything I could in office and since I left office to do that," the paper quoted Carter as saying.

Political Pong: Pennsylvania primary

Steve Ruperto
Political Pong, blue team

My fellow Pennsylvanians, it's been 24 years since the last time that the Pennsylvania primary was meaningful for selecting the candidate. It was the 1984 Democratic primary, and a win in Pa. helped Walter Mondale secure the nomination. Too bad he didn't end up beating Reagan in the national election.

But there's no reason to dwell on past losses because in just four short days, Pennsylvania will have the chance to shape the 2008 Democratic primary. The Republican primary has been locked up for quite some time now, and it is obvious that McCain will be receiving the Republican nomination at their national convention. The Democrats haven't made this primary easy as there isn't a candidate well in the lead. Earlier in the campaign, Hillary was ahead in the polls. However, times have changed, and Obama is now leading the delegate count.

This week, Carsen and I have decided to talk about the candidates as they apply to the Pennsylvania primary and what a win would do for either candidate. What most of America knows by now is that the Democrats have been running a defensive campaign with the slogan "whoever can beat the Republicans has my vote". Neither Obama nor Clinton excites Americans like Reagan did in the 1980s. Obama has been called too young, and Hillary has been compared to the "wicked witch of the west" from the Wizard of Oz. Nonetheless, these are the primary candidates, and I personally believe that either would suit the presidency more than Bush has for the past 8 years.

Hillary needs the win in Pennsylvania more than Obama does. Throughout the entire primary season, Clinton has won fewer states than Obama, but the states that she won were generally much larger than the states Obama won. Keeping this trend in mind, it's fairly safe to say that Clinton needs to win Pennsylvania if she's hoping to make a comeback in the delegate count. Lucky for her, Pennsylvania has a soft spot for the Clintons, and polls have shown for months that she is likely to win PA. What makes this race interesting though is her margin of victory. For her to make significant headway against Obama, she will need to win big in Pennsylvania. If she wins the primary in PA 55% to 45%, that really doesn't represent a win for her at all. In fact, Obama would consider that a win for himself because the polls had him losing by a much larger margin early in the campaign.

Part of what is making it so hard for people to choose a candidate to support is that people have to figure out what criteria they will use. Recently, both Hillary and Chelsea were in bars taking shots to try to appear less like politicians and more like commoners. While the parameter of "which candidate would I most like to share a drink with" as a method for choosing which candidate to vote for might be the latest craze, I think that people should vote based on the issues. It's funny that Republicans are criticizing the Clintons for using the "shot" tactic because it was actually George W. Bush who first took advantage of this tactic during his campaign.

By now, I'm sure that you are itching for me to tell you which candidate I'm voting for and why, but I will have to keep you in suspense. What I can tell you is that I think that the Democrats might be on to something with the mentality that a Democrat in the White House is a good thing regardless of who it is.

Steve is an Economics and Political Science double major who cannot believe that he is graduating in a matter of weeks. He also can't think of anything funny to put in the rest of this bio.

Carsen Nesbitt
Political Pong, red team

A student at Villanova University on Tuesday asked John McCain if he cared to join the student for a shot. Yes, a real, out-at-the-bar kind of alcoholic beverage that many associate with celebrations and fraternity parties. McCain kind of laughed, but the question was pointed. Just a few days ago, Senator Clinton took down a shot of whiskey in Indiana (my biggest problem with this is the fact that it was Crown Royal… a Canadian whiskey). In a similarly alcoholic venture, Chelsea Clinton was out a bar in Pittsburgh watching the Pens game with the crew. So is this how we're going to elect our next President? By seeing if they can take the burn of a shot and party with regular Joe?

My friends, the Clintons certainly think so. They, and other politicians as well, think they'll get the college-age and working-class vote by throwin' 'em back 'cuz that's the sweetest way to roll. They've gotten so desperate because of their current lack of delegate numbers that they're hitting the bars. We usually have a name for that kind of behavior… but…

Okay, I'll put my personal feeling aside. But are these tactics going to work? Get ready kids, in just a few short days Pennsylvania Democrats will decide who they want to send to the real battlefront. And for the first time in a long time, the Pennsylvania vote will matter to selecting the nominee. While it's obvious that Democrats have a lot riding on April 22nd, Republicans are closely watching this coming Tuesday as well. Republicans are looking for the best outcome for them: the easiest candidate to beat.

Who is that, you might ask? There's no question in most Republicans' minds: Hillary Clinton. Republicans believe that Hillary just isn't electable. Because of her and her husband's past, they think the American people have already made up their minds strongly enough about her to vote against her in large numbers in November. GOP leadership believes Hillary is scary enough to Republican voters that they will band together against her. They may not vote for Senator McCain, but they'll certainly vote against Hillary.

Secondly, Republicans are scared of Obama fever. Lots of Republicans young and old are jumping party lines and falling for Barack. It's a phenomenon that's been compared to the Regan days: lots of Democrats voted for Ronald Regan just because they liked him, and often for no other reason. Let's get real. Too many people vote on charisma and good looks, knowing nothing about the candidate's political ideas. Republicans are scared that this very thing may happen if Obama is the nominee. He looks like the newest, next-best-thing, and he's the Dems' rising star. Hillary's old hat, and Republicans want voters to have to choose between two of the old guard rather than the newest sensation.

So when you hear reports of Republicans fundraising for Hillary, or the leadership bashing Obama but not the Clinton name, you'll know why. Not only do the Clintons need as much help as they can get (they're doing plenty to screw it up themselves), but Republicans believe that if she's made the nominee she can mess up enough as we get to November to make herself unelectable. And I think so too.

Therefore, if you're a Republican but registered Democrat for some reason, vote for Senator Hillary Clinton this Tuesday. You're doing your party a favor.

Carsen Nesbitt is a senior political science major who does nothing anymore since she's graduating in about a week. She's counting down the days until free wings at VolleyROCK.

Campus News

New PE class to be offered in the fall

Titan Traverse instructors to teach adventure skills to students

By Tammy Benninger
Campus Writer

Students have Titan Traverse to thank for the new adventure skills physical education class this fall.

For the first seven weeks of the fall semester, students will meet every Tuesday and Thursday at 2 p.m. The class will feature a combination of rock climbing, ropes courses and teambuilding activates.

For the class, there will be three instructors from Titan Traverse. Each will teach an area in which they are the strongest, so the class will get the most out of their teachers. Laura Nystrom, the director of Titan Traverse, is one of those instructors.

"We are all very familiar with these activities," Nystrom said. "We all had to go through a certification process with a lot of training and technical skills."

The desire of the instructors is to show that students do not have to be an expert to take these kinds of courses.

"We hope that this will broaden their perspectives," Nystrom said. "Hopefully, they will learn things that they can transfer to their lives."

Not only will students employ the school's rock wall, but they will also take their skills out onto real rock. Plans for trips to places like McConnell's Mill, Emlenton and Lisbon, Ohio are already factored into the class's syllabus.

Contributed Photo

The adventure skills staff includes: (L to R) Laura Nystrom, Brian Vare, and Chrissy Valentine.

Students seem to have high hopes for this class as well. Sophomore Natasha Goldberg seemed upset that she was unable to fit the class in her schedule.

"I think that class sounds awesome," Goldberg said. "At my camp, we had a ropes course/adventure fun course in the woods and it was the greatest thing ever, and then I became too old to go to camp."

Sophomore Michael Gess believes it can only benefit the student population.

"The class should be awesome; not only is it involving tons of things that I enjoy, but should also look nice on a business resume considering it involves communicating with other students and sharing ideas." Gess said. "I think it not only adds to students' choices, but also the school's repertoire of course offerings."

Nystrom was quick to point out that without the backing of certain individuals, this class would not have been possible. Dr. Jim Perkins and Scott Renninger were instrumental in the college's acceptance of the course.

Titan Traverse would love to see this class become a springboard for other such classes. They have a great deal of knowledge to share with the campus, and they believe that this is a great way to do so.

Visiting professor discusses organized racism

By Travis Gulling
Campus Writer

On April 10, Dr. Kathleen Blee, a professor of sociology, women's studies, and history at the University of Pittsburgh, gave a speech in the Berlin Lounge about her studies on "Women Inside Organized Racism".

Blee first became interested in organized racism, or hate groups, when she read a pamphlet by the Klux Klutz Klan approving of women voting. While continuing to explore organized racism, Blee wrote two books: *Women of the Klan: Racism and Gender in the 1920's* and *Inside Organized Racism: Women in the Hate Movement*. In both works, she discusses how women are active in organized racism, and how their membership is growing rapidly.

"I have interviewed many women, from ages 16 to 90 about their involvement in organized racism," Blee said. "Even the 90-year-old women were as racist as the younger 16-year-old ones."

In her interviews, she wanted to learn how those involved in these organizations saw themselves. She also questioned the source of their racist ideas, and when did they actually start to become a racist. Through these interviews, all of the women she spoke with said that they do not want their daughters to become a member of organized racism.

"These women must be in these groups just to be part of something," sophomore sociology major Jacqi Linville said. "They must not be behind what they are taking part of, if they don't want their daughters to join. Some members of these organizations will get tattoos of swastikas without knowing its meaning. This again shows they must not be behind their cause."

Blee described three aspects of organized racism: racist domesticity, leadership, and gender conflict. All three of these aspects do not allow the women to be an equal to the male. The men hold all leadership positions; the women hold informal leadership positions.

"Women use informal leadership to make the group better," Blee said. "They befriend different people and make them feel comfortable with them. After a while they get that person to come to a meeting. The informal leadership role of a woman is to recruit members."

Organized racist groups are beginning to shrink and go underground. For example, the KKK is not very active anymore and has recently declined in membership. Even though this is happening, women are still being recruited into these organizations.

"If I had to guess, I would say women make up about 25% of racist groups," Blee said. "About half of the new recruits are women as well."

These groups like to use the hen-pecking method of recruiting. This method is to recruit the woman of the family first. After the woman is recruited, the man shall soon follow. If these groups would recruit the man first, the woman would complain about their husband/boyfriend always being gone. The hen-pecking method allows for more members to join organized racism groups.

"Overall I thought Dr. Blee was very informative," said SGA Diversity Chair Kylee Bennett. "I learned a lot that about organized racism that I did not know before."

This event was sponsored by Help Educate Against Racism (H.E.A.R) committee. The Office of Diversity Services and Peace Studies Program also sponsored Dr. Blee's presentation.

Dr. Joel Posetma shares his Nicaraguan experiences

By Benjamin O'Keefe
Campus Writer

Discussing everything from fish to freedom fighters, Spanish professor Dr. Joel Postema shared his experiences and knowledge from his multiple trips to Nicaragua.

Postema gave his first Faires Faculty Forum with his talk, "Gueguense's Shadow: What Can an Old Indian Teach Us about Nicaragua?" The event took place on Apr. 9 at 11:45 a.m. in Mueller Theater.

The overlying theme of the talk was the history of resistance and conflict in Nicaragua and how it has become part of the culture. One example of this is the children's book, *Historia del Muy Bandido Igualado Rebelde Astuto Picaro y Siempre Bailador Gueguense*.

"To Nicaragua, Gueguense is like what Robin Hood is to us," Posterna said.

The story tells of a repressive governor who bans dancing and imposes taxes on his people. When the governor tried to continually repress the old merchant Gueguense, he is met with comical and satirical styles of resistance. The point of the story is to tell about the rise of an underdog who overcomes a repressive power in a way that can be celebrated as an important piece of culture.

"Can we say when it's useless to cry, we might as well laugh?" Spanish professor Camila Bari López said in response to the story.

Another example Posterna used was the story of Sandino. Sandino fought against U.S. occupation ,which sought to stabilize the government in Nicaragua. He was assassinated by Anastasio Somoza García, who became dictator of Nicaragua two years later. He has become a folk hero of the nation. There is a statue of Sandino's shadow on the ground where Somoza's estate once stood.

To give the audience a perspective of Nicaragua, Postema began the talk by telling of the history and poverty of the nation. One woman, which he encountered in his travels, fell victim to tragedy when her husband was kidnapped. She took her kids and fled for safety, and now lives in a place called "La Fosa," which translates to hole, trench, grave and septic treatment area.

Postema's most recent trip to Nicaragua was part of a CLC and biology travel cluster course. He was one of two professors and 26 students to go on the trip.

"Central America is very different," Postema said. "It's one thing to read about it, but seeing it is totally different."

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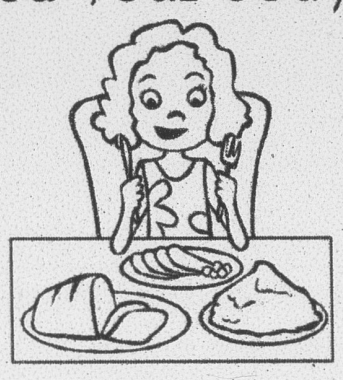

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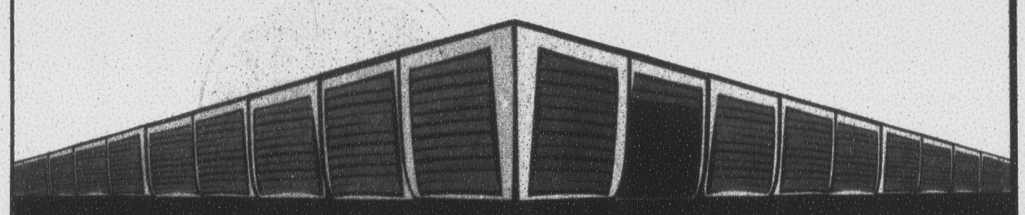

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Campus News

Sax studio heads south

By Evangelina Figueroa
Campus Writer

In order to learn, to network and to support their professor, two saxophone studio members will be heading to South Carolina for a national biennial conference.

The saxophone studio will be flying to Columbia, S.C., on April 17 to attend the North American Saxophone Alliance 2008 Biennial Conference. The conference will be held on the campus of University of South Carolina on April 16-19. The event will host saxophonists from all accross the nation to perform and to attend workshops, clinics, and lectures including a lecture and performance given by James Umble, a saxophone professor at Youngstown State University.

The college's own Jim Flowers, a saxophone professor, also will be performing at the four-day conference as he brings along two of his students, Kevin Shields and Amanda Allwang, who are both saxophone majors. The trip will cost the students $312 plus food expenses, while lodging has been paid for by the college.

"Honestly, I would be in it even if it wasn't my major," junior Shields said.

The saxophone studio, directed under Jim Flowers, is open to all saxophone majors, minors and those interested in private lessons with no audition necessary. The studio plays classical and blues music that is very challenging and technical, according to Shields. Currently a five-member group, Amanda Allwang, Kevin Shields, Steven Sankey, Erin Thompson and Kate Massie make up the saxophone studio.

The NASA, which holds this biennial conference, is a non-profit organization whose mission is to disseminate information about saxophone performance and pedagogy, providing opportunities for music making, fostering and facilitating the creation of new repertoires, providing a communication network and promoting the music activities and endeavors of its members.

The NASA Biennial Conference was established in 1976 to fulfill its mission and allow members from the 11 regions to network and to share their common interest. Professional performers, university professors, public school teachers and students of all levels are among those who generally attend the conference. Aside from clinics, workshops, competitions and lectures, saxophone music will be available for purchase and instrument repair will be featured at the conference.

"It will be a great honor to go to the conference and be able to attend the lectures and workshops given by pristine saxophonists from around the nation," senior Allwang said.

Professor gives Peace Studies Coffeehouse on trip to India

By Rachael Gresley
Campus Writer

Dr. Patricia Clark, assistant professor of history, shared her views on India on Monday, Apr. 14 during the Peace Studies Coffeehouse in Thompson Clark room 315.

The Rotary Club sponsored Dr. Clarks' one month trip to India. Rotary International supports ambassadorial scholars. There are several rotary centers for international studies in peace and conflict resolution. Rotary also has a group study exchange program, which is what Clark was a part of.

"Expect the unexpected," Clark said.

While walking down the streets of India, Clark saw cows standing on corners. This was a part of everyday life. Very few buildings were more than three stories high. Not many buildings had elevators.

India's biggest problem is overpopulation. The education system in India is different then it is here. Some schools require the students to wear uniforms, while other schools do not. Indian children are extremely advanced in the studies of math and science.

Other subjects that Clark discussed were gender, health, politics, poverty and religion. She mentioned that in Punjab, India there are more Sikhs then there are Hindus. However, Hinduism is the dominant religion of India.

Clark and the rest of the group study exchange program stayed in Punjab from Jan. to Feb. In May, the people from Punjab will be coming to the United States.

While in Punjab, Clark went and visited schools with the Rotary Club. They shared views and talked to people. The group gave inspirational speeches to students. Sometimes, the members would watch dances; it depended on the day. They also gave presentations. The focus of the Rotary Club is to interact with people.

Freshman Katie Gray attended the coffeehouse. "I was really impressed with the presentation," Gray said. "I really enjoyed the pictures and the descriptions that Dr. Clark gave."

At the closing of the presentation, Dr. Clark announced that there will be an India travel cluster in the near future. She and Dr. Mistry, assistant professor of biology, will hopefully join together in the fall of 2009 to offer a history/biology cluster. They are trying to plan a two week trip to India during the winter break.

Freshman Amanda Murphy is excited about the new cluster course. "It seems like a fun and exciting experience that my friends and I would definitely look into".

Earth Week Schedule of Events

Sunday, April 20

2:00 – 4:30 pm Adopt-a-Highway Program
•Join the Student Sierra Coalition in cleaning up their adopted section of Interstate 80
•Meet at the Info desk of McKelvey

Sunday, April 20

6:00 – 7:00 pm Tree planting at the College Field Station (prior to Vespers)
·Meet at the Field Station Labyrinth

Sunday, April 20

7:00 pm - Vespers at the Edmiston Memorial Labyrinth at the College's Field Station
•Meditation by Clarence Harms, Director of Westminster College Field Station and Professor Emeritus, "Color Us Green"
•Music provided by the Westminster College Gospel Choir & the Praise Team

Monday, April 21

11:00 am – 1:00 pm Toyota Prius Hybrid vehicle on display outside of the TUB
•Sponsored by Preston Motors

Monday, April 21

Earth Day awareness items given away by Chem Club

Sodexo Food Services celebrates Earth Day with "Trayless Tuesday" in McGinness Dining Hall

Tuesday, April 22

12:45 pm - Flower planting at the Peace Pole with Student Sierra Coalition

11:00 am – 12:30 pm Papermaking demo with Sara Lucente, senior art major, and Peggy Cox, Professor of Art, at the College Art Gallery

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm Plant prints and plant collages with Peggy Cox and Art 201 Watercolor students at the College Art Gallery

Wednesday, April 23

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm-Public workshop on making plant prints, plant collages, and paper with Peggy Cox, Professor of Art at the College Art Gallery
•Call (724)946-7266 for reservations

8:00 pm - Enjoy the outdoors with a bonfire and poetry readings at the College Field Station
•Bring your own light and poetry to share!
•S'mores and drinks to be provided
•Organized by the Sierra Student Coalition & Westminster's Green Party Student Organization

Thursday, April 24

12:45 - Showing of AMERICAN EXPERIENCE #38: Rachel Carson's Silent Spring
•Phillips Lecture Hall, Hoyt Science Center
•Pizza & soda to be provided
•Arrangements by the Environmental Science & Environmental Studies Committees

Friday, April 25

Look for articles about the environment in the Holcad

Saturday, April 26

9:00 am - Earth Day 5K organized by the Sierra Student Coalition starting at the Field House
•Open to the public
•Proceeds to benefit the Westminster College Field Station and an environmental education summer camp for local under privileged children
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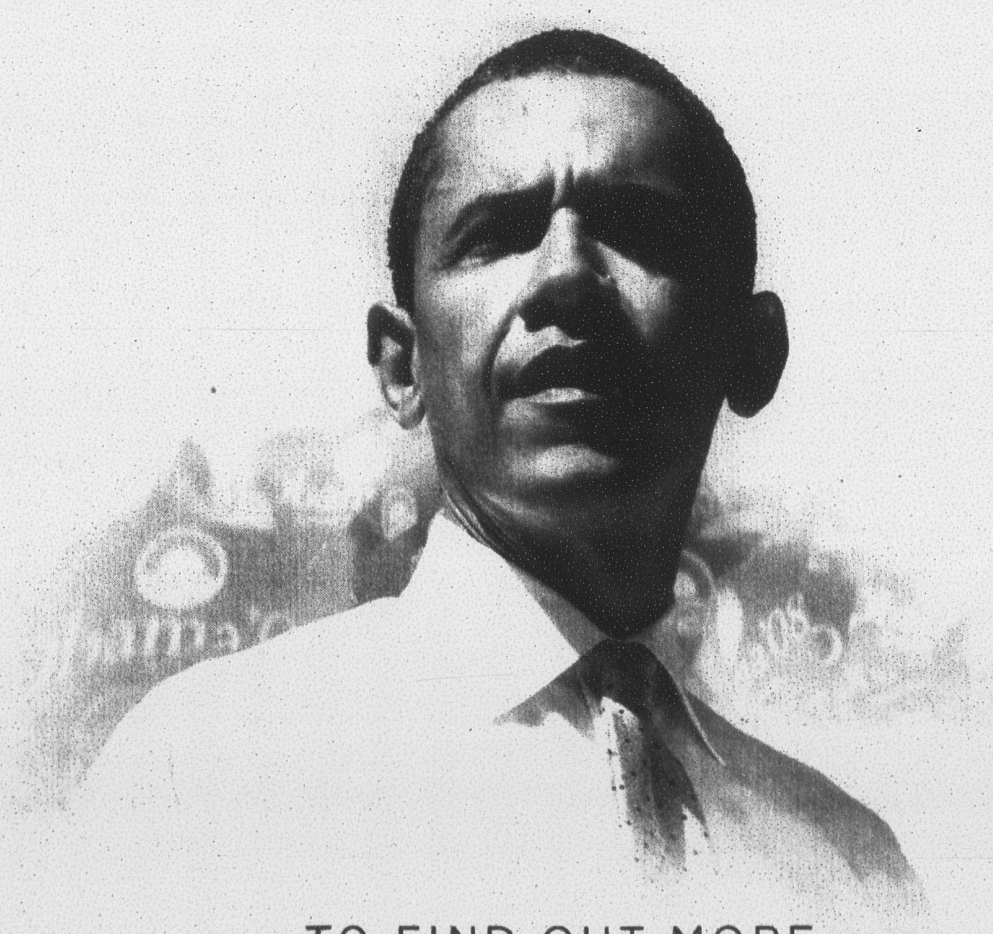

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Campus News

Music students attend convention at the "sweetest place on earth"

By Chelsea Logan
Campus Writer

Music professors Dr. R. Tad Greig and Dr. Robin Anna-Karin Lind will accompany 17 students to the annual PMEA Conference in Hershey, Pa. on Apr. 16.

The conference hosted by the Pennsylvania Music Education Association, PMEA, is a four-day event held in the Hershey Conference Center and the Founders Hall, both of which are a tribute to Milton and Catherine Hershey. Students from across the state are able to attend workshops, browse through music, purchase instruments, network and attend various performances.

"It's a mixture of bands, choirs, and orchestras," Greig said. "It's a good chance to see what the state has to offer."

The conference will offer a variety of performances, from grade school choirs to jazz ensembles, including the renowned Mt. Lebanon High School percussion ensemble.

Students, elementary to college level, will also have the chance to hear various guests speak about music performance and rehearsal techniques, music education and research.

Sophomore music performance major Courtney Williams will be one of the students attending the conference.

"I have been looking forward to this for weeks," Williams said. "I can't wait to network and see what the workshops are all about."

Workshops are another part of the week's events, covering every possible topic a music professional would want to know, from how to use composition technology to building a better band program.

Smaller concerts can be seen in common areas or in hallways. Visitors can enjoy these concerts between larger performances or guest speakers.

Along with hundreds of other vendors, Greig, Lind, and various students from Westminster will be setting up a booth so students are able to get more information about the music program.

"It's crucial that we are out there flying our colors," Greig said. "It's a great way for us to present ourselves and for students to learn."

JP Scanga, a junior music education major, will also be traveling to the PMEA Conference, making this his third consecutive year attending. explains that he is looking forward to browsing sheet music and attending sessions given by educators concerning different music education topics.

"It's a great opportunity for networking," Scanga said. "It's also nice to see some familiar faces."

Greig is the faculty advisor of Westminster's chapter of PCMEA and has attended the conference for the past 16 years. He explains that every state has a music conference, many of which he has attended, and believes that Pa. has one of the best.

Greig attends numerous student performances while he is there and often writes them e-mails to let them know their hard work is greatly appreciated.

"I find myself drawn to things related to what I do," Greig said. "I want them to know that I value what they are doing."

Daily PMEA meetings, officer elections, and a college fair will also take place during the convention.

Photo by Jenna Retort

These PCMEA members will be attending the annual PMEA Conference in Hershey, Pa.

Pre-Vet to raise money for local shelter

By Erin Cameron
Campus Writer

Animal lovers of all ages are invited to attend a celebration of unique form being held right on campus.

On April 19, the Pre-Veterinary society will end a week long salute to animal cruelty awareness with a carnival in the school amphitheater from 1-4:30. The carnival, being held in effort to raise money for animal cruelty, will go toward a local animal shelter run by Lori Reynolds. Reynolds, who runs the shelter out of her house and independently funds the protection of the animals, is currently unaware of the efforts and will be acknowledged for her efforts the day of the carnival.

"Lori shows us that we want to use our passion to make a difference," said Stephanie Gallos. Gallos, co-founder and president of the Pre-Vet society, along with others of the society, will be handing out brochures about animal cruelty and taking donations the week of Apr. 14-19 in McKelvey Campus Center.

Other organizations on and off campus will be taking part in the carnival in order to make the carnival a success. Living Animal Treasure Park, a traveling petting zoo located in New Castle, will be attending and providing food on sale for the animals. Campus organizations such as the SGA, Alpha Gamma Delta, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Kappa Delta, PRSSA, the Equestrian Team and the Philosophy Club will also be there in support of the cause. Food and other various activities such as face painting, balloon animals and games will be available.

Photo by Kirsten Dize

"I really hope that students from campus come and support us, because it's not just for little kids," said Natasha Goldberg, co-founder of the society.

In support of the cause, the Campus Programming Council will be holding a concert in the amphitheatre after the carnival, featuring bands I.O.R. and The Critically Acclaimed. Beginning at 9:00 pm and lasting about 2 hours, the concert will be free. The concert will be relocated to the Berlin Lounge if whether does not permit it outside.

"We jump on opportunities to collaborate with other campus organizations, especially new ones like the Pre-Vet society," said Alissa Cochenour, chair of the CPC.

The carnival is one of the first events held by the Pre-Vet society and hopes to bring people of all ages together to share their love for animals and donate towards the cause.

Alpha Phi Omega helps campus to "Make a Wish"

Students make 1,000 cranes to help charity

By Vicki Boggess
Campus Writer

Alpha Phi Omega national service fraternity held "Crane Day" for students to participate in making origami cranes that will be sold to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

"Crane Day" was held on Apr. 4 with a total of 752 cranes made during that time. Later that evening those attending the CPC event contributed by folding around 30 cranes. The cranes will be sold until May 4 in the TUB during lunch for $0.25. Boxes will also be placed around the campus in each of the departments and also in the McGill library for people to purchase the cranes.

"We got the idea to do cranes from the old Japanese legend that if you fold 1,000 paper cranes your wish will be granted," Ken Cloonan, sophomore French major said.

To help raise awareness for "Crane Day", members of Alpha Phi Omega constructed a giant paper crane that was hung in the TUB.

Alpha Phi Omega is an on campus, national co-ed service fraternity. They are affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America and do not have a national philanthropy.

"Since we don't have a national philanthropy we help out wherever and whenever we can with other philanthropies," Matt Bower, Alpha Phi Omega president said.

Make-A-Wish Foundation was chosen to be the recipient of this fundraiser since the legend was made popular through the story of a girl with leukemia who constructed 1,000 cranes in hopes that her wish would come true.

"I felt strong about Make-A-Wish because I knew a lot of people who had known others in the program," said Cloonan. "It's actually very moving to see people come up and tell their story about Make-A-Wish."

Make-A-Wish was also chosen because, similar to the legend of the crane, they grant wishes for sick children.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation was founded in 1980 after a little boy named Chris Greicius realized his wish to become a police officer. Since then the organization has grown into an international organization, reaching more than 161,000 children around the world.

For more information about Make-A-Wish Foundation, visit www.wish.org.

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Softball defeats PAC opponent at home

Lady Titans crush Grove City 5-2 and 10-0 in weekend doubleheader

By Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

The softball team collected two wins at home Saturday, April 12 against conference opponent Grove City with scores of 5-2 and 10-0 in five innings.

Following the President's Athletic Conference (PAC) win, the Titans split games against non-conference teams Penn State Behrend, 7-4 and 2-3, and Saint Vincent, 12-7 and 2-3. The Titans PAC record is 3-3 and their overall record is 16-9.

"The game with Grove City was our turning point," freshman Lis Schulz said. "We all believe that we have a lot of talent and are a good team. We had to put the pieces together and we did it against Grove City. We were up and cheering and doing our job and that's when it all came together."

Sophomore Jennifer Emery led the Titans in the first game against the Wolverines by going 3-for-3 with three RBI. Emery also pitched six innings giving up two runs on five hits with one walk and three strikeouts.

Schulz led the Titans in the second game pitching a complete-game two-hit shutout with one strikeout and two walks.

Freshman DiAndra DiBacco posted two hits, two runs and three RBI, while teammates Schulz and senior Maria Joseph contributed two hits apiece.

The Titans hosted Penn State Behrend (19-9 overall) Monday, April 14. During the first game Schulz and sophomore Sarah Woodward scored their first career home runs.

"Hitting a home run felt great," Woodward said. "It is always fun to hit when your team is having a big rally, and it was fun having a good hit that pumped everyone up."

Sophomore Addie Parker, Schulz and DiBacco led the Titans in the first game with two hits apiece, while Emery pitched five innings giving up two runs (one earned) on six hits with two strikeouts and one walk. Schulz earned the save in the final two innings with two unearned hits off one run.

During the second game, the Lions led with three runs on five hits. Penn State Behrend's Lauren Lubic posted two of the five hits.

The Titans hosted Saint Vincent (16-10 overall) Wednesday, April 16, winning the first game and dropping the second game.

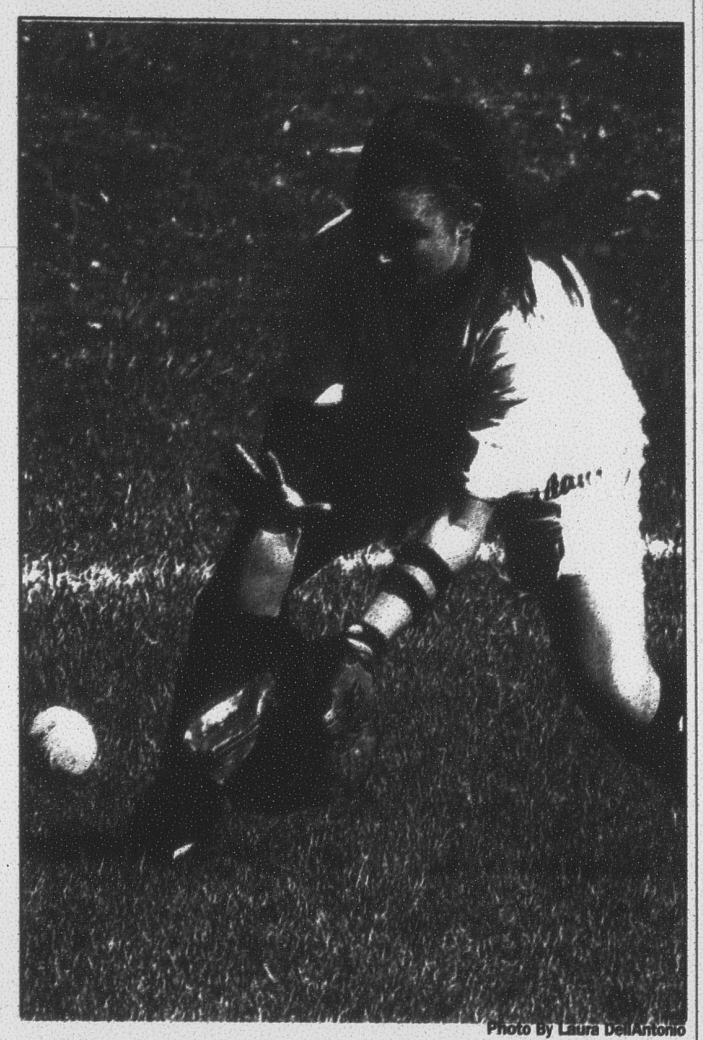
DiBacco led the Titans by going 3-for-5 with three runs scored, while freshman Leah Badolato posted three RBI to pair with two hits. Emery pitched a complete-game seven runs (six earned) on 10 hits with six strikeouts and two walks.

Saint Vincent's Leanna Seminsky, Jenna Bealko and Mollie Stock led the Bearcats with two hits apiece.

The Titans host PAC opponent Bethany Saturday, April 19. Bethany's PAC record is 7-1 and their overall record is 13-13.

"Bethany, like every other team in our conference, is a good team and in order to win we must play together and to the best of our ability," Parker said. "The team that plays together 100 percent and does not make mental mistakes will come out on top. Hopefully that team will be us."

"We all believe that we have a lot of talent and are a good team. We had to put the pieces together and we did it against Grove City."
Freshman Lis Schulz



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Freshman Leigha Krivacek scoops up an outfield ball in the 12-7 win against Saint Vincent on April 16. After crushing PAC rival Grove City in a double header on April 12, the team is currently 16-9 and 3-3 in the PAC. The Titans host Bethany on Saturday April 19 at 1 p.m.

Predicting the Pirates

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

Brandon,

Once again I would like to commend you on keeping the loyal Holcad readers interested with your fine literary work. I would like to speak on behalf of your entry in the Holcad on the date of April 4, 2008. While I am in accordance with your remark about the Pens winning the Stanley Cup, I do not agree with your prediction of the Pirates only winning a "few" games. Defensively, the Pirates are not what you would traditionally call a "sound organization." But, as the old saying goes, "the best defense is a good offense." This saying will begin to portray the heart of the Buccos strategy this year as they proceed to hit that 90 win mark.

That's right, mark it down! We're going 90-72, with no less than 4 All-Stars picked from the Pittsburgh organization. While I am on the subject of guarantees, I might as well say that 18 wins will come from the stud right arm of Ian Snell. Also, Jason Bay is going to come out of the Canadian shell he has been hiding in and bat .321 with 31 ding dongs and 113 runs batted in. As long as Adam LaRoche falls down a flight of stairs and pulls Zach Duke and the highest paid player on the team, Matt Morris, down with him, I see no one interfering with my predictions. Once again, thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,
Michael A. Ferguson II

Michael,

First off, let me thank you for your reading and support of the Holcad. At heart, the optimist in me would love to agree with your prediction of 90 wins for the Pirates. However, the realist in me says that Ralph Nader has a better chance to win the Presidential election than the Buccos have a chance at 90 wins.

While I agree with you that the Pirates have a solid rotation, their defense has more holes than Swiss cheese. Ian Snell and Tom Gorzelanny are legitimate ace candidates, while the trio of Zach Duke, Paul Maholm, and Matt Morris are above average starters when considering the back end of the rotation.

As big of a liability as the defense is, they are not the biggest reason the Pirates will not win 90 games. After the starting pitchers exit the game, the Bucs are in trouble. Have you looked at the bullpen, Mike? Aside from Matt Capps, Damaso Marte, and John Grabow, who are these guys? Phil Dumatrait, Even Meek, Franquelis Osoria, and Tyler Yates probably would not be in any Major League bullpen other than the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Just how bad has the Pirates' pen been? The Pirates are currently 7-8, with four of eight losses being given to relief pitchers. With the exception of Matt Capps, there is not a single Pirates reliever that scares anyone in the Majors.

Now that I've identified the Pirates biggest problem for you Mike, let us look at this so-called strong offense you talk about. Nate "The Great" McLouth, Ryan "No Mit" Doumit and Xavier "X-Man" Nady are off to fine starts, but other than that there is nothing to write home about in the lineup. Adam LaRoche is off to another amoebic start with his .143 average and your all-star pick Jason Bay is only hitting .255. If I am an opposing manager, the Pirates lineup does not scare me.

While you are on the subjects of guarantees, Mike, I'll go ahead and make one myself. Although the Pirates will not win 90 games this year, they will tie the record that no team wants to be associated. When the season ends and the record books are revised, you can mark down right now that the Pirates will tie the record for most ever consecutive loses.

Now that's a guarantee.

Titan baseball splits with Allegheny

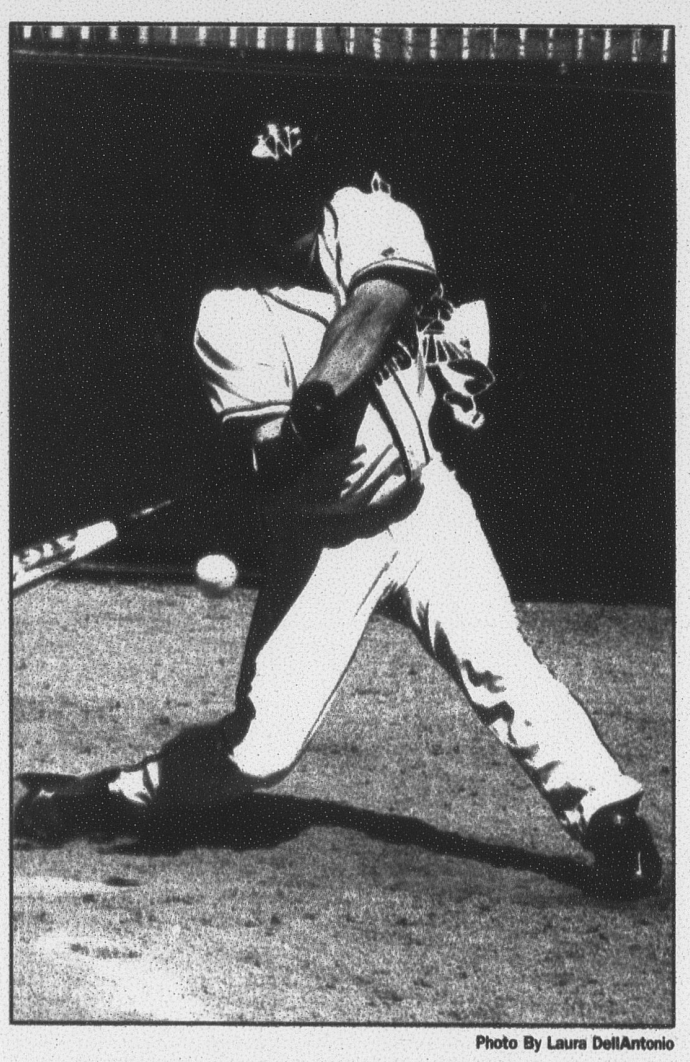


Photo By Laura DellAntonio

Senior Mike Busin gets one of his two hits for the night in the 4-3 win against Allegheny on April 16. The team improved their record to 14-10 and an impressive 3-1 in the PAC. The Titans travel to face Bethany in a double header on Saturday April 19.

By Andrew Kubincanek
Sports Writer

The Titans (14-10, 3-1 in the PAC) split with Allegheny on Wednesday April 16 and lost twice against Geneva on Saturday April 12.

Against Allegheny, the team came back in the first game to win 4-3. In the second the Titans were defeated 6-4. Geneva won the first game of that doubleheader 11-7 and although the Titans kept the second closer, the team was unable to prevail. Geneva scored the winning run in the bottom of the ninth for a 4-3 victory.

"Our hitters are good, we came back [in the second Geneva game]… but their pitcher did a good job of holding us down," said Junior John Izzo.

The Titans did manage to come back in the first game against Allegheny from a 3-0 deficit in the sixth inning. By the seventh, Westminster tied the game and in the bottom of the eighth sophomore Dave Evans scored the winning run. In the second game, Allegheny took a 4-1 lead in the fourth inning. The Titans tied the game in the fifth but fell behind by two runs in the sixth.

Westminster did not face either Allegheny or Geneva last season. Allegheny is currently 9-14 while Geneva is 13-9.

The team will play on April 19 at 12:00 p.m. at Bethany. The match opens a four game stretch that includes three PAC opponents. The Titans play Thomas More at home on April 22 and travel to Grove City on April 22.

"Everybody's pretty excited," Izzo said. "Once that's over we'll have a pretty good idea of how the standings are going to be."

Last season, Westminster won three games against Grove City, won two out of three against Bethany and lost four times to Thomas More, including once in the PAC tournament. Last season the Titans finished strong in the PAC to earn a place in the post season. Izzo is confident that the same will happen this year.

"We think we'll have a pretty good chance of being on the top," he said.

Originally the Titans were set to travel to Case Western Reserve and Hiram on April 13 and April 22 respectively. Both games were postponed and will now take place on April 20 and April 29.

Titan track and field competes at Slippery Rock

Records continue to fall for Lady Titans

By Bob Long
Sports Writer

The men's and women's track and field teams showed their skills at the Slippery Rock University Invitational on April 12th.

It seems there is a new record every meet as the Titan women's team broke three school records and posted two NCAA Division III Championship provisional qualifying times. With the team primed for the PAC title its worth taken a look at these numbers.

All season the team has been led by the standout performance of Megan Harding. Harding won the 100 meters by breaking her own school record with an NCAA provisional time of 12.26. While she has done this about 4 times on the season this is the most she has the lowered the record in one attempt. She beat her previous best time of a 12.45 making the new record an astonishing .19 tenths of a second faster.

Harding also ran on the 4x100 relay team that placed third and set a new school record and NCAA provisional time of 48.63. The team also consisted of Seun Olarewaju, Abbey Basta, and Jill Diamond.

At the rate these records are changing, there is no telling how well this team can do. It seems as if every time they set foot upon the track another record is rewritten. Harding commented on the teams recent performances.

"The team has competed very hard and these new records show our commitment as a team to winning," Harding said.

To go along with all the record breaking performances Abbey Basta broke the school record in the 100 hurdles with a second-place time of 15.33.

These were not the only great performances, however, as many others got involved. Other top-eight individual place-winners for the Titans included Olarewaju, taking eighth in the 100 with a time of 12.76 seconds.

Also, Basta placed fourth in the 400 hurdles with a time of 1:06.30 followed by Katelyn Kushner fifth in the 400 hurdles with a time of 1:06.92.

Rebecca Shiner placed fourth in the 800 scoring a time of 2:21.44.

The runners are not the only ones getting the job done as senior jumper Jess Cooper placed second with a height of 1.57 meters and Kelsie Crowder placed seventh with a jump of 1.47 meters in the high jump.

As for the Men's track and field team the top placers were Casey Karger, Doug Orloski, and Jeremiah Patterson. Karger placed 9th in the 400 meter hurdles with a time of 58.32 seconds and 18th in the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 16.40 seconds. Orloski placed 6th in the javelin with a throw of 51.81 meters on the day. Last but certainly not least Patterson placed 7th in the 10,000 with a time of 36:48.98.

The Titan track and field team is back in action on Saturday April 19th. This is the only home meet of the season as Westminster hosts the aptly named Westminster Invitational.

"I am very excited for the meet," Shiner said. "It will be nice to perform in front of the home crowd for once."

Titan athletic honors

Titan athletes of the week

Romeo

Sophomore men's tennis player Fred Romeo has been named the SAAC Titan Athlete of the Week, as voted on by members of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) for the week of April 8-14.

Romeo was the only Titan to go undefeated during the week as he posted a 2-0 record at No. 3 singles and a 2-0 mark at No. 3 doubles with senior teammate Dusty Rhodes. The Titans posted a 1-1 record in two PAC matches last week, losing at home to Waynesburg.

Romeo is an environmental science major from Lowellville, Ohio.

Arts & Entertainment

The Black Swan is regarded as the best rock album released this year

Chris Lehberger
A&E Editor

Regardless of your music taste, at heart I believe that we as humans are yoked with an impassable fervor to sing at the top of our lungs when a catchy song penetrates our eardrums. Some, however, have become hardened, and sometimes in an egotistical effort, place themselves on a pedestal and suppress this inherent gift, instead choosing to scoff; "that song sucks!"

"Guilty pleasures," as they have come to be known, are delicacies we all must learn to manage. For some reason, we believe that although we derive pleasure from these songs, for some reason it is not "cool" to like them, ergo traipsing to the galleys to be hung by our fellow scenesters for not realizing the utterly apparent, that it is just "not cool" to like that certain band, song, or genre. With this understanding weighing heavier than it should, I deny Story of The Year's third full-length album, *The Black Swan*, as a guilty pleasure, and in lieu, acknowledge it as the best rock album to hit the shelves so far this year.

Unlike the previous *In The Wake of Determination*, *The Black Swan* effectively balances the copiousness that swallowed the former with the fetching choruses that made their debut full-length *Page Avenue* an instant success. Opening with the swagger of "Choose Your Fate," a song engrossed by flanging and chugging guitars, rafter-touching vocals, and polished drums and then falling into the band's first single, "Wake Up" it became apparent to me that the man behind the boards, Mr. John Feldmann had possibly done the best production of his career on this album, with perfect guitar tonalities, drum sounds, as well as vocals from both frontman Dan Marsala and back-up fill Phil Sneed, who at times proceed with brilliant two part harmony ("Message To The World," "We're Not Gonna Make It." The gut of the album, however, delivers top-heavy, driving anthems and soaring choruses

Photo from amazon.com

("The Antidote," "Angel In The Swamp"). As a whole, most songs don't stray from the "Feldman Formula," which often starts (and returns) which melodic, substantial guitar moldings, sandwiching the bulk of the song in between. Operating in this sort of format can be bromidic, but with an equitable producer the songs are still able to develop an identity, based firmly on the solid melodic foundation established from the onset (see New Found Glory's *Coming Home*.)

Technically, the band's musical progression isn't as arresting on this album, although Ryan Phillips and Phil Sneed are prone to rip off a solo or two ("Cannonball," "The Antidote.") And it wouldn't be a Story of the Year album if the band didn't throw in a couple slow ones to mandate the use of the glowing cigarette lighters. None, however, match that of Page Avenue's "Sidewalks," and "Terrified" ends up sounding halfway between a Simple Plan and Good Charlotte ballad, with a trite chorus that verbalizes, "Are you still alive? Are you scared inside?" Lyrically, however, the album doesn't get much deeper than this, even though much of the album remains politically charged ("Message To The World," "Apathy Is A Deathwish.")

A conglomeration of complaining has been circulating in this scene in the last couple years about diversity, talent, songwriting, and skill; many of which, according to the scene lobbyists, seem to be inadvertently slipping away. Well, here you have it. *The Black Swan* takes the best elements of rock and roll and parks them onto one record. The production glistens. The songwriting is ace. Played straight through, the album will send your heartbeat through the roof without reservation. And if you're a Story of the Year hater, good for you. I'm sure you have your reasons. But if the reason is because you can't help but burst out in singing when "Until The Day I Die" comes on the radio, find a new band to hate.

Chris is a junior public relations major who's addicted to *LOST* and *the Office*, and despite being a writing minor, can't finish books. Or sing. At all.

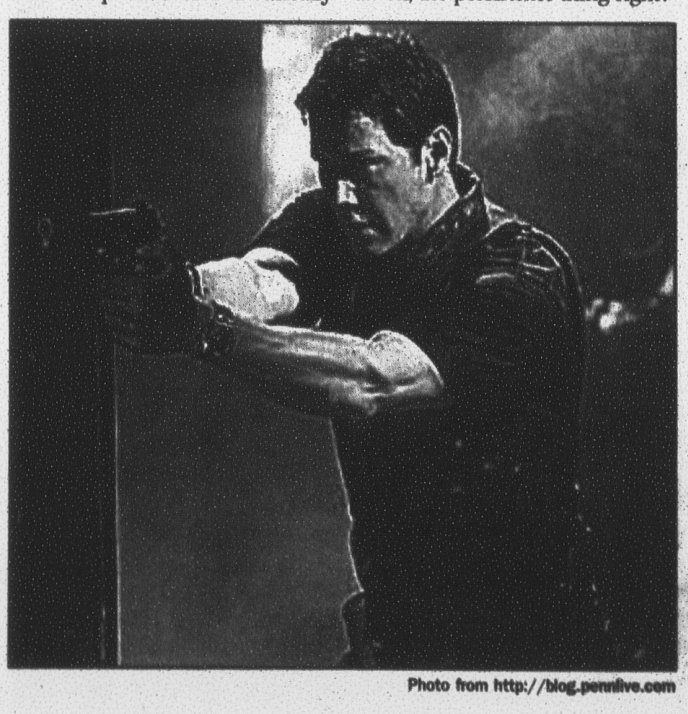
Chris' Rating: ★★★★☆

Street Kings snags four stars in the midst of intense cop action

By Brett Gerthoffer
A&E Writer

Keanu Reeves stars in *Street Kings* as a LAPD cop who is good at what he does. Although this is a movie about major cop corruption and a crazy messed-up special organization full of corrupt cops, it comes out on top showing that even the good guys use "dirty" tactics . The movie portrays Keanu Reeves as a dirty cop, but he just uses "dirty" tactics.

Reeves' character Tom Ludlow is the best in his division; he works alone, uses unique yet violent tactics to get the job done and will not stop at anything till he finishes the case. His persistence will basically turn out the entire plot of the movie without him even knowing it.



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Forest Whitaker plays Captain Jack Wander, the head of the special organization. With his guidance and the talent of (especially) Ludlow and the other agents played by Jay Mohr and Amaury Nolasco, they quickly rise to the top as the Street Kings. Untouchables become touchable to the hands of Captain Wander, drug pushers become ants and bribery and corruption become a daily routine.

It seems as though Captain Wander will become the most powerful man in the LAPD until a fellow rival officer to Ludlow is shot down in Ludlow's presence. Ludlow is suspected by many to be one of the killers when he accidentally fired a round into the cop's back while trying to kill the criminals. Wander, using the power he holds dearly, tells Ludlow has it taken care of and to let it go. But uh oh, the persistence thing right?

No way is Ludlow going to let this go, he wants to find those killers and bring them to justice…by killing them of course. The only one who will help him do this is Detective Diskant played by Chris Evans (Fantastic Four's flame boy). Despite the ongoing request and near threats by the other detectives from his organization, Ludlow keeps pushing it to the limits. And this causes a problem when things start to go wrong. There is not too much else I can say without ruining the story, but I will tell you honestly it is good and will keep you guessing and on the edge of your seat.

A couple rappers star as some of the criminals such as Common and The Game; Cedric the Entertainer plays a now everything going on in the hood character, and Hugh Laurie from the TV show House plays Captain James Biggs. Laurie plays a big role in the movie as he pushes Ludlow to pursue the criminals through aggression, hatred and a little reverse psychology.

The action was substantial and nicely choreographed. A lot of the movie takes place later in the day and at night, so a lot of good camera shots will be seen complemented by effective lighting. The timeline moved quite fluently with no slow parts and fairly fast, heavy dialogue to keep the flow going.

Good performances will be seen by "The King" of the streets Forest Whitaker and by "Det. Disco" Chris Evans. Common along with being a fantastic rapper proves he has more than decent acting skills. Ceddie the Entertainer always plays an effective role and fits in quite well. So the cast was exceptional, but Keanu…he is getting better, I'll give him that (we all know he has been trying). Honestly, he played a very good role for this movie; there is more bad dialogue than I would have liked, but it was not all awful. A huge plus though is that he still plays a great badass.

Street Kings was a very well thought out and nicely written and directed cop corruption movie, and many should enjoy it. Forgive Neo, sorry, Keanu for his average dialogue and enjoy watching him be a badass.

Brett's Rating: ★★★★☆

Concert Calendar:

Rock out with your favorite artists at these upcoming local shows!

Bolded dates are new shows.

April

19: 7:00 p.m. Anti-Flag @ Gravity Nightclub at Ches-Arena
21: 8:00 p.m. Colbie Caillat @ Carnegie Library Music Hall of Homestead
22: 7:00 p.m. Streetlight Manifesto @ Diesel
22: 7:30 p.m. Alicia Keys @ Peterson Events Center
24: 7:00 p.m. Mushroomhead @ Rex Theatre
24: 7:00 p.m. The Auditon w/ The Morning Light @ Diesel
24: 7:00 p.m. Eisley w/ The Myriad @ Stratus Night Club
27: 7:00 p.m. Chiodos w/MXPX @ Club Zoo
29: 7:00 p.m. Mayday Parade w/ My American Heart @ Diesel
30: 7:00 p.m. The Maine w/ Danger Radio @ Diesel
30: 8:00 p.m. Van Halen @ Mellon Arena

May

1: 7:00 p.m. All Time Low w/ The Rocket Summer @ Diesel
2: 8:00 p.m. Bouncing Souls w/ The Gaslight Anthem @ Mr. Smalls Theatre
2: 7:30 p.m. Third Day @ Orchard Hill Church
5: 7:00 p.m. Children of Bodom w/ Into Eternity @ Mr. Smalls Theatre
10: 6:00 p.m.: The Devil Wears Prada @ Perry-Hi Way Hose Company
10: 8:00 p.m.: Tegan & Sara @ Palace Theater
12: 7:00 pm.: Liars @ Diesel
14: 8:00 p.m. Thrice w/ Circa Survive @ Club Zoo
16: 8:00 p.m. Flyleaf @ Mr. Smalls Theatre
18: 7:00 p.m. Tantric w/ Framing Hanley @ Diesel
30: 8:00 p.m. Coheed and Cambria w/ Baroness @ Gravity Nightclub at Ches-Arena
31: 7:00 p.m. Dave Matthews Band @ Post-Gazette Pavilion

June

6: 7:00 p.m. Over The Rhine @ Diesel *21 and over
7: 8:00 p.m. Bob Saget @ The Palace Theatre of Greensburg
10: 7:30 p.m. Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers @ Post-Gazette Pavilion
12: 7:00 p.m. Valencia @ Stratus Niteclub
13: 8:00 p.m. Death Cab For Cutie @ Plain- Dealer Pavilion
15: 7:00 p.m. Cute Is What We Aim For @ Club Diesel 21 and over

July

3: 6:30 p.m. Demon Hunter w/ Living Sacrifice @ Mr. Smalls Theatre
26: 7:00 pm. Foo Fighters @ Peterson Events Center

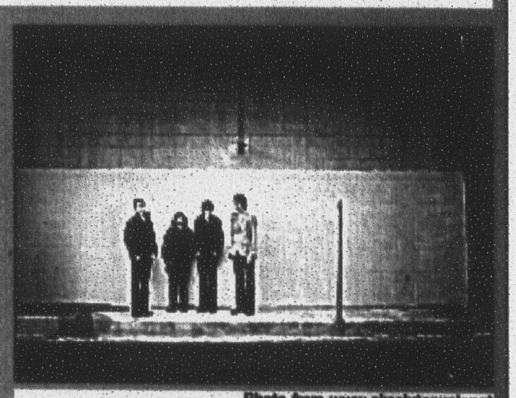
August

4: 7:30 p.m. Radiohead @ Blossom Music Center

Staff Recs

You're sure to be entertained with these picks:

Alive In Wild Paint - *Ceilings* -
These smooth, transcendent melodies will rate and make you want to grab a cup of coffee and stare out of a window



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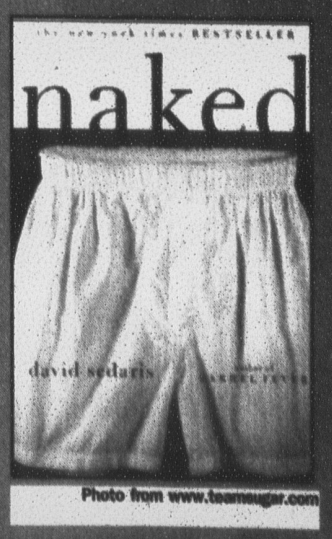
Thrice - *The Alchemy Index Vols. III & IV: Fire & Water:*
Dustin Kensrue is a modern musical poet.

This wildly entertainng book by David Sedaris is about the the struggles of growing up and will surely make the reader laugh out loud.



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CALENDAR

Friday, April 18, 2008

SGA Day

TBA Men's Tennis @ PAC Championships (at Erie, Pa.)

11:30 AM College Feminists Meeting (MCC Wile Room 352)

12:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Exec Meeting (MCC Weisel Conference 255)

7:30 PM Planetarium Presents "The New Cosmos" (Hoyt 116)

7:30 PM Theatre Westminster Presents Quilters (Beeghly)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: One Missed Call (MCC Mueller)

8:00 PM Theta Chi and Sigma Phi Epsilon Present "TAKE BACK THE NIGHT" Rally and March (Orr Auditorium and Quad)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: John Rambo (MCC Mueller)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Rambo (MCC Mueller Theater)

Saturday, April 19, 2008

10:00 A.M. MEN'S AND WOMEN"S TRACK & FIELD Westminster Invitational

TBA Men's Tennis @ PAC Championship (at Erie, Pa.)

8:00 AM Undergraduate Research Symposium (TC 210, 314,)

11:00 AM Spring Honors Convocation (Orr Auditorium)

12:00 PM Baseball @ Bethany*

12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega's Locks of Love (MCC Berlin Lounge)

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM Titan Traverse Wilderness First Aid (MCC Club)

1:00 PM SOFTBALL v. Bethany*

3:00 PM Senior Voice Recital: Jill Darby (chapel)

5:30 PM Alpha Phi Omega Awards Banquet (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

7:00 PM Mass (Chapel)

7:30 PM Planetarium Presents "The New Cosmos" (Hoyt 116)

7:30 PM Theatre Westminster Presents Quilters (Beeghly Theater)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: John Rambo (MCC Mueller)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Rambo (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: One Missed Call (MCC Mueller)

Sunday, April 20, 2008

PASSOVER

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Titan Traverse Wilderness First Aid (MCC Club)

12:30 PM Jazz Recital (Orr Auditorium)

1:00 PM Baseball @ Case Western Reserve

2:00 PM - 4:30 PM Adopt-a-Highway Litter Cleanup (Meet at MCC Info Desk)

2:30 PM Theatre Westminster Presents Quilters (Beeghly)

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: John Rambo (MCC Mueller)

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Rambo (MCC Mueller Theater)

3:00 PM Senior Voice Recital: Steven Sumpter (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

4:00 PM Senior Voice Recital: Doug Rab (chapel)

4:30 PM YPS Senior Recognition Dinner (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

7:00 PM Vespers: Celebration of Earth Week – NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION, except in case of inclement weather (Field Station/Bio Outdoor Lab)

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: One Missed Call (MCC Mueller Theater)

Monday, April 21, 2008

Greek Week

PASSOVER

TBA Men's Golf @ PAC Championships (Oak Tree CC at West Middlesex, Pa.)

10:00 AM Campus Ministry Team Meeting (MCC Wile 352)

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Greek Week Penny Wars for Greek God and Goddess (MCC TUB)

11:40 AM Chapel (Chapell)

12:00 PM Holcad Staff Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

4:00 PM Softball @ Waynesburg*

9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes (MCC Maple)

Tuesday, April 22, 2008

EARTH DAY

Newman Club Meeting

TBA Men's Golf @ PAC Championships (Oak Tree CC at West Middlesex, Pa.)

TBA Women's Golf @ PAC Championships (Oak Tree CC at West Middlesex, Pa.)

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM LANGUAGE IN MOTION Interdisciplinary Day (MCC Witherspoon Rooms)

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Greek Week Penny Wars for Greek God and Goddess (MCC TUB)

1:00 PM BASEBALL v. Thomas More*

4:00 PM Academic Standards Committee Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

4:15 PM Allies Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

5:30 PM College Democrats Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

5:30 PM Summit 3 Meeting (Jim Mohr's Home)

6:30 PM J Anime Club (TC 210)

9:40 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting (TC 314)

Wednesday, April 23, 2008

TBA Women's Golf @ PAC Championships (Oak Tree CC at West Middlesex, Pa.)

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Greek Week Penny Wars for Greek God and Goddess (MCC TUB)

11:45 AM Faires Faculty Forum: Evann Garrison, Another Kind of Research: Scrawling (MCC Mueller Theater)

11:45 AM Future Media Professionals Meeting (TC 215)

4:15 PM Green Party Meeting (MCC Weisel Conference Room 255)

5:00 PM Sigma Delta Pi Induction Ceremony (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

5:15 PM CPC Meeting (Club)

6:45 PM Newman Club Exec Meeting (MCC Wile 352)

7:00 PM SGA Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

8:30 PM Circle K Meeting (PH 112)

9:30 PM Seekers Meeting (MCC Club/Lounge)

Thursday, April 24, 2008

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Greek Week Penny Wars for Greek God and Goddess (MCC TUB)

12:40 PM COC Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

12:45 PM - 1:45 PM All-Campus Meeting (Beeghly Theater)

12:50 PM Interfraternity Council Meeting (MCC Weisel 255)

4:00 PM SOFTBALL v. Thomas More*

5:00 PM College Republicans Meeting (PH 231)

5:30 PM BSU Meeting (MCC Weisel Conference Room 255)

6:00 PM Psychology Meeting (Hoyt 152)

6:30 PM Greek Idol Competition (MCC Club/Lounge)

7:00 PM Gospel Choir (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

9:00 PM Amnesty International Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:00 PM Titan Traverse Meeting (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

Friday, April 25, 2008

FAFSA Form Deadline is May 1

Greek Week

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Greek Week Penny Wars for Greek God and Goddess (MCC TUB)

11:30 AM College Feminists Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

11:40 AM Career Seminar (MCC Mueller Theater)

11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

12:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Exec Meeting

6:00 PM Chemistry Department's Banquet (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

6:00 PM Greek Week Greek Spelling Bee (MCC Club/Lounge)

8:00 PM Combined WC Choirs and Warren Philharmonic Orchestra Perform Giuseppi Verdi's Requiem (Stambaugh Auditorium in Youngstown)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Cloverfield (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Love in the Time of Cholera (MCC Mueller Theater)

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21 - April 19):
Take time to personally deliver an invitation and avoid a misunderstanding or mishap. The time is right for cultural expression. Wake up and get inspired.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):
Harboring feelings of insecurity will undermine your personal plans and delay your ultimate success. Pull yourself together and rise above your doubts or fears.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21):
Spending time outdoors is great for the mind, body and soul this week. Take long walks in fresh air to contemplate the future and to mull over your thoughts.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22):
Direct your attention to tackling or completing projects already undertaken as opposed to starting new ones. Stay focused and produce some of your best work.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):
Do not make the mistake of taking an important relationship for granted. When friends turn to you for help or guidance, be there to offer your support and advice.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):
A solid business plan will take you a good distance down the road of success. Put your thoughts for your professional ambitions in writing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23):
Expects delays, slowdowns or setbacks to affect your travel plans. Be prepared to make several changes or adjustments before reaching your desired destination.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21):
One false move in the financial world could send your earnings tumbling. Slow down and pay attention to instructions from an accountant or counselor.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):
Do not take it to heart if loved one's plans do not include you. Refocus your attention and gladly give them the requested time and space.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):
Be aware of your limitations and do not expect more from a situation than is feasible or fair. Work with a colleague to eliminate a negative habit.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):
Shower youngsters with compliments and attention and help build their self-esteem. Listen to their concerns and address them with sincerity and honesty.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):
Communicate with clarity and be willing to stand behind any promises that you make this week. Bury the hatchet and make peace with a family member.

If your birthday is this week:
there is an emotional and mental storm brewing that is sure to play havoc with your private or personal life. Make an effort to stay calm and take steps to improve communication between you and your loved ones during the coming year. Examine your feelings and be prepared to practice discipline in the affairs of the heart. Avoid loaning or giving away money in situations where you feel vulnerable or have more than just cash to lose.

Also born this week:
Lenny Kravitz, Andre 3000, Jim Thorpe, Bob Hope, Mel Blanc, Alanis Morissette and Walt Whitman.

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EXPLORATORY

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10 Ex-Congressman Jack
14 Mexican pineapple
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44 Whence Columbus sailed 45 Necessitate
47 Nebraska city
49 Bristle: prefix
51 Talent
55 Columbus' birthplace
59 Form a part of
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64 Rescue
65 Pulverize
66 Milk: prefix
67 Scheme
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4 Columbus flagship
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12 DaVinci's subject
13 Lindstrom and Zadora
21 Golden Boy author
22 Matterhorn, e.g.
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27 Formal social dance
29 Island discovered by Columbus
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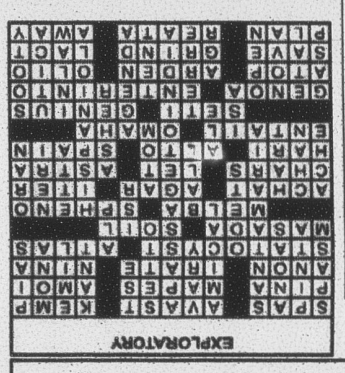

McKelvey Weekend Entertainment

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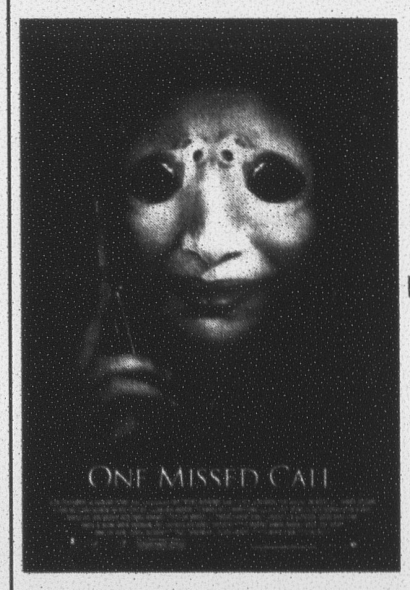
Friday April 18 - Sunday April 20

"One Missed Call"



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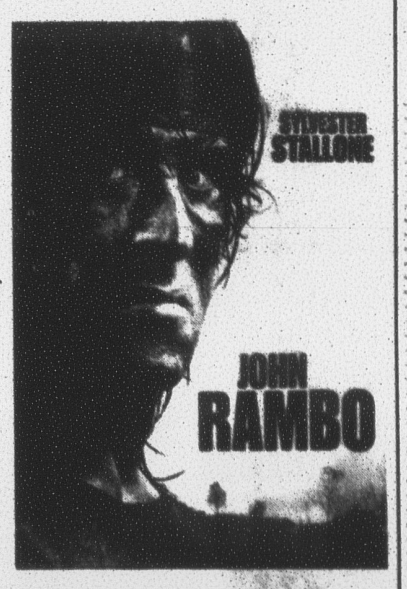

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Features

Beautiful: A life well lived

Lurene McDonald
Features Editor

I went to a beautiful funeral this week.

Beautiful is not a word usually correlated with a funeral. However, not but this word was fitting for this service.

It was a true reflection of Rosemary Fuller, a New Wilmington resident and a loyal ally to Westminster College.

For years, Rosemary and her husband, Art worked with the chapel office, cooked for retreats, and invited students into their home over holidays when their families were too far away to go home.

Rosemary was a beautiful, loving person and she was an inspiration to many people at this college and in the community. Her funeral was a reflection of this and it included moving songs, testimonies, dancing and fireworks. This is not exactly what you would call your typical funeral, far from it actually. It was a funeral that inspired.

Westminster has the great fortune to be filled with people wanting to help and inspire our students. What a fortune it is. Most of the time these individuals do not set out to inspire, they just do it without even realizing it.

Harriet Sarver was a 1936 graduate that passed away on April 6, 2008. An amazingly loyal alumna of our college she always looked for ways to contribute to the college. When she moved back to New Wilmington in 1941 she became the advisor for the Chi Omega Sorority for 45 years. She served as a mentor for her sisters for all these years and as I sat reading the comments on an online tribute site, I was moved to tears. It reminded me why I joined a sorority and what it means even many years later.

You may remember Harriet from being honored in last year's homecoming parade or seeing her around the campus she loved. Others may know her because they have received funding for their education through her scholarship. Harriet Sarver was a Westminster woman who inspired others.

As I sit here, I cannot help but wonder who on this campus is an inspiration without even realizing it or meaning to be one. Is it a professor who is retiring? A student leader? A staff member who refuses to give up?

Inspiration can come from many things. It can come from just living a great life. It can come from helping someone when you did not have to. It can come from a side comment in class or numerous other places.

Today, Dr. James Perkins told my pr research class, "Working goes on forever, then, you die." We responded, sarcastically, that it was inspirational.

However, at the end of the day, is it not? He was encouraging us to not be in such a hurry to get to Point B, your job. Life is short; do not waste all of it working. There is more to life than your future job.

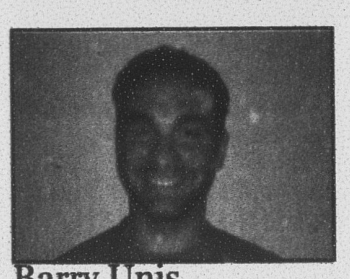
I found this inspirational. Different people are inspirational to every person.

You may be the inspirational person. You may not realize it, but people are watching you, waiting for inspiration.

I can only hope that maybe I am serving as some silent inspiration for others. Not because I want to be inspirational, but because someday I hope to have a beautiful funeral because I took a page out of Rosemarry's and Harriet's books and I was a beautiful, inspirational person.

Lurene is a sophomore public relations major who enjoys a mug of hot chocolate and cozy afternoon naps. She loves being a member of Kappa Delta Sorority and the Admissions Office Staff.

One dollar can make a world of difference



Barry Unis
Diversity Columnist

This article is directed toward graduating seniors who have chosen not to give back to Westminster College. If you are not in this minority, my words may still benefit you.

As you all may or may not know, I am a part of the senior class gift committee. From my perspective, the committee's ultimate goal one in which they promote donations from graduating seniors to whichever purpose the individual chooses.

Some of you scoff at the notion of giving back to this institution of higher learning. I have to admit, whenever I left the initial committee meeting I felt like I sold my soul to the college. I have since changed my tune, so to speak. I must also admit that I haven't been the most active member of this committee. My intention for this article is not to be hypocritical, I only want to instill a desire to give.

Giving back to Westminster is really simple. There are two primary ways for a student to donate: cash (or check) and the matriculation deposit. The minimum amount of cash we can accept is one dollar. That's one dollar! Are you telling me that you cannot donate one lousy dollar?!? Okay, so you're low on cash. Why not donate from your matriculation deposit?

The matriculation deposit is the $200 payment to the school upon entering Westminster College. That money is later returned to you in full when you graduate from this college.

Right now, you don't have this money because it's hypothetical dollars, if you will. The minimum matriculation deposit donation is five dollars. If you donated that, you would still be receiving $195 after you graduate. That's a lot of "free" money.

What's five dollars?

Let's say that you make the decision to donate money to the senior class gift. Good job. Now what?

Well, you can put your donation to any number of things around campus. The committee's choice for donations is the Burry Stadium Project; however, you do not have to give the money to that cause. You can choose to give to an academic department, an athletic team, or even the Young Alumni Scholarship. It's up to you.

When you decide to donate and choose what your money is going to, I'd suggest contacting Merrianne McGill or The Senior Class Gift Committee, which includes me.

In closing, I don't really care how much money you donate to the senior class gift, as long as you do donate something, even if it's a dollar. Even if you spent too much money to go to school here or if you feel that the college maligned you in some way, donate for your fellow students. Most likely, the money that you donate today will help those students. Wouldn't you want help if you really needed it? So, please donate. It's better for everyone. The more you know…

Barry Unis is a senior psychology major and theatre minor. He is all over the campus and is unfortunately known as a fictional rapist.

Campus rock star ranked no. three in Rock Band

By Shannon Bobbert
Features Writer

Note after note scrolls down the screen, and Foos manages to score continually.

His fingers strike the keys without hesitation, perhaps playing a better version of "Cliffs of Dover" than Eric Johnson himself could strum. His audience may be confused by the dizzying colors and buttons whizzing down the television monitor, but he is focused and right on target. After putting down his electronic guitar, Foos, a nickname often used by his friends, asks if his audience would like an encore. There is no question among the group–we are eager to see more.

"I've never really had that hard of a time with it," Foos said, referring to the game Rock Band.

Jonathan McAfoos, nicknamed "Foos" by his friends, has attracted some attention on campus as the third best guitar player in the game Rock Band. His guitar might be plastic and string-less, but there is no arguing that his dexterity in Rock Band requires a great deal of talent.

Using the console Xbox 360, McAfoos is ranked against everyone who has ever played. His specialty is the guitar, and his difficulty level is always set to expert. The end score on most of his songs is 99 percent.

"I'd like to be number one, yeah," McAfoos said, "it takes a long time to move up."

For any readers that may be living under a rock in the gaming world, here is a brief description of Rock Band. The game is played on a plastic replica of a guitar which has five buttons of different colors, which are pressed when the corresponding color appears on the screen (these are the "notes"). At the same time, the other hand is used to "strum" the guitar. The more "notes" you manage to hit, the higher your score is.

"It's like Dance Dance Revolution for your hands," McAfoos' friend, Dan Ross, said.

Even though he might be one of the best, McAfoos doesn't always play solo. His friend, Ross, often accompanies him on bass guitar. And McAfoos doesn't limit himself to the guitar–he has tried the other instruments and even confesses that he sings into the microphone when no one is around.

"It's a great game because new songs are released every week, and I usually get them as they come out," McAfoos said.

Photo by Shannon Bobbert

While McAfoos is a gaming wiz, you'd never know it from his schedule.

"He's only played about half an hour this week," McAfoos' roommate, Mike DeLadesmo, says, "he doesn't really spend a lot of time playing like you'd think."

In fact McAfoos is far from a dorm hermit– he's on the soccer team and he's a pledge for Alpha Sigma Phi, which has promised him a party if he ever makes it to the number one spot.

It seems amazing that someone could be able to score so high with such little practice time with the game, though McAfoos admits to being a lifelong gamer. McAfoos is not only a fan of Rock Band and Guitar Hero–he also likes about any game he gets his hands on. Titles for the Xbox 360 are his favorite, though he won't say no to something on the Nintendo Wii either.

"It's definitely a de-stresser, I tend to play more if I've had a hard day," McAfoos said.

For a stress relieving technique, Rockband has earned McAfoos a small amount of fame on campus, and he admits it is unexpected.

"A lot of people I don't even know have come up to me asking about Rockband," McAfoos said, "I haven't told anyone, it just spread around."

McAfoos passes on a tip for other hardcore Rockband players: "Don't miss the hammer-ons, a lot of people don't even know they exist," McAfoos said.

"You don't have to strum it, you just hammer your finger down on it," adds Ross.

McAfoos is a freshman Broadcast Communications major who aspires to become a sports broadcaster.

All around good guy to retire: Part II

By Stephanie Chaffee
Campus Writer

Perkins maintains a role in the lives of those who have long since graduated. He critiqued alumnus Barry Spaeth's poems for over 20 years after his graduation.

Spaeth said, "He continued to inspire me and nourish my enthusiasm for literature long after my graduation in 1975." Spaeth and Perkins became friends and their families continue to visit each other. "As a result of my good fortune in crossing paths with him, my life has been immeasurably enriched."

Andrea Majot, a 2002 graduate, also continues contact with Perkins. "I really respect how he finds time to work, write, and maintain a family life. He sets a good example of how to go about life."

Dr. Goldberg, assistant professor of philosophy, spent a semester with Perkins in Oxford, England. Prior to this journey, they knew little about each other. Now, they frequently go out and get into what Goldberg refers to as "some great disagreements."

"My favorite times with him are at his house with a bottle of bourbon; we have some great conversations," said Goldberg.

Goldberg instructs karate, and Perkins occasionally participates in class. "He loves to do push-ups. He's really pretty good at it too," said Goldberg.

Perkins has served as Chair of the English and Public Relations Department for two terms and has met regularly with President Williamson. "He once showed up in his karate outfit for our monthly meeting, which illustrates that you don't have a normal meeting with Jim. They're fun and productive," said Williamson. "His focus has always been on the students. The impact that he will leave on Westminster will be on the hundreds if not thousands of students that he has taught."

Current students in Perkins' classes have had the opportunity to learn from his many years of experience. He lends his expertise in English and public relations to the department.

"He believes in his students and you can tell that he's sincere," said Roxanne Ierino, a senior currently in Perkins' public relations capstone class. "We're all really close to him."

As Katie Pride, senior public relations major, described his unique teaching style: "He could give you a fish and you could eat once, but if he teaches you to fish, you can eat forever."

Perkins received his Ph.D. in English from the University of Tennessee in 1972. Preceding that, he completed his M.A. in English from Miami University and his B.A. in History and English at Centre College of Kentucky. He became an English major because of "laziness. I needed to choose a major, so I looked at what classes I had the most of, and it happened to be English and history." English is his passion however, and is a poet at heart. "If I could have something chiseled on my tombstone, I would want it to be 'poet.'"

The good, the bad and the ugly

Do you have photos from around campus that are good, bad, or ugly?

Take a picture and have it published in the Holcad.

Submit photos to Lurene McDonald @ mcdonala.

Photos will be published weekly as space permits and photos deemed offensive will not be published.

This week's picks…

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A student enjoys her hammock on a warm afternoon.

The bad

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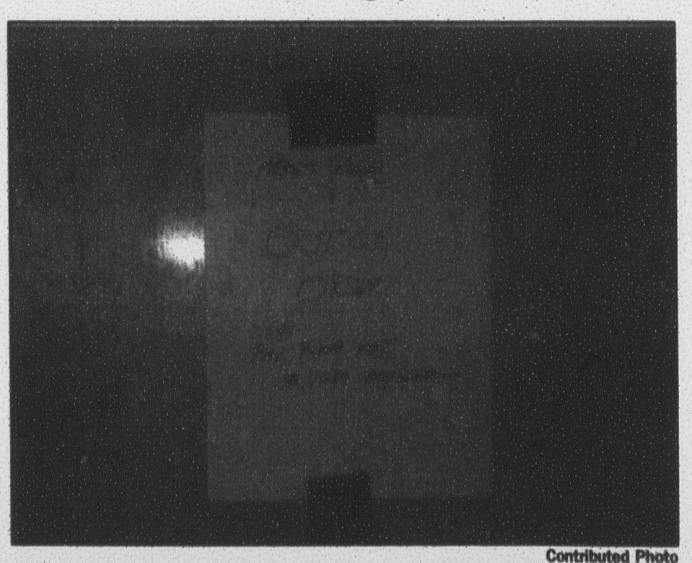
Hooligans infest the TUB.

The ugly



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The men of the music dept. have been holding it all week.

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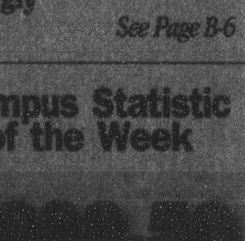
Scattered T-storms
75/57

Saturday
Showers
64/42

Sunday
Mostly cloudy
67/50



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IRS agents in their prime this tax season

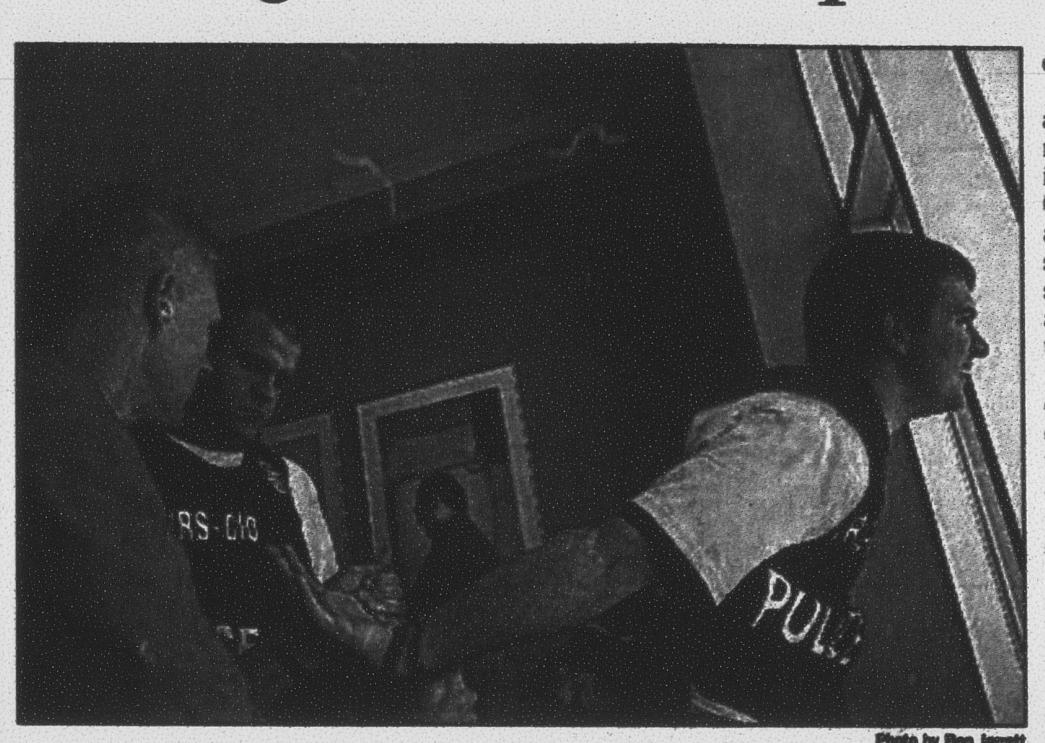


Photo by Ben Jarrett

Students participate in rigorous training sessions with the IRS during the "Westminster Project" on Wednesday, April 16.

By Gina Guyer
Campus Writer

With the Internal Revenue Service watching closely over taxpayers this time of year, students saw first hand how the IRS handles tax fraud and embezzlement at "Westminster Project" on Wednesday, April 16.

"Westminster Project" was an intense training program conducted by the Internal Revenue Service in order for students to learn about future career opportunities with the IRS and to participate in hands-on investigations and simulations comparable to those at Federal Law Enforcement agencies.

"President Williamson learned about the program from an alumnus and asked if we could pursue it," Jackie Meade, director of the Career Center, said. "I contacted the agent who is in charge and he and several agents came to campus several times to walk through the area and to check out the rooms they would use."

Students from the accounting department and criminal justice department participated in two vigorous training sessions from 8:30 a.m. to noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4 p.m. During these sessions, teams of seven students were matched up with three IRS special agents. Students learned how to interview subjects and witnesses, analyze documents and financial records, write affidavits for search and arrest warrants and how to use surveillance techniques while conducting undercover investigations.

"The mock investigations included a money laundering investigation involving a major drug dealer and an investigation regarding subjects involved in defrauding the U.S. Government," special agent Andrew Hromoko Jr. said.

Students later experienced realistic deadly force situations through a firearms simulator machine in the Westminster television studio.

"The IRS mock investigation was an excellent experience and showed students the real side of investigating, not just the Hollywood, glamorized version that we see on TV," sophomore Lindsey Guthrie said. "Everyone seemed to enjoy it and I haven't heard a complaint yet."

According to special agent Hromoko, the IRS Criminal Investigation Division involves numerous types of investigations, primarily those involving a money or paper trail. The Criminal Investigation Division of the IRS is also involved in terrorism investigations in the United States and overseas.

After a day full of intense training, all 21 participants graduated at the awarding of certificates ceremony at 4 p.m. in the Witherspoon Room. All expectations of the "Westminster Project" were met and the campus looks forward to working with the IRS again in the near future.

Choruses to perform Verdi's *Requiem*

By Shannon Richter
Staff Writer

Voices will soar at the Stambaugh Auditorium on Friday Apr. 25 at 8 p.m. as students and faculty contribute their vocals to the Warren Philharmonic's rendition of Verdi's "Requiem."

The "Requiem" is a 90 minute Latin mass written by Giuseppe Verdi to honor the death of Alessandro Manzoni, an Italian poet and novelist who Verdi admired. Verdi's "Requiem" requires a large ensemble, approximately 200 voices, to perform.

"Significantly very few large choral works are so grand in scale," sophomore participant Amanda Ehrhardt said. "It's written in an operatic style evident in Verdi's other famous works."

The choirs and faculty worked with the Warren Philharmonic Orchestra four years ago for Fauré's "Requiem." When the orchestra decided to include Verdi's "Requiem" in their season this year, conductor Susan Davenny Wyner invited the school's choirs and faculty. Among those who are participating with the Stambaugh Chorus and the Seraphim Chorus is the Westminster Festival Chorus comprised of the Concert Choir, Women's Chorus and Men's Chorus. Several faculty members, such as Dr. Bethany Hicok, associate professor of English; Dr. Robin Lind, associate professor of music and director of choral activities; and Mr. Kris Harper, director of the women's chorus, added their vocal talents.

"It is a very dramatic and intense piece," Ehrhardt said. "It requires large vocal ranges for every voice part, as well as a great deal of endurance."

Campus choirs practiced all semester to prepare for this important performance. The week prior to opening night held three exhaustive three hour long rehearsals.

"We've all worked really hard to train our voices to perform at the level Verdi's 'Requiem' requires," Ehrhardt said.

Verdi's "Requiem" also distinguishes itself in its extensive use of solo voices. As it winds through the story of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection, sorrow and joy, Judgment Day and mercy, the requiem centers on soloists while the chorus adds texture.

"You have to sing as a soloist with 200 other people," Ehrhardt said. "It requires a lot of coordination and listening."

Verdi's "Requiem" has not been performed in this area for over thirty years. This beautiful and fascinating piece is made all the more interesting by its conductor. Wyner had a successful career with the Metropolitan Opera as an operatic soprano until a tragic motorcycle accident damaged her vocal chords. Unable to continue singing, Wyner returned to school to learn how to conduct so that she could continue her expression through music, only on a different path.

Student housing not affected by rising enrollment

By Laura Henry
Staff Writer

Next fall, 350 to 400 enrolled first year students will arrive and unpack for their first week of college. With an increase of students higher than previous years, there has been a campus debate that there will not be enough beds to house the incoming first year students.

Many people are worried that next year's incoming first year class will cause an overflow in housing and are concerned about the measures that will be taken to prevent this problem. Unlike previous years (315 students enrolled in 2007 and 313 students enrolled in 2006), next year 350 to 400 students will be enrolled. However, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Gina Vance assures everyone that there is little reason to worry about housing next year. Vance explained that because of the lower enrollment in previous years the increase for next year will not make a big difference, but instead, make up for past years.

"As of now there are 1031 students to live on campus next year including those who are returning and the first year students who have already committed to the college," Vance said. "And with the 1031, that still leaves 93 beds open for additional incoming students."

Not all of next year's first year students will reside in Shaw Hall and Russell Hall. The overflow will be housed in Galbreath and Eichenauer Halls where there has been a floor or wing blocked off and reserved for first year students. Vance said that the floors were blocked off because first year students adapt much better in college life when they are together rather than placed amongst upper classmen. There will be about 50 first year students in Galbreath and Eichenauer next year.

If all open beds are filled, Residence Life will consult the off campus wait list to make beds available. However, Vance feels that it is very unlikely that all of the open beds would fill up.

Dean of Admissions Brad Tokar feels that the increase in enrollment is a good thing. However, even though the increase is positive, the college does not want to expand into a large school, but rather keep the enrollment close to 1400 students and keep it consistent.

"We [admissions] look to see how many students we can accommodate before students are enrolled," Tokar said. "We would never take more students than we have room for. Based on the available housing, we would cut enrollment off and have a waiting list."

Vance also feels positively about next year's increase.

"We are definitely growing and that is good news," Vance said.

If the college continues to grow and expands beyond the current housing, the option of expanding the Berlin Village has been considered. Vance explained that the original plan for the village was to build five buildings instead of the current three; therefore the option of the additional two buildings is still available. However, with a new president coming in next year, Residence Life is not sure what will happen to housing. President Dorman could make all new plans and different ideas for any housing projects.

According to Vance, an ideal situation would be to renovate all current buildings to make them more like suites and private rooms, similar to the townhouses, but within the residence buildings. She would also add to the Berlin Village to house all seniors.

For more information about housing, please contact Admissions or Student Affairs. However, students should no longer feel the need to worry about next year's housing. All students will have a bed to sleep in and a roof over their heads.

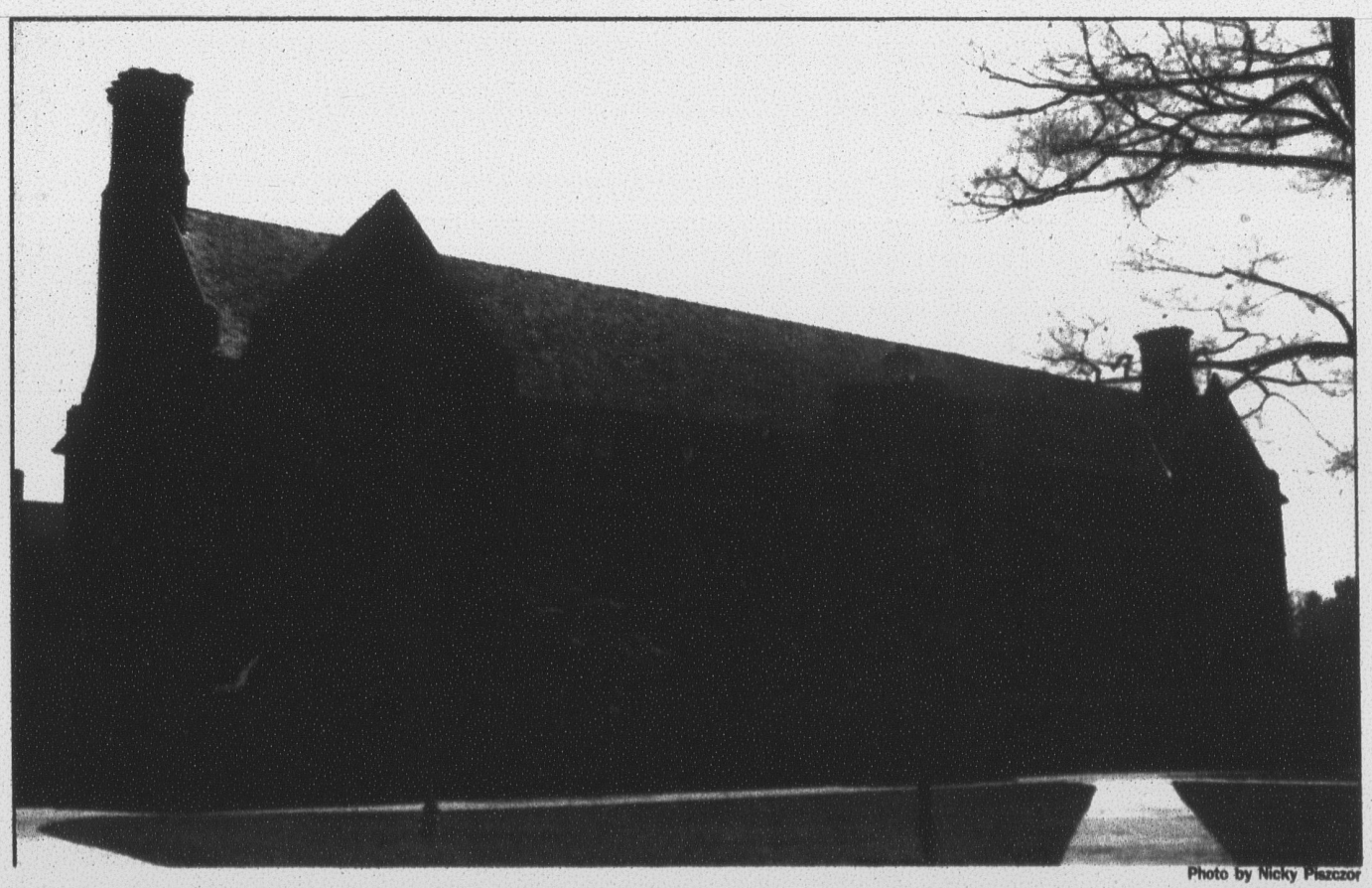


Photo by Nicky Piaczor

Browne Hall currently houses sophomore, junior and senior women. It will remain an upperclassmen dorm despite the greater influx of first-year students anticipated for the 2008-2009 school year.

Opinion

RANT & RAVE

hmmm, pesce?

Uh, capstone.

I don't have any dine dollars.

Spring is in the air.

Art is not my forte.

That is a nice boulder.

I see you.

Chooch.

What a melon!

Did you say fruit cup?

Look, it's amateur hour.

The football field looks lush.

That'll be a shilling

Come butter come.

Johnny's waiting at the gate.

What is this talk of cyclones?

You can take the ugg-lies off, now.

That'll do pig, that'll do.

DP in the hizzy.

Insert dry heave here.

I'm staying awake, Iwo Jima style.

I'll help you with that.

Insert slobered on fork here.

If you know what I mean.

I love the scenic tour!

Hey girl, hey!

Filth bucket.

Dumbledore!

Want to Rant & Rave? Email *The Holcad* with RNR as the subject.

The Weekly Glip: Greek Week

Anthony Colwell
Weekly Glipper

Greek Week is a glorious time to be Greek on this campus. This is a week where all members of the Greek community can put aside their differences to have friendly competition and enjoy themselves in their free time after and between classes.

Wow, doesn't that description sound surreal. The description I gave is one that would accurately describe the event that the people in charge of Greek Week are trying to provide for the Greek community and for the entertainment of independents. It would be nice if said description was an accurate depiction of what always went on during Greek Week, however.

Greek Week is an amazing idea, in that it provides an awesome way to promote fellowship for all members of the campus. The problem is that many participants and even those who merely come to watch the events need to get their priorities in order.

The first issue I want to talk about is class attendance. I have noticed a distinct lack of participation in my classes this week. This lack of participation is mostly due to the fact that many students, especially freshmen, have been conspicuously absent from class. I have actually approached one who informed me that he had to miss class in order to participate in an event for his fraternity this week.

In the same light, I similarly asked an independent if she was attending any of the Greek Week events. She informed me that she had also missed a class or two already this week in order to go to her favorite events.

I want to be clear when I say that the two examples above do not represent the majority of those participating in Greek Week. For those it does represent, however, I have a couple pieces of advice. I want to warn you all that some of this advice may seem patronizing, but if you fall into the category above, then perhaps you should listen.

First of all, classes are more important than the events of Greek Week. I apologize if your night class makes it so you cannot participate or go watch Greek Idol, but if you skip to go watch it, then you are simply being irresponsible. Do not forget that you cannot be Greek if you do not have the grades. It doesn't take a math major to realize that missing class equals lower grades.

Now, we arrive at my second piece of advice. Just because your fraternity or sorority wins an event does not mean that there is a mandatory party following the event where everyone stays out so late that they cannot go to class in the morning. This is a time for celebration, but remember there is always the weekend.

The last piece of advice that I would leave you all with is to make sure that you enjoy the events, whether as a participant or as an observer. Do not make these fun events life or death situations where winning is everything. Doing so destroys the spirit of what Greek Week is supposed to stand for.

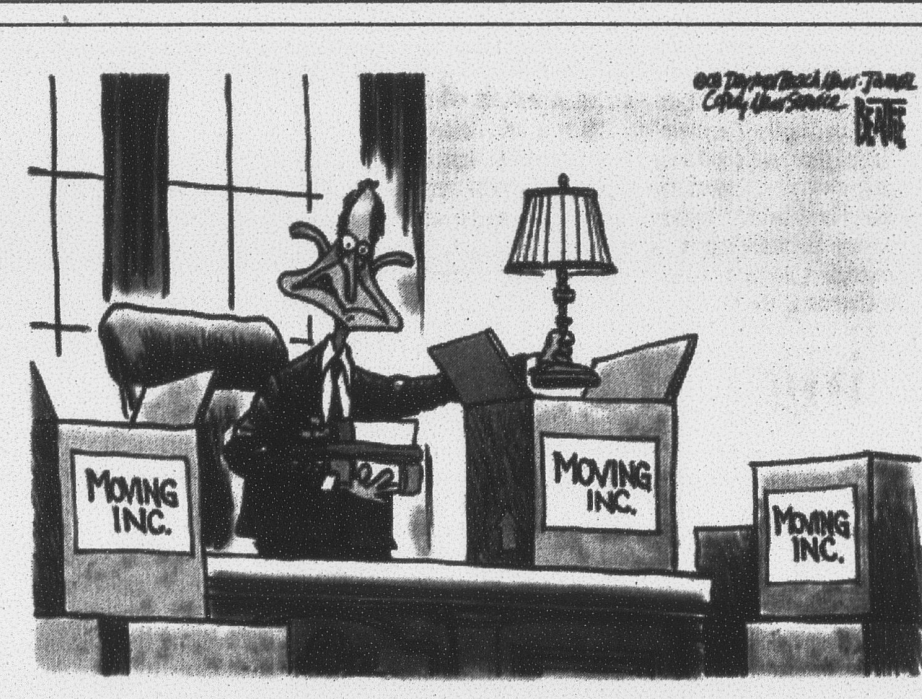
Having said all of this, I want to leave the Greek participants reading this with one last suggestion. Do not sacrifice academics for Greek Week, but by all means enjoy it. This is the one week that the campus allows us to have, because of all of the work we do to help better the campus and the work we do for charity.

Also, for the independents, enjoy Greek Week. Go and watch the Greeks make fools of themselves for sport. This will be especially true at this year's Sing n' Swing, where pop culture from our childhood will be brought to life. There will also be a donation box sent around at Sing n' Swing for charity. Don't forget to donate!

Anthony is a senior mathematics and philosophy major. He is currently attempting to stabilize his orbit utilizing the correct images, and is voting for Reagan in 2008.

POLITICAL CARTOONS

"So many soldiers are becoming mentally ill the Army had to redesign the stretcher."



"I've always had an exit strategy . . . just not one for the troops."

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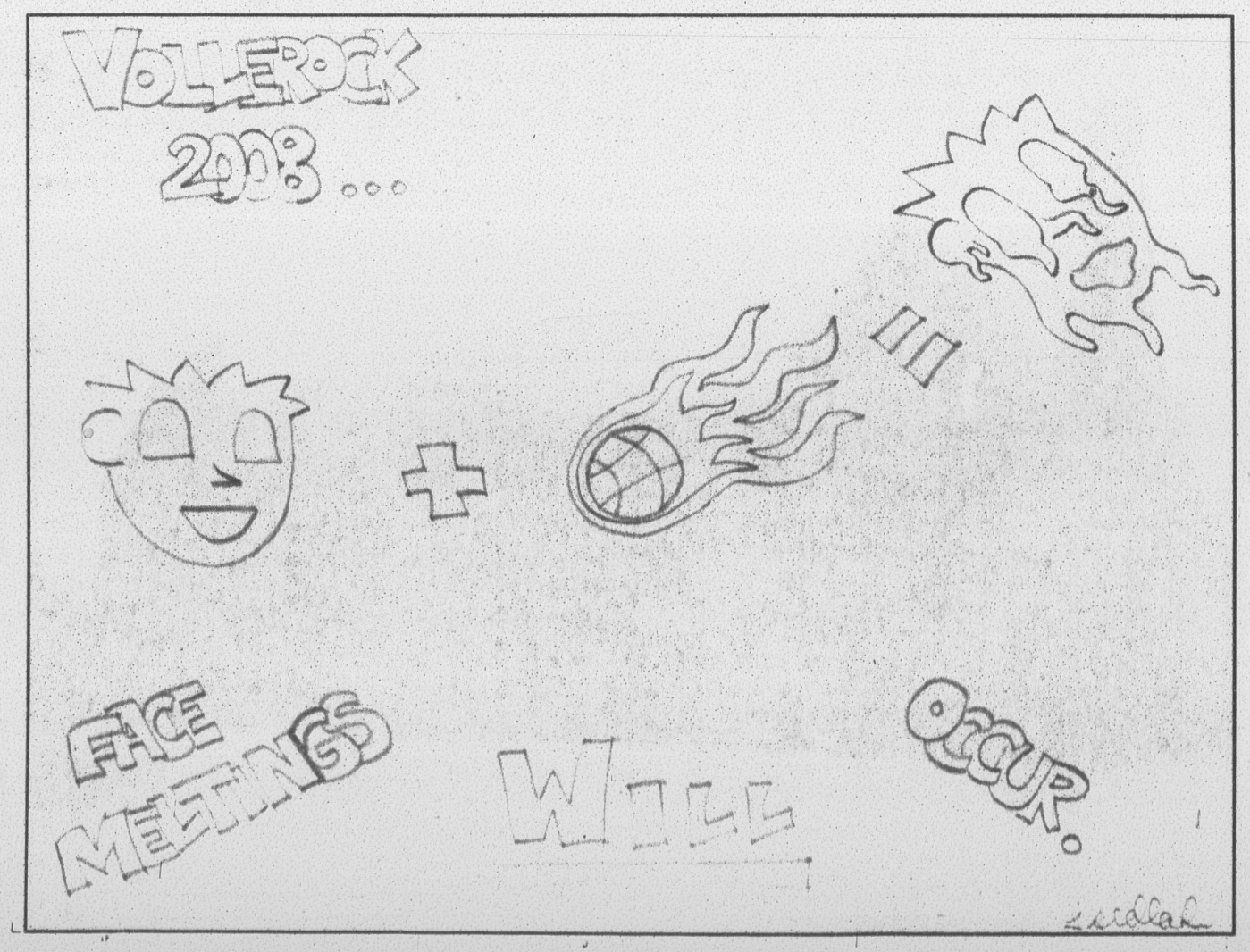

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Outside the Bubble

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REGIONAL

Serial killer waives preliminary hearing in Berks slaying

READING, Pa. (AP) - A confessed serial killer in a high-security Illinois prison waived a preliminary hearing Tuesday on first-degree murder, rape and other charges in the 1979 death of a Berks County nurse.

Timothy Krajcir, 63, agreed to forego the hearing in an arraignment Tuesday by District Judge Dean Patton in Muhlenberg Township, sending the case to Berks County Court. He appeared on closed-circuit television from Tamms Correctional Center in southern Illinois.

Authorities say Krajcir posed as a police officer investigating a burglary to get into 51-year-old Myrtle Rupp's home in Temple on April 17, 1979.

Rupp, a widow, was a nurse at the former Community General Hospital. She was recovering from foot surgery at the time of the attack. She was tied to a bed, raped and strangled.

Krajcir had lived in Muhlenberg Township for several years as a teenager, and lived in Allentown at the time Rupp was killed. He told the judge he was born in Mahanoy City in Schuylkill County.

Krajcir was linked to the Rupp killing last year by a DNA match, technology not available in 1979.

Rupp's nephew, David B. Rupp, 57, of Alsace Township, attended Tuesday's courtroom proceeding and said the family was grateful to investigators, particularly state police Cpl. William J. Moyer, who supervises cold cases in Berks County.

"To go 30 years and not know, it is closure to finally know who did it," Rupp said.

The room was cleared to allow Krajcir to confer privately with his attorney, Berks County Chief Public Defender Glenn Welsh, before Welsh signed papers waiving the preliminary hearing.

Krajcir will be formally arraigned in June, and Berks County District Attorney John Adams said he expects a guilty plea.

Krajcir has confessed to killing nine women in four states. He received five consecutive life sentences on April 4 in the deaths of five women in southeast Missouri.

Krajcir pleaded guilty to those killings in a Cape Girardeau, Mo., courtroom and emotionlessly described the murders. In each case he said he spotted a woman at a public place, followed her home and returned later to attack her at gunpoint.

In the Cape Girardeau hearing he said he intended to spend his remaining days counseling younger sex offenders in treatment programs "to make sure things like this never happen again."

Adams said Krajcir is likely to receive another life sentence in the Rupp case, and probably will serve his sentences in Illinois. He is spared the death penalty because of his confessions.

NATIONAL

Polygamist sect kids leave shelter for foster care, for now

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) _ For 2½ weeks, more than 400 children who lived on a polygamist compound in western Texas have been in state custody, exiled from home but relatively close to the parents who are fighting accusations of abuse within the sect.

But with a court order signed Tuesday, about a quarter of the children were moved from the San Angelo Coliseum, loaded onto buses and taken to foster care facilities around the city and elsewhere. By week's end, all 437 children are likely to be scattered across the state in 16 facilities.

A group of 114 children boarded buses Tuesday while adult members of the sect reported to nearby Eldorado to give their DNA as part of court-ordered genetic testing meant to untangle complicated family trees. The children eagerly waved and smiled at television cameras, even as attorneys for the children complained they weren't warned their clients would be moved so quickly.

The remaining 300 children at the coliseum were still undergoing DNA testing and were expected to be moved on Thursday, said Guy Choate, a state bar official who has been coordinating the attorneys brought from all over the state to represent the children.

State District Judge Barbara Walther signed the order Tuesday allowing the state to begin moving the children into temporary foster care while the state completes DNA testing and develops individual custody and treatment plans.

Technicians began testing children on Monday. The state added a testing site closer to the ranch, in the Eldorado courthouse square, on Tuesday.

Women in prairie dresses and men with shirts buttoned to their necks trickled into a stone building flanked by deputies to offer DNA samples. Results will likely take a month or more.

Arriving in pickup trucks and sport utility vehicles a few at a time, the parents came to allow technicians in lab coats to swab inside their mouths as they fight to regain custody of their children.

Their lawyers said many believe the testing is invasive and unnecessary.

"We've told them to cooperate, but there are a lot of people who are reluctant," said Cynthia Martinez, a spokeswoman for the Legal Aid attorneys who represent dozens of mothers. "There's a perception there that the state will be using it to separate them" rather than reunite them with their children.

David Williams, a former member of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, arrived from Nevada to give a DNA sample.

Clutching photos of his boys, ages 5, 7 and 9, Williams looked at his feet as he said his children were "taken hostage by the state."

"I have been an honorable American and father and I have carefully sheltered my children from the sins of this generation," Williams said. He denied the children living at the ranch were abused.

Susan Hays, an attorney for a toddler in state custody, said many of the fathers are reluctant and some may have left the state, fearing that the tests are really designed to help prosecutors make criminal abuse cases.

The state won the right to put the children in foster care on suspicion that FLDS members pushed underage girls into marriage and sex and that all the children raised in the church are in danger of being victims or becoming predators.

The children have been removed from the Yearning For Zion Ranch, the renegade Mormon sect's compound in Eldorado; they stayed at historic Fort Concho in San Angelo before being moved to the larger coliseum last week.

CPS spokesman Darrell Azar said child welfare officials want to move the children to a more homelike setting.

"They need to be out of the limelight," he said. "Children can't get into a normal routine in a shelter."

CPS said in its placement plan _ attached to Walther's order _ that it will try to place mothers under 18 with their children and to keep sibling groups together. Some of the families may have dozens of siblings.

Boys ages 8 and older will likely be placed in a setting similar to that where dozens of teen boys were taken last week, a Boys Ranch near Amarillo in the Texas Panhandle some 250 miles from Eldorado.

The CPS document lists facilities all around Texas _ as far as Houston, about 500 miles away _ where the children may be placed in what is one of the largest custody cases in U.S. history.

Walther ordered that the children taken from the compound be given DNA tests after child welfare officials complained they couldn't identify the children and parents. The judge ordered any known or suspected parents to also get tested.

All the children are supposed to get individual hearings before June 5 to help determine whether their parents may be able to take steps to regain custody or they'll stay in state custody.

FLDS spokesman Rod Parker said at a news conference Tuesday in Salt Lake City that Texas doesn't know how to handle sect children, and that efforts to keep them from being moved have been ignored.

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Locker room thieves will face victims

NEW WILMINGTON / LAWRENCE COUNTY–

New Wilmington Police Chief Carmen Piccirillo says his department has solved the latest rash of thefts at Westminster's Memorial Field House.

In recent weeks, someone has stolen money and personal items from the locker rooms.

Police say this round of thefts were copycat crimes from a similar situation at the Field House last year.

Piccirillo says he apprehended two 15-year olds in the community responsible for the recent crimes.

He also says all the stolen items have also been recovered. The chief will now require the teenage thieves to come face to face with their victims as part of their punishment.

Piccirillo says that the teenagers will apologize to the victims and returned the stolen goods as part of an effort to help the teens understand the consequences of their crimes.

INTERNATIONAL

Nepal expels climber with 'Free Tibet' banner from Everest

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) _ An American mountain climber with a "Free Tibet" banner was forced to turn back from Mount Everest, which Chinese climbers carrying the Olympic torch plan to summit next month, officials said Wednesday.

The climber was caught with the banner in his bags at Everest's base camp, said officials at the Tourism Ministry in Nepal's capital, Katmandu. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to speak to reporters.

Katmandu-based Himalayan Guides Treks and Expeditions, which got the permit for the climber, identified him as William Brant Holland but was not able to give details on his age or hometown.

The government has issued a notice to the agency seeking clarification on the incident, said Umid Bhandari, an employee with the expedition company.

It was not clear what the government would do about Holland's case once he returned to Katmandu. Officials said he would probably be banned from mountaineering in Nepal for the next few years.

Holland is the first mountaineer to be stopped by soldiers and policemen stationed on the Nepalese side of the world's highest mountain to prevent anti-China protests during the planned torch run to the summit.

The climb will take place on the Chinese side of the mountain. But the Nepalese government, complying with pressure from the Chinese government, has posted soldiers on the southern side and banned climbing near the summit between May 1-10 as a precaution.

Police and soldiers have been ordered to stop any protest on the mountain using whatever means necessary, including use of weapons, although the use of deadly force is authorized only as a last resort.

The torch relay _ the longest in Olympic history _ was meant to highlight China's rising economic and political power. But activists have seized on it as a platform to protest China's human rights record. It has drawn particular ire from those denouncing China's rule in Tibet following a a crackdown on demonstrations in the Himalayan region in March.

Political Pong: Vice-President picks

Dear Democrats,

For a change, the primary season has been interesting and meaningful to states that haven't seen a meaningful primary in years; however, if we don't choose a candidate soon, we may snatch defeat from the jaws of victory. We're letting our opportunity to crush the Republicans in the November election slip away. One of my main concerns here is that McCain has been stockpiling cash for months, and the Democrats have been spending like crazy trying to figure out who to nominate. The Democrats have never been the "party of the rich", and trying to catch McCain monetarily is becoming an increasingly difficult task. Choose a candidate already.

With the mess no more resolved than when we started writing for the Holcad about a month ago, Carsen and I have grown weary of arguing over who's going to get the Presidential nomination. We have decided to look ahead a bit and discuss potential vice-presidential candidates. Since Obama is currently in the lead, let's start with some options for him.

1. Hillary Clinton. Everyone has been thinking about it, but I've got the guts to discuss it. One of the big issues with the race so far has been if America is ready for a woman to be elected President. If people elect Obama over Clinton for that reason, making her Vice President would be a logical choice for that type of voter. Hillary's greatest asset is that she would certainly add the experience with important political issues that Obama lacks, but would Hillary really be able to work well with Barack as President? I think not. If Obama was President, Clinton should stick with the Senate where she can influence policy more effectively.

Steve Ruperto
Political Pong, blue team

2. John Edwards. He was never able to generate the excitement he wanted to among Democrats, but he's a safe choice for Vice President. People like him for this position because of the small amount of baggage he brings, and he can help Obama secure some states in the South. Obama has decent luck with some of the Deep South states, and realistically, some of them the Democrats have no chance of winning. Combine Edwards being from South Carolina with Obama's rural state charm, and the Democrats might pull some of the tighter races in the South.

Those are two of the options for Obama, but what if Clinton gets the nomination?

1. Barack Obama. Clinton as Obama's VP doesn't excite me, but Barack as Hillary's VP may be a great idea. Obama represents the vitality of the Democratic Party and is young enough that spending 4-8 years as Vice President would give him the credentials he needs to be President for 8 years after Clinton. Imagine 16 years of steady Democratic leadership. (Dreams do come true.)

2. Albert Gore. Hillary and Obama have been fighting for the nomination for so long that people are starting to become bored with them. Both Clinton and Obama have called for change in Washington DC, and one prominent political figure has managed to stay completely out of the way of the political mess known more commonly as the Bush presidency. After losing to Bush in the 2000 election, Gore fell off the map. During that time, he never had to take a position on the Iraq War and spent most of his time trying making an environmental documentary. Even though the names, Clinton-Gore have been heard before, they still represent a change. Most Americans remember the prosperity of the 1990s due to the hard working team of Bill Clinton and Al Gore. A change in America doesn't necessarily mean new people need to be in office; things just need to change back to the 'good ole days.'

Steve is an Economics and Political Science double major who cannot believe that he is graduating in a matter of weeks. He also can't think of anything funny to put in the rest of this bio.

Another week, and nothing new on the Presidential forefront. I'm personally quite excited to see how Guam votes in early May; those four delegates are becoming crucial to the Democratic decision. Yes, Guam actually has delegates…

Anyway, McCain and the Republicans really have nothing better to do than sit around and play with hypothetical situations. McCain said this week he's perfectly happy to let the Democrats fight as long as they want, and why wouldn't he be? He can fundraise to his heart's content and let the two candidates brawl it out, airing out all their dirty laundry before he has to attack. He's safe from much ridicule as the country focuses on the interesting stuff, and each day he stays out of the negative press is a day closer to winning the Presidency. By the time the Democratic Convention finally decides who the candidate will be, Americans will be more than happy to hear a name other than Obama or Clinton for a while. It's a waiting game, but one that I would argue ultimately leaves Republicans in a better position.

One of the hypothetical situations the McCain camp is probably throwing around is the Vice Presidential candidate. Who will be the best pick for the second hand man, or even a second hand woman? The Vice President is the President of the Senate and can play a crucial role in policy decisions. He or she can also sway some voters to or from a Presidential candidate.

Carsen Nesbitt
Political Pong, red team

It's a very important choice, and as we've seen during Dick Cheney's tenure, sometimes a very controversial one.

Political pundits have thrown around several names, and I'll analyze some of them for you now. First: Mitt Romney. A former candidate for the Presidential nomination, the former governor of Massachusetts has name recognition. Many people know what he's about. However, many people only remember that he's a Mormon. White evangelicalism is currently a negative attribute in the North, and Mormonism is definitely under fire. The polygamist sects in Texas are associated with Mormons, even though the mainstream Mormon church disavows it. While Romney could bring many good things to the White House, current events could make him a hard sell with voters.

Another recognizable name is Mike Huckabee, former Governor of Arizona. Huckabee is a favorite of southwestern Americans, and some say if he runs as VP it will be almost impossible for Hillary to get any Southern votes. He's continued campaigning regardless of the almost impossibility of his nomination and was actually on the ballot in Pennsylvania this Tuesday, collecting 11% of the vote (Ron Paul ended up with 16%... interesting). He's appeared recently with John McCain, and the two are said to complement each other; its even been said that they may be the only candidates able to beat Obama. Huckabee may be trying to keep his name fresh in voters' minds by forcing them to read it in the poll booth. Might he be positioning himself for a Vice Presidential run? Or is he thinking of another go in 2012?

While Mike Huckabee was still in the nomination race, he had a Vice Presidential idea of his own: Stephen Colbert. Huckabee appeared several times on The Colbert Report telling Stephen that if nominated, Huckabee would certainly make Colbert Vice President. This came after Colbert's failed attempt to be nominated in his home state of South Carolina. Of course, this is my favorite choice; who wouldn't want America's favorite fake Republican second in command? If nothing else, it would invigorate some college students who wouldn't otherwise care about voting. Battling student apathy, my friends, is one issue the real candidates have yet to address.

Carsen Nesbitt is a senior political science major who does nothing anymore since she's graduating in about a week. She's counting down the days until free wings at VolleyROCK.

Campus News

Students to go on gallery crawl in the 'Burgh

By Travis Gulling
Campus Writer

The International Cultures Club is going to Pittsburgh for the Gallery Crawl on Fri., Apr. 25.

The International Cultures Club, which strives to become more aware of the outside world, has gone to the Gallery Crawl for the past three years. The Crawl is held in the Cultural District of Pittsburgh, and different types of art and entertainment will be provided. All Galleries in the Cultural District are open to the public and have free admission. Some of the cultural events occurring on this day are art and dance shows. The Culinary Institute will also have food for sale during this event.

"Art and food is a big part of culture," club President Jelena Gerga said. "I likc to go to the Gallery Crawl because I want to explore all aspects of culture."

The Crawl happens twice a year; this is the Spring Crawl. The Galleries in the area have this event to promote the Cultural District in Pittsburgh.

The H2O Contemporary Dance Company will be participating in the Gallery Crawl. The Company will be performing and offering dance lessons. Some dance performances will take place in the street. Normally, these performances would cost a lot of money to see in a theatre.

"I enjoyed watching the members of Westminster's Dance Theater performing," freshman Noelle Nuckels said. "I can't wait to see them do some of their dances. Also, I would like to add some new dances to my repertoire, since I don't really have any."

The Culinary Institute in Pittsburgh is another participant in the Gallery Crawl. The Institute will have food for sale during the event at a reduced rate. Attendees will be able to eat dinner for a reasonable price. Some of the food items for sale will cost one dollar.

"You can get a whole meal from the Institute for a few dollars," Gerga said. "It's really cheap, but the food is really good, especially since it's from the Culinary Institute."

Not only can you enjoy cheap food, but some galleries will have pieces of art for sale. The prices may be reduced for some of these paintings.

The club invites any student that wishes to attend to do so. They will be departing campus at 3:30 and will arrive back around 10. Transportation will be provided and the event is free to attend; however, bring money for dinner with the Culinary Institute.

If you cannot attend this event, but wish to join the club, please contact Gerga for more information. Students are invited to attend meetings at 7 p.m. on Thursdays in the fourth floor lobby of Thompson Clark. They invite all students to come talk about their experiences with other cultures.

"ICC allows students who have been abroad to share stories and experiences with one another," sophomore Christina Alducka said. "At previous meetings we have shared pictures and discussed our personal culture shock stories."

For more information concerning the Gallery Crawl check out the website, www.pgharts.org.

Greek community raises money for Alzheimer's research

By Christina Alducka
Staff Writer

Erik Chesney, clad in a form fitting black dress, high heels, and wig, won this year's Miss Titan pageant presented by the Sigma Kappa sorority. David Dean attained second place, and Brett Myers earned third place.

Miss Titan, a male beauty pageant, was held at 7:30 p.m. on Apr. 23 in Orr Auditorium. The annual event raised money for Sigma Kappa's philanthropy, the Alzheimer's Research Foundation. Staged similar to typical beauty pageants, male contestants participated in numerous rounds in hopes to advance to the final five.

"My favorite parts are the swim wear and question and answer session because the guys get really into it," said host Aimee Gerber, foundations chair. "It's one of the most ridiculous things you will ever see."

Twelve contestants participated in this year's competition. Each of the five sororities and five fraternities chose a male representative for their organization. Panhel and Alpha Phi Omega also took part in the event. All contestants strutted down the aisle then walked on stage during the first three rounds including party, swim and formal wear.

A wide array of outfits appeared in the party wear round, such as halter tops and jean skirts. About half of the contestants wore wigs and all wore some type of make-up. The swim wear round followed with a few surprises.

"I liked the swimsuit round because it's a chance to strut your stuff," Chesney said.

Sigma Phi Epsilon representative, Brent Schellhammer, shocked the crowed when he dumped a bottle of water down the front of his white beater during the swimwear round. "It was really unexpected," sophomore Amanda Everett said. "It definitely made him stand out."

Almost all of the competitors wore heels and short cocktail dresses during the formal wear round. Nichols instead chose a lavender Cinderella style dress that he twirled around in when he reached the stage. Dean, Kappa Delta's representative, put on fake red nails for Miss Titan. "It gave me some class," Dean, said.

Before the judges stated the top five, Chelsea Logan shared her personal experiences with Alzheimer's disease with the audience.

The judges included Dr. Betty Talbert, Dr. Dave Smith and Jennifer Hough. "We try to pick people that would have fun with it and enjoy themselves," said Gerber. They voted on the top five based on appearance and poise from the first three rounds. Finalists included Erik Chesney, Brett Myers, David Dean, Matt Bickert and Bill Nichols, who then competed in the dance off round.

Each contestant danced for thirty seconds to a song of their choice. Chesney danced to Michael Sembello's "Maniac" while Nichols bopped to Aqua's "Barbie Girl." The crowd of about 250 people cheered and screamed the most during this round. After the judges scored them on creativity and rhythm, seniors Carsen Nesbit and Ashley Beaver interviewed the finalists.

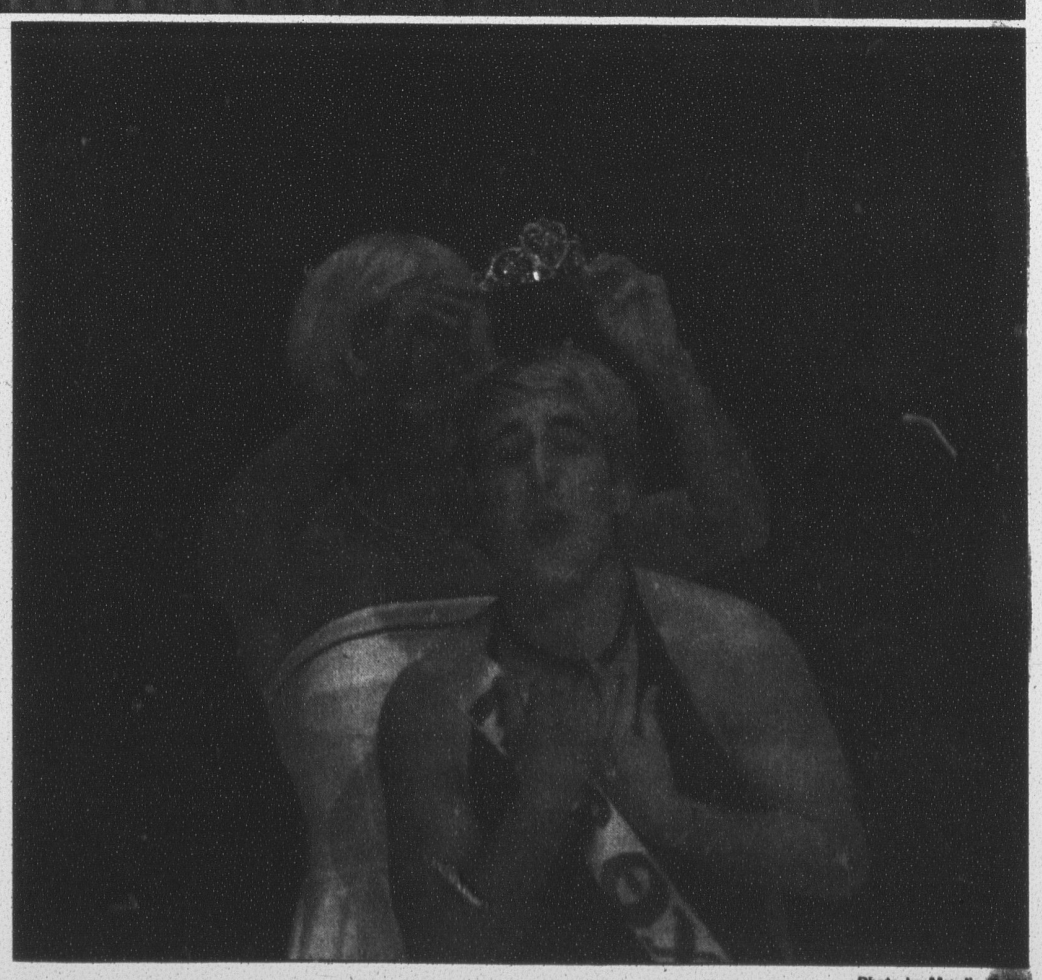
A series of humorous answers resulted from the questions. Nesbit asked Myers, "If you had one wish, what would it be?" Myers said, "I wish I never had to count calories." All contestants responded in a high pitched voice to sound more like women. This session ended the competition, and directed last year's Miss Titan, Nate Dodd on stage.

Dodd and Gerber announced the top three. Chesney received a crown, sash, bouquet and a gift certificate. In addition to the pageant's entertainment, Sigma Kappa asked students to perform on stage.

Ben Portz with Chris Lehberger and Jack Marti opened the show with two original songs plus a Billy Joel cover. The winter guard enacted their competition routine, which won them a trophy. A group from dance theatre performed their song "Let's Dance" by choreographers Krista and Michelle Sekelik.

Scott "Scooter" Renninger continued his ritual appearance at Miss Titan. He walked on stage dressed in a sparkling dark purple gown. He also wore a black wig, make-up and pantyhose.

Sigma Kappa will carry on Miss Titan's tradition and hold the pageant during next year's Greek Week, according to Gerber.



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Campus News

SGA MINUTES

Student Government Association

4-16-08

***No meeting was held 4-23-08 due to Greek Week activities**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jordan Flaim, Secretary

I. Prayer- John Marlowe, Chaplain

II. Roll was called

All senators were present and accounted for except for the following: Gene Cunningham, Brittany Rosko, Tony Gomez, Natasha Kassim, Mike Codita, Leigha Krivacek and Kayla Olson

III. Approval of minutes

The minutes from the last meeting were approved without objection.

IV. Executive Officers Report

President-Ashley Carnahan

- All senators please fill out the survey for Dean Edman.
- The President's Picnic is April 29th, 4:30-6:30 at his house.
- April 30th will be our last meeting and President Williamson will be our guest.
- April 24th all campus meeting 12:45-1:45 in Beeghley Theater.
- The Executives will be meeting with the President this Thursday.
- On May 1st there will be a luncheon with President Dorman and randomly selected students will be invited.
- Officially cosigned the discussed legislation at the last meeting.

Vice President-Jenna Cunningham

- Senators will need to sign up to sit in the TUB for VolleyRock sign-ups.

Secretary-Jordan Flaim

- There are 34 Senators in attendance.

Treasurer-Ryan Kirk

- Paid $2145.11 for VolleyRock prizes.
- Paid $50 for the VolleyRock design winners.
- Paid $2250.00 for the VolleyRock activities.
- Will be presenting the budget for the next year at the next meeting.

V. There was a motion to movement Audits to this portion of the meeting.

- The motion was approved without objection

The following student organizations were granted the following allocations without objection:

Allies	$305
Alpha Phi Omega	$525
Alpha Psi Omega	$100
American Choral Directors Association	$100
Amnesty International	$850
Beta Beta Beta	$275
Black Student Union	$1235
Bowling Club	$722
Chapel Retreats	$3,850
Chemistry Club	$345
Circle K International	$160
College Democrats	$300
College Feminists	$150
College Republicans	$590
Dance Theater	$0
Economics Club	$0
Equestrian Club	$6,000
Fellowship of Christian Athletes	$800
First Book	$750
Future Media Professionals	$0
Gamma Sigma Epsilon	$1,475
Green Party	$375
Habitat for Humanity	$3,375
Ice Hockey Club	$4,150
Indoor Competition Guard	$1,011
Interfraternity Council	$0
International Cultures Club	$0
Jubilee Committee	$1,075
Kappa Delta Pi	$690
Kappa Mu Epsilon	$150
Karate Club	$230
Lambda Pi Eta	$125
Lambda Sigma	$300
Model United Nations	$400
Mu Phi Epsilon	$670
Newman Club	$530
Omicron Delta Kappa	$92
Pan-Hellenic Council	$275
PCMEA	$350
Phi Alpha Theta	$0
Phi Sigma Tau	$725
Pre-veterinary Society	$1,110
Psi Chi	$0
Psychology Club	$90
PRSSA	$0
Seekers	$680
Sierra Student Coalition	$1,010
Sigma Delta Pi	$0
Sigma Tau Delta	$130
Ski and Snowboard Club	$3,900
Sigma Pi Sigma	$280
Sociology Interest Group	$0
Student Alumni Association	$2,700
Student Athletic Advisory Council	$1,400
Student Pre-Law Association	$2,500
Student Westminster Admissions Team	$400
Students Against Destructive Decisions	$800
Students in Free Enterprise	$2,500
Titan Traverse	$7,500
Ultimate Frisbee Club	$330
WHIG	$0

Committee Meetings

Finance- Ashley Stebor

- No Report.

Student Concerns- Jake Shaffer

- The Time of the Month went well and there were many concerns brought to our attention.

Academics- Cory Mathias

- PBIRC talked about Middle States and enrollment is up.
- OAAC met and discussed cluster courses and the OAAC portion of the website.
- If you are student representative of a committee and you meet, please e-mail Cory.

Public Relations- Sarah Geist

- SGA day will be this Friday, all senators must attend.
- All senators please hang up your toilet papers.

Special Events-Aimee Gerber

- Ordered more events for VolleyRock and prizes.
- The Pirates game is officially filled.

Diversity Chair- Kylee Bennett

- Still looking into ideas for a diversity section of Fresh Start.

VI. Old Business

- No Old Business.

VII. New Business

- No meeting next week.
- All senators please look nice for the meeting on April 30th.
- A motion was made to make all SLAC approved student organizations go through the process of audits and allocations and was approved without objection.

VIII. Open Floor

- There was a request for picnic tables to be placed throughout the quad.
- A printing expense complaint was discussed.
- The library renovation issue was discussed.

IX. Announcements

- April 17th there will be a concert featuring Ben Ports and Levi Bronson in Berlin Lounge at 7:00 PM for the Take Back the Night philanthropy event.
- April 18th there will be a march and rally for the Take Back the night Philanthropy beginning at 8 PM in Orr.
- There is a home track meet this Saturday at 11 PM.
- On Friday night CPC will be hosting night owl bowling.
- There will be a Titan Tavern this Saturday at 9 PM in Anderson Amphitheater.
- On April 23rd there will be a "Miss Titan" event and tickets will be sold in the TUB.

X. Adjournment

* A motion to adjourn was made by Lurene McDonald and was passed.

Reminder:

2008-09 Parking Decals on sale April 28-30.

When: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Monday - Seniors

Tuesday - Seniors and Juniors

Wednsday - Seniors, Juniors and Sophomores

Where: MCC Information desk

Cost: $30.00

The Holcad is still accepting employment applications for the 2008-09 school year!

Many positions remain open.

If you are interested in joining *The Holcad* staff, E-mail holcad@westminster.edu for application and job description information.

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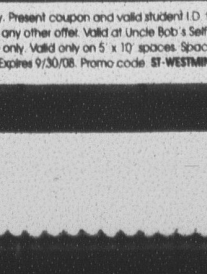

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The Business and Economics Department congratulates Westminster's Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team for winning its second consecutive Divisional Championship at the April 7th – 8th Regional Competition in Philadelphia, PA.
They will next travel to Chicago for the National Competition.

Campus News

Go green: Earth Week 2008

Tree huggers unite to replenish native greenery

Photos by Kirsten Dize

Local children along with Clarence Harms and Sierra Student Coalition volunteers plant trees in honor of Earth Week.

By Courtney Williams
Campus Writer

It is not easy being green as volunteers prepare to plant native trees throughout campus and the field station during this year's Earth Week celebration.

The Sierra Student Coalition, along with other volunteers, will be planting trees Wednesday, April 23 at the field station before their annual Earth Week bonfire. Native Western Pennsylvanian trees purchased from the Lawrence County Conservation District will be used. Field Station Director and Professor Emeritus of Biology Clarence Harms looks forward to the activity each year.

"I am a tree hugger," Harms said.

Volunteers will also have the opportunity to plant April 24 and 25 in the field station nursery. Children from the Lawrence County Head Start day care will be taking a field trip to the nursery in the coming weeks to help with the effort. Although less planting is occurring as in the past, all trees in the field station are intended to one day be transplanted to campus.

The SSC will also plant flowers on campus throughout the week. Leanna Stitt, president of the organization, is excited about the perennial planting.

"We decided to plant flowers at the peace pole, because what better way is there to represent our need for peace in respect to the earth and to those around us?" Stitt said.

The Earth Week festivities focus on more than improving the environment, some special planting serves as a memorial. Sam Seo, a 2005 graduate, traveled from his home in Virginia to remember a dear friend. Seo planted trees at the labyrinth recently constructed in honor and memory of classmate Sandy Edminston.

Other Earth Week activities include landscaping around campus and lectures on the importance of composting. Stitt and the other members of SSC recognize and want to spread understanding of the importance of environmental protection.

"No matter what we do, we emit carbon into the atmosphere through our daily actions. Whether it's driving a car, blow drying your hair, or zapping something in the microwave, we're depleting the ozone bit by bit," Stitt said. "But through planting trees, we can provide life that replenishes that depletion and in so doing, beautifies the land around us."

"Trees are symbolic of nature, symbolic of spring and the change of seasons, but more than that, they are real," Harms said. "Every breath we take comes from oxygen from trees we've planted. That is why we need to love them and care for them."

Green Activities

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Leanna Sitt, Kirsten Dize, Eilis McCulloh, Dante DeChellis, and Ben Knauff share poetry around the campfire after planting trees.

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Senior Sara Lucente and Student Affairs Secretary Beth Brooks work with some local children to make paper out of recycled materials.

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The gospel choir performs at Vespers Sunday evening, held at the memorial labrynth. There, Clarence Harms delivered a speech called "Color me Green."

Fifteen things to do with a newspaper- besides throw it away

1. Line the veggie drawer of your refrigerator to keep your produce smelling fresh.

2. Stuff in the cracks of windows and under doors for extra insulation

3. Use as a pot holder for taking hot food out of the oven (or microwave for us dorm dwellers)

4. Roll it up and look through it pretending to be a pirate (Aarrgh!)

5. Shred and take to the campus field station for the compost

6. Stuff boots or purses when storing to help keep their shape.

7. RECYCLE

8. Put it by the toilet to read

9. Put it by the toilet in case you run out of toilet paper

10. Crumble it up, soak in a solution of equal parts water and vinegar, and use as a window cleaner

11. Three corner hat…need I say more?

12. Put it on the windowsill and discover the magic of fading (Oooh…Aaah)

13. Shred it to make confetti for a makeshift surprise party

14. Roll it up and use it to whack your roommate over the head when they get out of line.

15. RECYCLE

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Please Recycle

Track & Field wins big at home meet

Team uses home invitational as tune up for key PAC meet

By Bob Long
Sports Writer

The Titan men's and women's track teams competed in their only home meet on April 19.

This meet was not scored, but it didn't stop the ladies from setting more records. The Westminster Invitational was comprised of 11 teams, and it took place at Burry Stadium.

The pace was set by the women including two school records. The Titans won eight events, all on the women's side, including six individuals and two field events. Abbey Basta shattered the school record in the 400-meter hurdles with a first-place time of 1:04.55. This surpassed the old mark of 1:05.35 held by teammate Katelyn Kushner who placed fourth at 1:09.28. Basta also won the 100 hurdles with a time of 15.64 followed by Kushner in second at 15.78.

The ladies were helped by the performances of many, including Basta's other record setting event. The ladies 4x100 teams set a new school record of 48.70. The relay team consisted of Abbey Basta, Megan Harding, Jill Diamond and Seun Olarewaju. Harding also won the 100 with a time of 12.56 seconds and the 200 with a time of 26.01 seconds.

Jess Cooper captured the high jump with a height of 1.62 meters and long jump with a distance of 5.12. The other win for Westminster came in the 4x400 relay with a time of 4:07.13.

Other notables for the Titan women included Alicia Crum, placing second in the 400 with a time of 1:01.06 and Rebecca Shiner, the runner up in the 800 with a time of 2:21.82. Also notably the Lady Titan's high jumpers took three out of the top four spots with the help of Jess Cooper along with Kelsie Crowder in second and Amanda Smallhoover in fourth.

As for the men, the Titans were led by Damon Neal and Nathan Donolo, who took third and fourth in the javelin at 50.40 meters and 49.65 meters, respectively.

Other bright showings included Jeremiah Patterson, finishing third in the 5,000 meter run with a time of 17:29.34 and Casey Karger, capturing fourth in the 400 hurdles with a time of 56.66 seconds, while also taking seventh in the 110 hurdles with a time of 16.50 seconds.

The Titans have been working hard all season, and they will continue to do so as the next meet approaches.

"This was a nice event to get the whole team prepared for what will be our most difficult task this season," junior Megan Harding said.

The next track event will be the PAC championships, which will take place at Washington and Jefferson College on April 26. The team is looking forward to the championship meet, and maintains high standards.

"We will have to perform well to attain the title we have worked so hard to get," Amanda Smallhoover said.

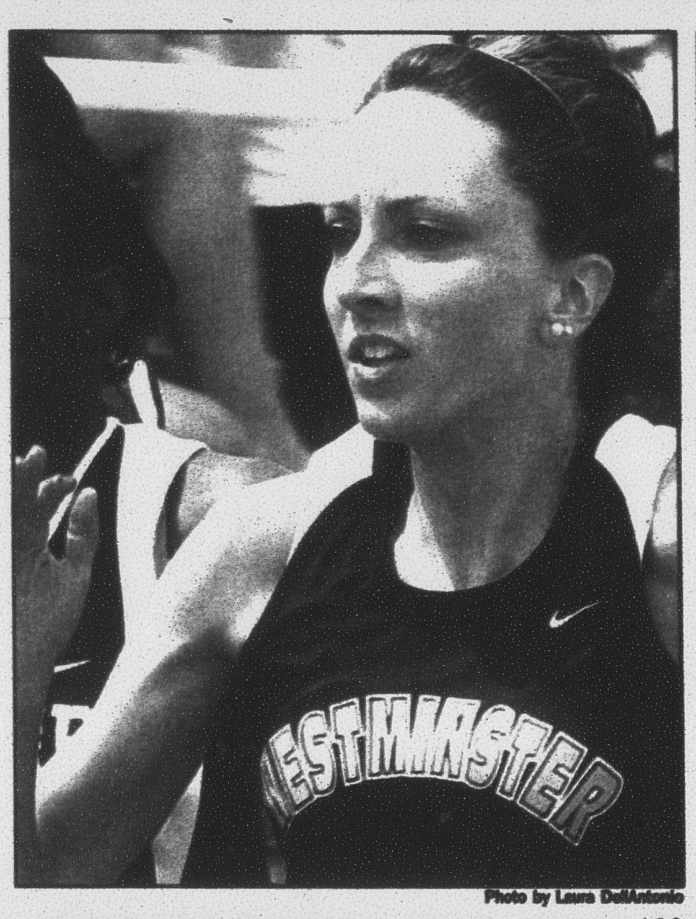


Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Junior Megan Harding sprints her way to a win in the 100 meter dash in the Westminster Invitational on April 19. The Titans travel to Washington and Jefferson for the PAC Championships on Saturday, April 26.

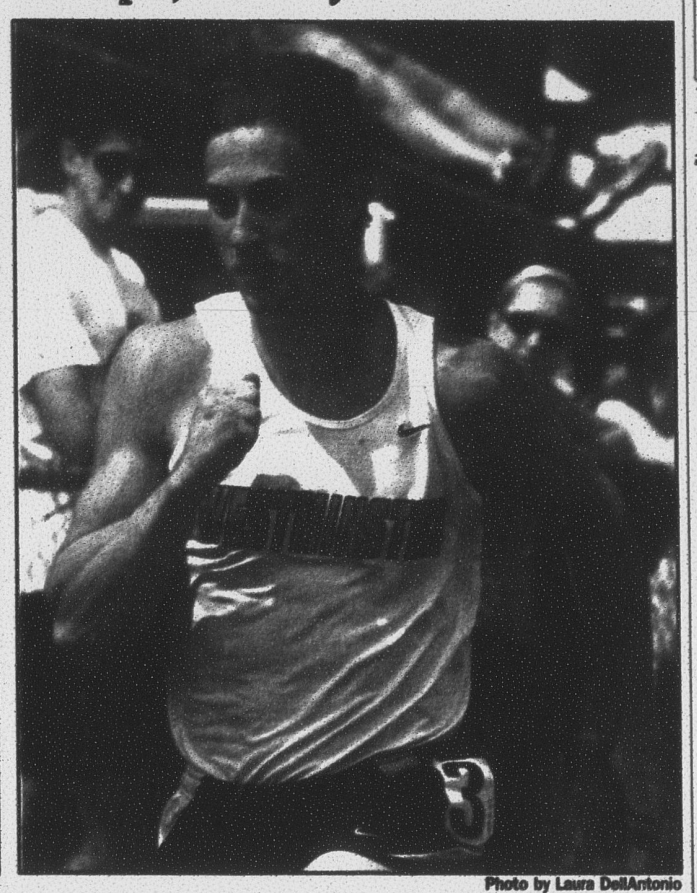


Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Senior Dan O'Keefe flies down the track in the 100 meter dash. The team will travel on Saturday, April 26 for the PAC Championships at Washington and Jefferson.

Men's golf earns third place in PAC

Titans conclude spring season

By Corey Kendall
Sports Writer

As the school year slowly winds to an end, so does the golf season for Westminster's men's team. Over the past month the Titan men's golf team has been working hard to compete in their last four competitions of the season.

The Titans were able to come out fairly well in their last four competitions. The first of those meets took place on Tuesday, April 8 at the Thiel Invitational. The invitational was held at The Greens of Greenville. Out of six teams, the Titans were able to put up a score of 340 to take third place. Notre Dame (Oh.) took first place with a score of 316, while Waynesburg just barely took the Titans with a score of 338.

During the match, junior Nick Marzo was able to lead the Titans with a score of 77 (39-38), for a third-place tie. Junior Ravi Amina marked an 83 (41-42) for 12th place, while sophomore Matt Hoover holed an 89 (44-45) for 17th. Junior David Horn also carded a 91 (44-47) for 19th place. "The most disappointing event of the season was the Thiel invitational," states Hoover. "This was an event that we easily could have won had we played to the best of our abilities."

The second of the four competitions took place on Thursday, April 10, at the CMU Invitational, which was held at the Longue View Club. The Titans were able to claim fifth place out of six teams with a score of 318. Saint Vincent claimed first place with a score of 298.

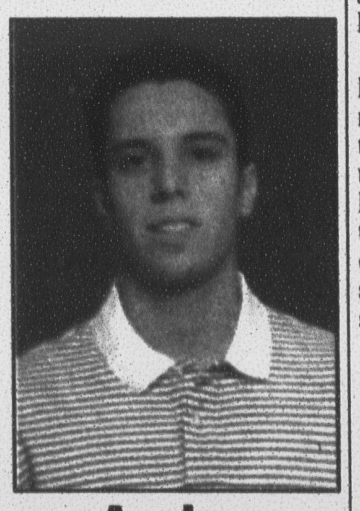
Amina again led the Titans by tying for eighth place with a 76 (38-38). Junior Nick Marzo claimed a 10th-place 77 (39-38) and sophomore Matt Hoover took 15th-place with a score of 82 (42-40). Sophomore Steve Previs and junior David Horn carded an 83 (42-41) for 17th and an 88 (45-43) for 28th, respectively. Meanwhile, two Westminster golfers played as individuals. Freshman Steven LaRue took 15th-place with an 82 and junior Jordan Flaim held 28th-place with an 88.

The next match was the Saint Vincent Invitational, which was held on Thursday, April 18 at the Latrobe Country Club. Westminster was able to take 10th place out of 18 teams with a score of 338. Saint Vincent claimed victory with a score of 309.

Amina holed an 82, leading the Titans while tying for 25th place overall. Marzo carded an 84, while Horn and freshman Steven LaRue each carded 86s. Sophomore Matt Hoover shot a 92.

The Titans' last meet was the PAC Championships, which was held on Monday, April 21 and Tuesday, April 22 at the Oak Tree Country Club in West Middlesex, Pa. Out of 7 teams, the Titans claimed 3rd place with two round total of 648 (320-328). These scores were included in their 8-round total of 2642 which was used to determine a champion.

Marzo led the Titans with a 16th-place 476 by scoring 78s in each day of the finals. Amina came in 17th place with a 481 by shooting 76 and an 83 on Monday and Tuesday. Although the season has come to an end for the men's golf team, they look forward to another great season next year.



Amina

Lady Titans defeat crucial conference opponent

By Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

The softball team faced President's Athletic Conference (PAC) opponent Bethany Saturday, April 19 and then went on to compete with another PAC team, Waynesburg, on Monday, April 21.

The Titans picked up two crucial wins against Bethany (7-3 PAC, 15-15 overall) and later lost both games in a doubleheader against Waynesburg (7-5 PAC, 15-15 overall). Following the two games, the Titans' record was 5-5 in the PAC and 18-11 overall.

"We knew exactly what we had to do to defeat Bethany," junior Elena Antonucci said. "We played one pitch at a time, and nobody tried to be the hero. In the first game, everyone was able to stay strong and focused through all ten innings and that helped a lot. The heart and determination is what drove us to sweep Bethany."

The Titans played host to the Bison and won the first game with a score of 2-1 in ten innings, while the second game ended in five innings with a score of 9-1.

Sophomore Addie Parker led the offense in the first game with three of the 13 Titan hits. Sophomores Jennifer Emery and Sarah Woodward scored one run apiece. Emery also pitched a complete ten-inning game with one run off seven hits, five strikeouts and no walks.

Senior Maria Joseph, freshman Ashley Beltz and junior Amy Cornicelli led the Titans in the second game with two hits apiece, contributing to the team's overall nine runs on nine hits. Freshman Amber Crompton pitched five innings with one run off five hits, four strikeouts and no walks.

The Titans traveled to Waynesburg, where they lost the first game 1-9 and lost the second game 6-4.

"I felt as if the team as a whole was not prepared for the Waynesburg games," Antonucci said. "I'm not exactly sure why though. We just came off of a big win on Saturday, but for some reason we seemed unsure of ourselves. Sometimes playing it too safe can hurt your team this far into the season, and with this much on the line."

Emery scored the Titans' lone run in the first game, but suffered the pitching loss with nine runs on seven hits in four innings with no strikeouts and one walk.

Waynesburg's Kramer led the team with two hits, while teammate Minor pitched five innings with one run off three hits with five strikeouts and one walk.

Parker and Cornicelli led the Titans in the second game with two hits each. Freshman Lis Schulz pitched six innings with five runs off 13 hits, three strikeouts and one walk.

The Yellow Jackets' Baughman walked away with the pitching win with four runs on nine hits, three strikeouts and one walk. Baughman also led the Yellow Jackets offense alongside teammate Minor with three hits apiece.

The Titans return to action Saturday, April 26 when they travel to compete with PAC opponent Washington & Jefferson. W&J currently holds the first place position in the conference.

Titan baseball maintains second place standing in PAC

By Andrew Kubincanek
Sports Writer

The Titans advanced to 18-12 (5-3 in the PAC) after a sweep against Case Western Reserve and splits with Bethany and Thomas More.

The Titans split with Thomas More on Tuesday, April 22, winning the first game 4-1 and losing the second 4-14. On April 19, the team split with Bethany, another PAC opponent, by winning 15-7 in the first and losing 7-8 in the second. The following day, the Titans swept Case Western Reserve with scores of 5-3 and 18-10.

"[Our] biggest strength is clutch hitting and pitching," said senior pitcher Scott Carney.

The Titans jumped ahead in the first Bethany game with five runs in the fifth inning. David Colella and Thomas Fee hit three runs apiece, leading the team. In the second game, Carney kept Bethany from scoring more than two runs for eight innings. Westminster led 7-2 in the eighth before Bethany scored six runs to win.

"Everyone was devastated in the game two loss," Carney said. "...knocked the wind right out of the team, but we quickly rebounded with a sweep of Case Western the following day."

The team rebounded from a 1-3 deficit, scoring in the fifth, sixth and seventh innings to take a 5-3 lead. Senior Donnie Womeldorff tied the game and also hit the game winner. Three players, senior Mike Busin, junior John Izzo and sophomore Dan Argiro, each had three hits in the second game. The team registered 16 hits overall in the 18-10 win.

Westminster took an early lead with three runs in the second inning against Thomas More. The Titans added on one more run in the bottom of the eighth inning for a 4-1 victory. The second game was a completely different story, as Matt Koopman pitched a no-hitter for over five innings for Thomas More. After scoring five runs in the first inning, Thomas More continued to dominate until the game ended at 14-4. Although the magnitude of the defeat was unexpected, Carney predicted the outcome prior to the game.

"The worst case scenario is to split with them," he said.

Thomas More remained in first place in the PAC with a 7-1 record (19-9 overall). Westminster also remained in second place, ahead of Grove City and Thiel. The team split with Thiel earlier in the season. W&J, Waynesburg and Bethany are currently at the bottom of the conference.

The team will travel to Grove City on April 26 for a noon game. Grove City is currently 13-10 and 5-3 in the PAC after Tuesday's games against Geneva. Last season, the Titans defeated Grove City three times.

Penguins Playoff Prowess

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

Like Republicans and Democrats, the Pittsburgh Penguins and the New York Rangers are as opposite as it gets.

For starters, the Pens rely on a plethora of young talent, whereas the Rangers success will primarily be determined by the play of veterans. The Penguin young guns include Sidney Crosby, Evgeni Malkin, Jordan Staal, and Kris Letang. For the Penguins to win this series, they will have to receive their biggest contributions from the NHL's best duo, Crosby and Malkin.

Conversely, Ranger vets Jaromir Jagr, Scott Gomez, Chris Drury, and Brendan Shanahan will be relied on to provide the bulk of the scoring in New York's systematic and methodical attack. The scary factor with this veteran group is that all four of these guys know how to win in the postseason. Jagr with the Pens, Gomez with the Devils, and Shanahan with the Red Wings, have all hoisted Lord Stanley's cup.

One of the oldest clichés in sports will no doubt be discussed heading into this pivotal series. The debate of "rest versus rust," will certainly be brought to the forefront. The Penguins will have been idle for over a week by the time this series opens. The Rangers, who played five games as opposed to four in the first series, will have been idle for two less days than the Pens.

Rest is going to be remembered as the best thing that happened to the Penguins. The rest will allow Crosby more time for his ankle to heal and rest will help Gary Roberts, who missed the final two games of first round, to rest his ailing groin.

Another intriguing intangible for two Ranger players is the idea of playing against their former team. For Jagr and Marin Straka, who both played for the Pens in past seasons, this series will be extremely emotionally charged.

Although Jagr received criticism for his play during most of the regular season, he turned it on at season's end and has carried that momentum into the playoffs. In the five playoff games against the Devils, Jagr could not be stopped as he tallied as series high eight points. The opportunity to knock their former team to out of Stanley Cup contention could transform two veterans into the energetic players they were back in their Pittsburgh days.

While all of these elements will help decide this series, the bout between the pipes is probably the most important factor. This match-up features two of the NHL's hottest net minders in Marc-Andre Fleury and Henrik Lundqvist.

Fleury has been the best goalie in the NHL since returning from injury, displaying solid play not only in the regular season, but in the playoffs. However, with three straight Vezina Trophy nominations, Lundvist may be the better goalie in this series. It will be interesting to see if the series winner's goalie outperforms the loser's goalie. Certainly, I would expect this to be the case.

In the first round, all of the drama belonged to the two series the Penguins and Rangers were not a part of. This round will be drama time for both of these squads. The Rangers defensive strategy directly contrasts the offensive scheme employed by the Penguins, but the Pens have too much firepower on offense. As long as Fleury can match Lundqvist, I like the Penguins to take the series.

Just like the Democratic primary, this one's going to come right down to the wire; Penguins in seven.

Sports

GREEK WEEK BLITZ

Fraternity and sorority members unite campus

By Evangelina Figueroa
Campus Writer

Pull out your NOW CD's and get ready for Greek Week!

Greek Week is back again as the campus' ten Panhellic Council and Interfraternity Council organizations compete to be Greek Week Champion.

Greek Week, the friendly competition between the campus' five fraternities and five sororities, began Monday, April 21 and will continue through Saturday, April 26. With activities and competitions held in various locations all over the campus, all Greeks compete for the chance to be the Greek Week Champion.

Senior coordinators, Jim Jowers and Ashley Carnahan, and junior coordinators, Audra Adams and Chris Kadvan, have been preparing for Greek Week since fall semester.

"I'm excited for it and to see if all of our hard work will pay off," Junior/Senior Coordinator Jim Jowers said.

Greek Week is for the social fraternities and sororities of the campus. It is held to provide friendly competition, as well as a sign of unity among those individuals of Greek affiliation, according to Jowers.

Not only in fun but also philanthropy, Greek Week benefits Cystic Fibrosis, Claire Hartne, and the Lynch and Sentner families with its Greek Penny War fundraiser held in the TUB during Greek Week.

The first event during Greek Week was the climbing wall. Track and relays followed. Throughout the week, sporting events such as swimming, volleyball, tug of war, kickball and 3-on-3 basketball games were held.

Sigma Kappa's Miss Titan, Greek Idol, Anything That Floats, Eating Contest and Greek Feud were held to raise money and showcase other Greek skills.

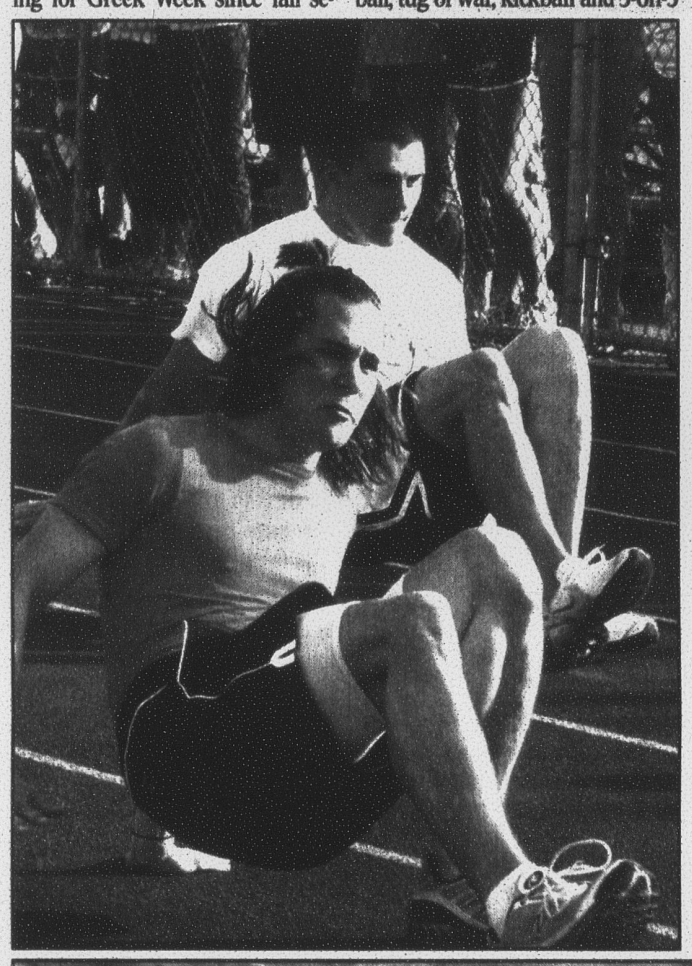
The final event, Sing N' Swing and Awards Ceremony, is scheduled for April, 26 in Orr Auditorium at 8 p.m.

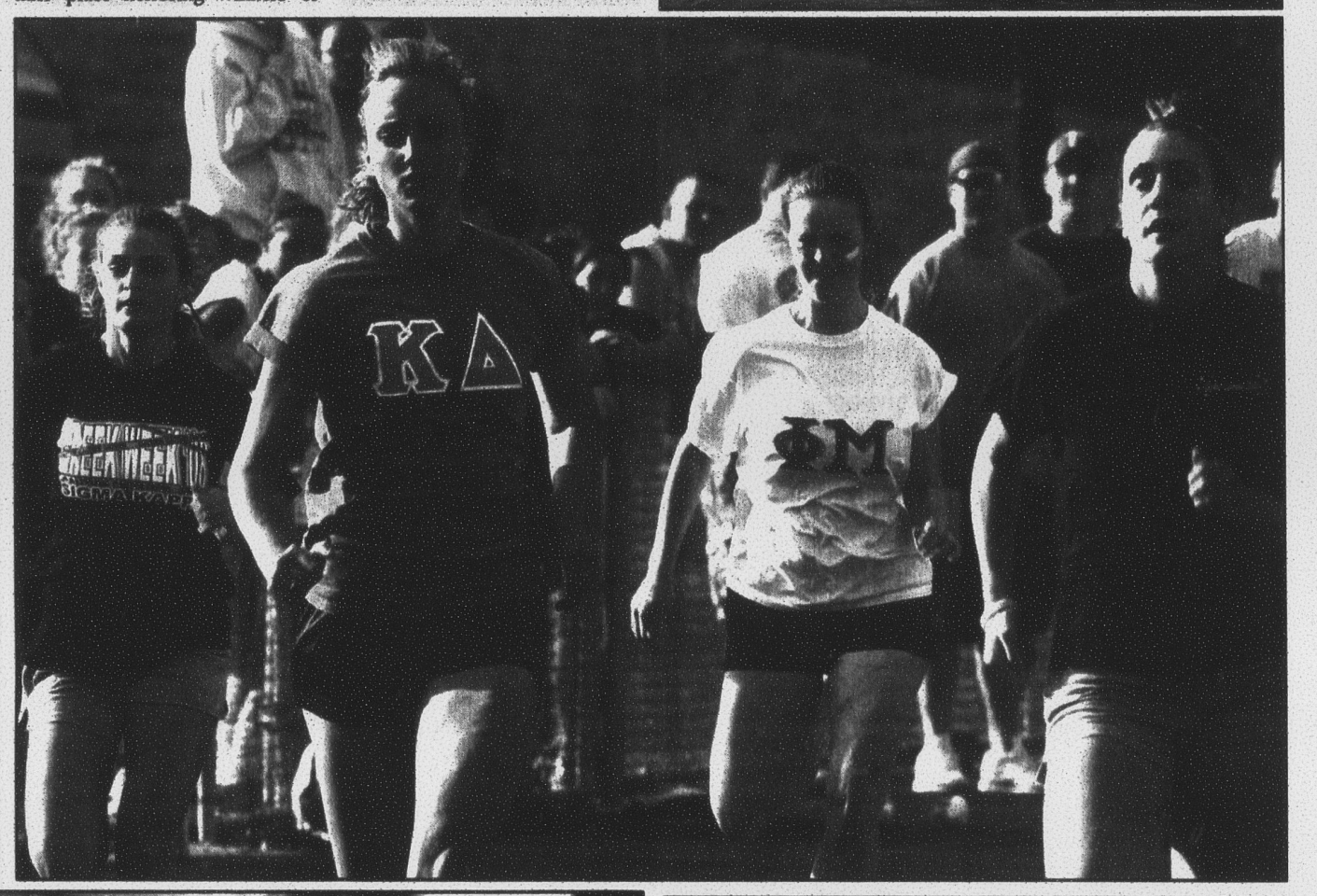
Sing N' Swing is open to everyone including independents. With this year's theme being NOW CD's, each sorority and fraternity was allotted two hours for practice during Greek Week in order to prepare for the final event.

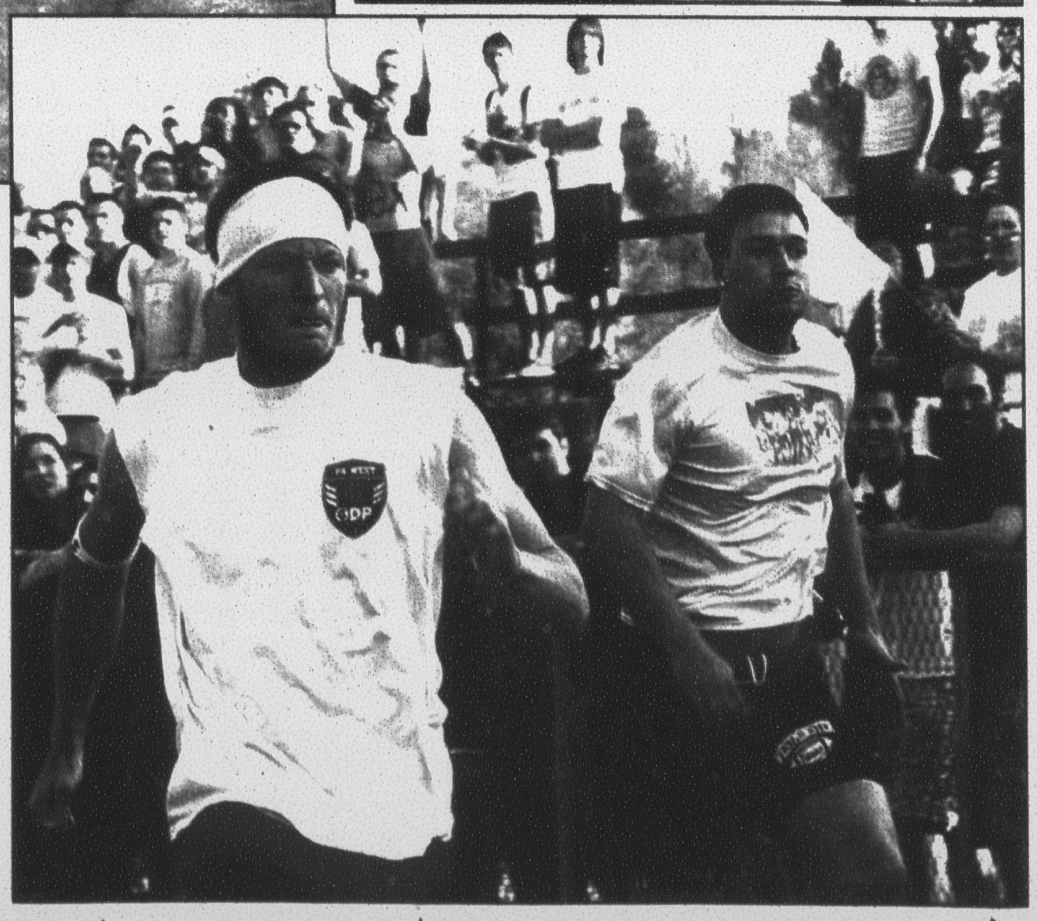
The sisters of Sigma Kappa and the brothers of Theta Chi will be featured in Sing N' Swing as they defend their title as last year's Sing N' Swing winners.

During the Sing N' Swing event, the awards ceremony will take place honoring winners of certain categories. Categories along with last years winners include the Most Valuable Player Awards, given to Kelly Spisak of Alpha Gamma Delta and Adam Leech of Sigma Phi Epsilon, and Greek Week Champion, which went to Alpha Gamma Delta and Sigma Nu last year. Greek Week will honor other awards such as the Spirit Award, Sportsmanship Award, Sing N' Swing Winner and Greek Service Award.

"With this being my first year, I'm actually excited about participating. I am looking forward to seeing all of the events and people having fun," freshman Amanda Gayetsky said. "I wish everyone luck!"







CALENDAR

Friday, April 25, 2008

ARBOR DAY

EARTH WEEK

FAFSA Form Deadline is May 1

Greek Week

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Greek Week Penny Wars for Greek God and Goddess (MCC TUB)

11:30 AM College Feminists Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

11:40 AM Career Seminar (MCC Mueller Theater)

11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

12:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Exec Meeting (MCC Weisel Conference Room 255)

6:00 PM Chemistry Department's Banquet (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

6:00 PM Greek Week Greek Spelling Bee (MCC Club/Lounge)

8:00 PM Combined WC Choirs and Warren Philharmonic Orchestra Perform Giuseppi Verdi's Requiem (Stambaugh Auditorium in Youngstown)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Cloverfield (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Love in the Time of Cholera (MCC Mueller Theater)

Saturday, April 26, 2008

EARTH WEEK

FAFSA Form Deadline is May 1

Greek Week

TBA Men's Track & Field @ PAC Championships (at Wash. & Jeff.)

TBA Women's Track & Field @ PAC Championships (at Wash. & Jeff.)

9:00 AM Earth Day 5K Benefit Run/Walk (Memorial Field House)

10:30 AM Eart Week Event: Nature Hike Guided by Ann Throckmorton (Meet at the Brittain Lake Boathouse)

12:00 PM Baseball @ Grove City*

1:00 PM Softball @ Washington & Jefferson*

6:00 PM Mass – NOTE CHANGE IN TIME (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Love in the Time of Cholera (MCC Mueller Theater)

8:00 PM Sing 'n' Swing (Orr Auditorium)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Cloverfield (MCC Mueller Theater)

Sunday, April 27, 2008

FAFSA Form Deadline is May 1

ORTHODOX EASTER

1:00 PM Baseball @ Lake Erie

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Alpha Gamma Delta Mother/Daughter Picnic (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

3:00 PM Concert Choir and Chamber Singers Concert (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Love in the Time of Cholera (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:00 PM Vespers (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Cloverfield (MCC Mueller Theater)

Monday, April 28, 2008

All Day Events

FAFSA Form Deadline is May 1

TBA Men's Golf @ Grove City Invitational

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Parking Decals for 08-09 Available for Next-Year Seniors (MCC Information Desk)

11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

12:00 PM Holcad Staff Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

4:00 PM SOFTBALL v. Penn State-Altoona

4:00 PM Religious Life Council Meeting (Old Main 213)

9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

FAFSA Form Deadline is May 1

Newman Club Meeting

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Parking Decals for 08-09 Available for Next-Year Seniors and Juniors (MCC Information Desk)

12:40 PM Department Chairs Meeting (OM 213)

1:00 PM Baseball @ Hiram

4:00 PM Softball @ Hiram

4:15 PM Allies Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

5:00 PM ODK First-Year Reception (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

5:30 PM College Democrats Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)

6:30 PM Japanese Anime Club (TC 210)

7:00 PM Jacob Erhardt International Film Festival: Ikiru (Japanese, 1952) (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:30 PM Men's and Women's Choruses Concert (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

9:40 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting (TC 314)

Wednesday, April 30, 2008

FAFSA Form Deadline is May 1

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Parking Decals for 08-09 Available for Next-Year Seniors, Juniors, and Sophomores (MCC Information Desk)

11:45 AM Faires Faculty Forum: Pamela Richardson, Nonassociative Algebra (Or, How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Parentheses) (MCC Mueller Theater)

11:45 AM Future Media Professionals Meeting (Thompson Clark 210)

4:00 PM Academic Standards Committee Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

4:15 PM Green Party Meeting (MCC Weisel Conference Room 255)

5:15 PM CPC Meeting (MCC Club)

6:45 PM Newman Club Exec Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

7:00 PM SGA Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:30 PM Alpha Kappa Delta Event with Guest Speaker (Phillips Lecture Hall)

7:30 PM Habitat for Humanity Chapter Meeting (MCC 255)

7:30 PM Piano Showcase Recital: Nancy DeSalvo (Orr Auditorium)

9:30 PM Seekers Meeting (MCC Club/Lounge)

Thursday, May 1, 2008

FAFSA Form Deadline is May 1 is TODAY

12:40 PM COC Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

12:45 PM National Day of Prayer Worship (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

1:00 PM SLAC Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Room)

4:30 PM Mass – Holy Day of Obligation (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

5:00 PM College Republicans Meeting

(PH 231)

5:30 PM BSU Meeting (MCC Weisel Conference Room 255)

7:00 PM Gospel Choir (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

8:00 PM Amnesty International's Amnesty (MCC Berlin Lounge)

9:00 PM Amnesty International Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

Friday, May 2, 2008

TBA Softball @ PAC Tournament (hosted by top seed)

11:30 AM College Feminists Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)

11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

12:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Exec Meeting

(MCC Weisel Conference Room 255)

7:30 PM Combined Bands Concert (Orr Auditorium)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Definitely, Maybe (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Fool's Gold (MCC Mueller Theater)

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ARIES (March 21 - April 19):
The news that you have been waiting on finally comes through. Take time to celebrate and share your report or update with peers.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):
Your financial picture looks promising this week. Act now to join an exciting business venture or to discover how to best invest your money.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21):
You are feeling emotionally secure and confident from the inside out. Bury all doubts or fears and stick your neck out on a novel project or idea.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22):
Some very valuable subconscious information is made available to you. Tap in and uncover a wealth of knowledge that will enhance your life.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):
Your judgment is somewhat clouded by unresolved feelings. Heed the advice of friends or associates who have a better view of the situation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):
A business meeting or discussion brings important information to light. Pay attention, take notes and offer your insights or suggestions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23):
It is up to you to decipher a variety of opinions from colleagues or peers. Keep an open mind and shy away from prematurely passing judgment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21):
Set the record straight about a family secret or plans for possible investments. Speak openly and graciously to clear the air.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):
Assert yourself with a partner or mate and get the last word in a discussion. Articulate your point and make sure that it is well understood.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):
Your body will send special signals to you to indicate what is going on. Listen with a purpose and pay attention to how you are feeling.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):
Camaraderie will bring you closer to goal achievement and success on the social level. Join forces with friends or loved ones and have a great time.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):
Look for opportunities or assignments that will allow you to work from the comfort of your own home this week. Plan to relax and prosper beyond expectations.

If your birthday is this week:
smile and welcome opportunities for rebirth or new growth during the coming year. Do not hesitate to seize the moment and move forward to embrace many exciting, ideas and concepts. Educational pursuits are also encouraged as information or presentations are delivered with a special ease. Make note of lessons learned through relationships or friendly interactions on the social level.

Also born this week:
Charlie Watts, Lalaine, Angelina Jolie, Kenny G, Thomas Mann, Frank Lloyd Wright and Johnny Depp.

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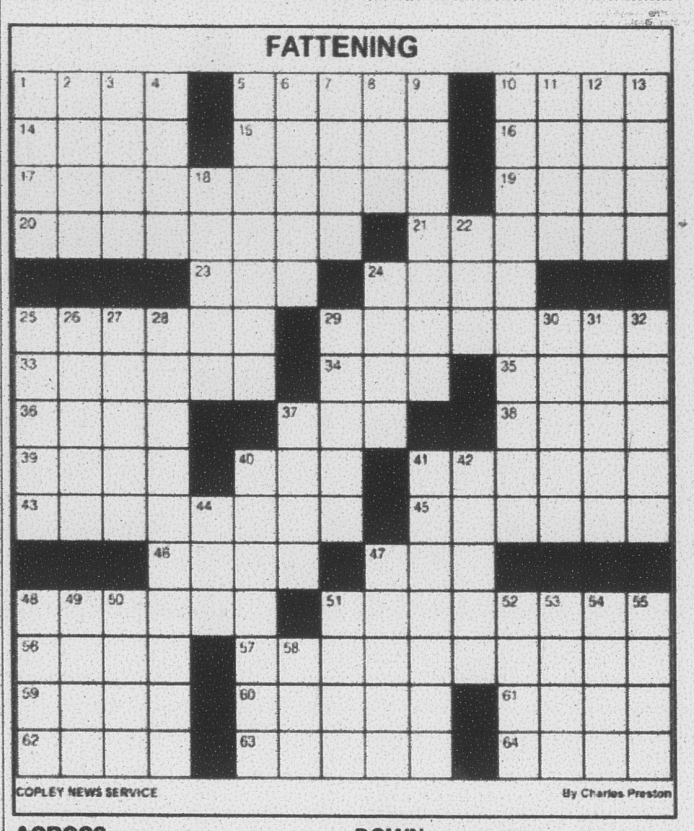

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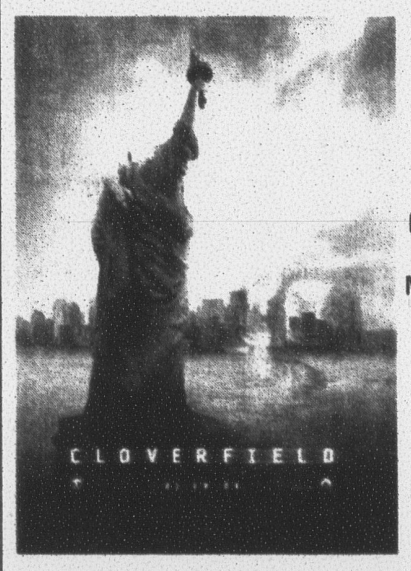

Movies Playing at Mueller Theater

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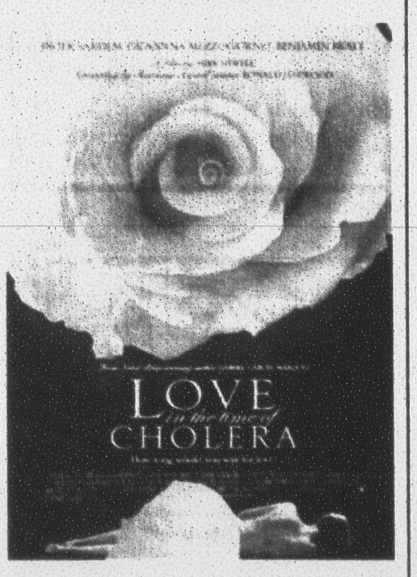

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Movies provided by Club Room
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Late Night in the Club Room
Monday - 8 PM to 1 AM
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Arts & Entertainment

Muse upholds reputation with latest album release, *HAARP*

Chris Lehberger
A&E Editor

At 21 years of age, today is the first day I've ever seen a map of the United Kingdom. Yes, I know it may seem that my elementary education system must have failed me. However, I owe my inspiration of typing in "map of the United Kingdom" in my Yahoo! toolbar to a certain band that has slowly shaped my musical taste as the Colorado River shaped the Grand Canyon–Muse.

In my existential life as a 21-year old, Muse has been a band I've upheld in a great sense of wonderment; from the cascading sonic blips on "Stockholm Syndrome" to the night-time brilliance of "Map of the Problematique." But through building this house of cards known as my life, I've come to realize that in order procure a true understanding of a band's music, you must see them live.

For me, the band's newest live effort, *HAARP*, is as close to a live experience as I've yet to have with Muse, and with that, it is also much better than many concerts I have attended, despite my perception being channeled through a flat plasma screen. In sum, *HAARP* is as breath-taking as a live DVD can be.

This review has been stuttering to enter a proper opening. The truth is that preparing to comment on an experience such as *HAARP* is like describing the inside of a hurricane from a first person point of view. The cinematography is staggering, with

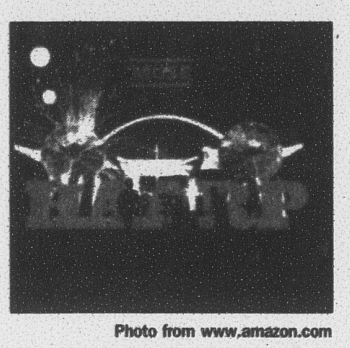

Photo from www.amazon.com

the eccentric presence of lead-vocalist Sir Matthew Bellamy juxtaposed against a massive screen of flashing lights, with two neatly placed satellites adorning both sides of the stage. Live, the band's music is compounded in extravagance, instituting an even heavier grandeur on "Butterflies and Hurricanes" and further frustrating the qualms of guitar entrepreneurship on "Supper Massive Black Hole;" Bellamy is a maestro for a front-man.

Bellamy's wonderful idiosyncrasy aside, the product of Christopher Wolstenholme's bass-lines and Dominic Howard's forthright skin-pounding is utterly visionary. Live, the true musical genius of the three-piece is understood with an exclamation point, adding inklings of improvisation throughout (see: the close of "New Born") and keeping no stringent musical walls. The stage production itself amplifies this practice to the point of using a robot as a stage hand (see: the end of "Invincible").

In the midst of this sonic depth, with most songs driven by intensity, the band takes a stride and slows things down with "Soldiers Poem," a step that may let the audience slip into ennui. However, with the introduction of acrobats floating through the air on giant balloons in "Blackout," the audience is again left with nothing to do but pick their jaws up from the floor.

It's true that the UK has spawned some of the best rock and roll artists to date, from legends Pink Floyd and Led Zeppelin; rock and roll seems to be engrained in the white blood cells pulsing through the blue blood of this small archipelago. Muse is a continuation of this tradition of excellence, and London a symbol of the band's prodigious history. *HAARP* is nonetheless an essential piece to any Muse fan's collection, whether he or she may be the band's biggest super-fan or merely a Muse dabbler.

Photo from www.myspace.com

Chris is a junior public relations major who's addicted to *LOST* and *the Office*, and despite being a writing minor, can't finish books. Or sing. At all.

Chris' Rating: ★★★★☆

Everybody is Kung Fu Fighting, again

By Brett Gerthoffer
A&E Writer

It takes a lot of hard work, worthwhile cinematography, and an in depth story to make a great Chinese martial arts film like *The Forbidden Kingdom*. Jet Li and Jackie Chan star in this finely tuned semi-epic martial arts flick filled with intense fighting scenes and various dabs of humor (with a cast involving Jackie Chan, these days you are surely guaranteed some goofy giggles).

The story begins in present day with a teenage boy who lives and breathes kung fu movies. Countless dreams of a master to the kung fu arts flutter into the teenage boy's mind. Although Jason has no idea who this "Monkey King" he dreams about is ,he will soon be cast into a world he could only ever dream of. This so called "Monkey King" played by Jet Li is a lone warrior who fights the Jade Warlord's troops atop the Five Elements Mountains lying in the heavens. Residing in the temple of the Five Elements are immortal Chinese warriors and lords who hold mystical powers and everlasting life giving to them by a magical elixir. The Monkey King, who acts kind of like a monkey as he fights and is quite entertaining to watch kick butt and laugh at, visits the lord of the five element temple. Amused and bewildered by his unique fighting skills he tells the Jade Warlord to give him the elixir of immortality. The Warlord however has other plans for him.

They engage in an intense battle scene where the Jade Warlord ultimately deceives the Monkey King and turns him into stone. Just before this happens the Monkey King casts away his magical bow staff to the middle lands far from the temple. Since the Monkey King is immortal, however, he will remain alive as a stone statue until someone returns to him the staff. This is where Jason comes in. After a visit to a Chinese pawn shop that he goes to everyday to buy kung fu movies he sees the staff in a back room. The old Chinese man who works there tells him that a seeker will come and return it to the rightful owner. When a couple of thug teenagers rob the poor old man and shoot him Jason runs away with the staff when he falls off the top of the building with the staff and wakes up in an ancient Chinese era.

The Jade, army shortly after Jason's arrival, storm the village while a drunk Jacki Chan comes

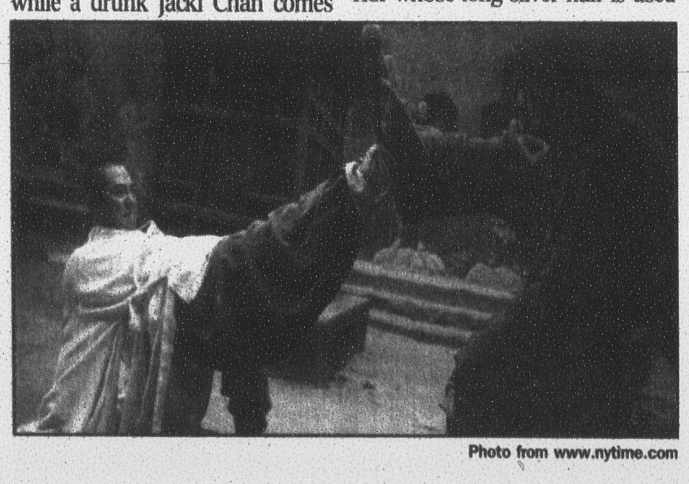

Photo from www.nytime.com

and saves the day. After Jacki tells Jason all about the staff and its powers, they set out together to save the Monkey King. Throughout their journey they will be accompanied by a Silent Monk played by Jet Li (wait he has two roles?) and a beautiful young Chinese female warrior played by Juana Collignon. Don't worry you'll find out why Jet Li is seen as two different people.

Finally a movie with two of the greatest Chinese martial arts fighters and actors working together. I'm sure many people including myself have been waiting for the day these two will work together. Li and Chan worked together like clock work in this film with awesome choreographed epic fight scenes and many humorous actions and dialogues that easily complimented each other. A constantly drunk Jacki Chan will surely tickle your funny bones. The cinematography of *The Forbidden Kingdom* is absolutely gorgeous and the storyline holds accurate Chinese cultures and fighting styles. The visual effects were exceptional and fun to see. Many of the immortals have mystical powers to manipulate the battles they fight, including a Jade witch warrior whose long silver hair is used as a whip-like weapon. Make sure you pay attention to the old man from the pawn shop for he may look quite familiar.

There is not a single moment of disappointment in *The Forbidden Kingdom*. It has a great mix of a fantastic story with many awesome action and humor scenes to make this film quite exceptional. If you enjoy the humor of Jacki Chan (and even a little bit from Jet Li this time around) and the amount of ass these two can kick in one sitting then you will easily enjoy this awesome movie.

Brett's Rating: ★★★★☆

Concert Calendar:

Rock out with your favorite artists at these upcoming local shows!

Bolded dates are new shows.

April

27: 7:00 p.m. Chiodos w/MXPX @ Club Zoo
29: 7:00 p.m. Mayday Parade w/ My American Heart @ Diesel
30: 7:00 p.m. The Maine w/ Danger Radio @ Diesel
30: 8:00 p.m. Van Halen @ Mellon Arena
31: 7:30 p.m. Blue Man Group @ The Bryce Jordan Center

May

1: 7:00 p.m. All Time Low w/ The Rocket Summer @ Diesel
2: 8:00 p.m. Bouncing Souls w/ The Gaslight Anthem @ Mr. Smalls Theatre
2: 7:30 p.m. Third Day @ Orchard Hill Church
5: 7:00 p.m. Children of Bodom w/ Into Eternity @ Mr. Smalls Theatre
9: 7:30 PM - Gretchen Wilson @ Harv Arena at Mountaineer
10: 6:00 p.m.: The Devil Wears Prada @ Perry-Hi Way Hose Company
10: 8:00 p.m.: Tegan & Sara @ Palace Theater
12: 7:00 pm.: Liars @ Diesel
14: 8:00 p.m. Thrice w/ Circa Survive @ Club Zoo
16: 8:00 p.m. Flyleaf @ Mr. Smalls Theatre
18: 7:00 p.m. Tantric w/ Framing Hanley @ Diesel
30: 8:00 p.m. Coheed and Cambria w/ Baroness @ Gravity Nightclub at Ches-Arena
31: 7:00 p.m. Dave Matthews Band @ Post-Gazette Pavilion

June

3: 7:00 PM - The Spill Canvas w/ Steel Train @ Mr. Smalls
3: 7:00 PM - Person L (feat. Kenny Vasoli of The Starting Line) @ Diesel
6: 7:00 p.m. Over The Rhine @ Diesel *21 and over
7: 8:00 p.m. Bob Saget @ The Palace Theatre of Greensburg
10: 7:30 p.m. Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers @ Post-Gazette Pavilion
12: 7:00 p.m. Valencia @ Stratus Niteclub
13: 8:00 p.m. Death Cab For Cutie @ Plain- Dealer Pavilion
15: 7:00 p.m. Cute Is What We Aim For @ Club Diesel 21 and over
21: 7:00 PM - The Clarks @ Post-Gazette Pavilion

July

3: 6:30 p.m. Demon Hunter w/ Living Sacrifice @ Mr. Smalls Theatre
26: 7:00 pm. Foo Fighters @ Peterson Events Center

August

4: 7:30 p.m. Radiohead @ Blossom Music Center

Staff Recs

You're sure to be entertained with these picks:

***Time Is Fiction* - Edison Glass**

A breath of fresh air in a closed off gym filled with sweating football players.

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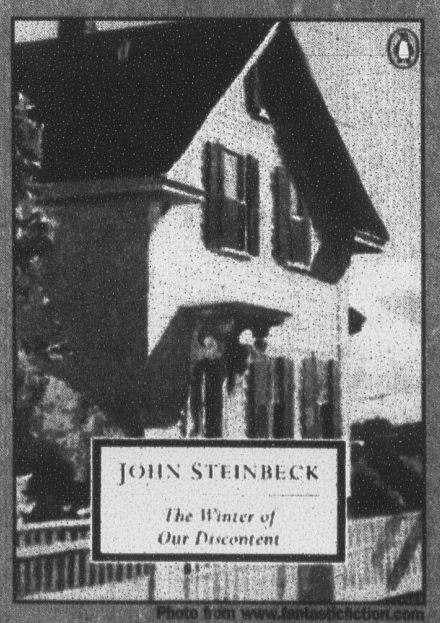

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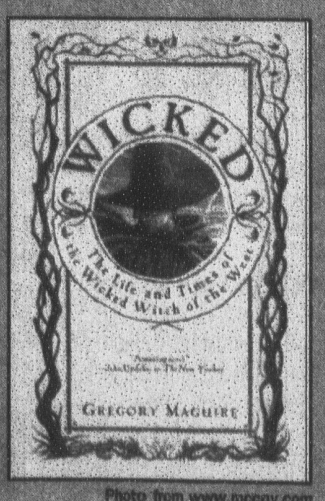
***The Winter of Our Discontent* - John Steinbeck.**

Don't let the title fool you. This inward novel will grab you harder than Steve Burns' affinity for tuna fish.

***Wicked*- Gregory Maguire**

A great work on the trials of friendship and acceptance. A must read from Maguire that will leave you spell bound.



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Arts & Entertainment

Thrice proves greatness with *Alchemy Index: Vols I &II*

By Max Muska
A&E Writer

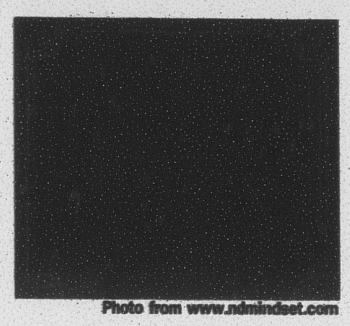
Concept albums are fairly common among rock bands. Some bands, such as Coheed and Cambria, base their entire career on a concept. Other bands decide at some point in their careers to focus on a specific concept for a record. Thrice is the latest band to jump on this bandwagon, but they have done something a little different: four E.P.s, each based on one of the four elements of nature, released in two installments, with the title *The Alchemy Index. Vols. I and II, Fire and Water*, were released in October, 2007. Due to the use of synthesizers and other new instruments, these are quite different from anything thrice has done in the past, but something seemed to be missing from the two E.P.s.

The second installment, *Air and Earth*, was released on April 15, 2008. The two E.P.s are much more solid than their predecessors.

Vol. III

Air has an indie rock/old-school emo feel. The tracks are atmospheric like the ones from the first installment, but the majority of the emotional content comes from the guitars, not the synths.

The first three songs are the record's strongest. "Broken Lungs" begins with a calm clean guitar riff. The calm sound continues through the distorted chorus, which is followed by an interlude featuring a simple guitar melody doubled by a xylophone. The bridge is much heavier, like some of the tracks on Fire and The Artist in the Ambulance, but with more artistic depth.



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"The Sky Is Falling" has a more upbeat tempo and a dance-able rhythm. Yet, through the use of heavy reverb and dissonant melodies, the song has a melancholy feel. The background melodies of the piano and synthesized horn add to the uneasiness of the track.

My favorite song by far is "A Song For Milly Michaelson," a stripped down, ballad-like track. The majority of the song consists of a single guitar rhythm and vocals. A piano and various other synth sounds are heard briefly in the background, contributing to the ballad feel. The chorus lyrics are beautiful and fit well with the ballad feel of the melody: "Here we go, hold on tight and don't let go/I won't ever let you fall/I love the night, flying o'er these city lights/But I love you most of all."

The remaining three tracks are well-done, but are very odd. The chord progressions are strange, and the reverb is used a little too heavily.

Vol. IV

Earth is radically different from the other three volumes and all of Thrice's other albums. All six tracks sound like old folk songs. Three of the songs are acoustic guitar driven and the other three are piano-based.

Vocalist Dustin Kensrue's lyrics are deeply Christian on this record. Some songs deal with the struggles of life, especially of living in such a corrupt world. But others give a message of hope and rest. "Come All You Weary" and "Child of Dust" reference Bible verses directly.

The stripped down nature of these tracks partnered with the *Air* tracks proves that Thrice can construct wonderful melodies using various musical styles and instruments. Even those who have not been Thrice fans in the past will be able to enjoy this album.

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Band members:
Teppei Teranishi – Guitar,
Ed Breckenridge – Bass,
Dustin Kensrue – Vocals/Guitar,
Riley Breckenridge - Drums

Max's Rating ★★★★☆

Jon Foreman brings us into Spring with latest release

By Ben Portz
A&E Writer

Earlier this year, I did an article on Jon Foreman, (also known as the lead singer from Switchfoot) and his seasonal *EP's*. At the time, it was winter and I wrote on his *Winter EP*, and was quite impressed with it, hoping that it wasn't a one hit wonder. In case you've forgotten, these *EP's* sound and reflect moods of the season in which they are titled after. Quite self-explanatory. Now, at a time of blossoming flowers and on the verge of school to be let out for the summer, Jon has come out with a very hopeful *Spring EP*.

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Photo from www.soulshine.com

Once again, this *EP* contains stripped down versions of Switchfoot-like songs, with similar messages. Jon's calm but yet raspy voice fit extremely well with his acoustic guitar throughout. The first song entitled "March (A Prelude to Spring)" is exactly what the title says it is. This minute and a half waltz incorporates horns and bells along with Jon's vocals to get across the message of hope. This simple track talks about the worries of the world, and when all else fails, "time still marches on" as Jon proclaims. The next track is entitled "Love Isn't Made". This song like the rest has a positive meaning regarding a very happy topic, love. Jon writes about the struggles of love, and that it is not given to us, but that we need to work for and through it. And when finally loved, it is the greatest thing ever. One of my favorite tracks on the *EP* is the second to last one called "Your Love is Strong" talking about none other than the Lord our Savior. The chorus is only one phrase; that being the title of the song. The simplicity of the song mixed with probably the catchiest chorus out of any of Jon's songs is so powerful. This song is about trust and that through anything, God will carry you through those hard times. Although quite ambiguous, no one can go wrong with a message like that.

Overall, Jon's artistic work continues to be great to listen to on a chill afternoon, or late at night. If you are into acoustic music, with spiritual meanings, this *EP* is for you. I definitely look forward to Foreman's final seasonal *EP*, which he plans to be releasing this summer, and will be titled none other than *Summer*. Very appropriate, Jon.

Ben's Rating: ★★★☆☆

Hard to forget Sarah Marshall

Photo from www.nytime.com

By Erik Chesney
A&E Writer

The latest production from Judd Apatow, the guy who produced favorites *40 Year Old Virgin* and *Superbad*, is *Forgetting Sarah Marshall*. Starring most of the ensemble from those previous films, the story centers on Peter Bretter (Jason Segel, who also wrote the movie) who is a soundtrack composer dating Sarah Marshall (Kristen Bell), the star of CSI-like "Crime Scene."

Obviously, the forgetting part of the title comes into play, because Sarah dumps Peter (during a rather uncomfortable scene with some full-frontal male nudity) and he can't seem to get over her. Following the advice of his brother Brian (Bill Heder), Peter goes to Hawaii to get away and get over Sarah. In cliché of all movie clichés, Sarah is of course staying at the same hotel with her new boyfriend, lead singer of rock band Infant Sorrow Aldous Snow (Russell Brand).

Peter becomes interested in hotel hostess Rachel Jansen (Mila Kunis), and awkward situations ensue, such as a double date with Peter, Rachel, Sarah, and Aldous. Filmed in Hawaii, the location makes for some beautiful cinematography and opportunities for Apatow staple actors such as Jonah Hill and Paul Rudd to make comical appearances as a waiter and stoner surf instructor, respectively.

Like its counterparts, *Forgetting Sarah Marshall* is filled with memorable quotes and true-to-life comedy. Those who like *Superbad*, *Knocked Up*, and the rest will certainly find this film up to par if not better, and those who complain about a lack of male nudity in film will certainly be satisfied.

Erik's Rating: ★★★★☆

Hollywood animal trainer distraught over fatal bear attack

Associated Press

BIG BEAR LAKE, Calif. (AP) _ The owner of a wild animal training center where a grizzly bear killed a handler says the animal is a "loving, affectionate, friendly, safe bear," but he is at a loss to explain how a "simple routine" turned tragic.

In an emotional phone interview with The Associated Press late Wednesday, Randy Miller said he was overwhelmed with grief at the death of his cousin, Stephan Miller, who was killed Tuesday during the filming of a promotional video at Randy Miller's Predators in Action center.

"It's ... killing me. We were brothers," Randy Miller said, close to tears.

Miller, who witnessed the attack, would not talk in detail about what happened, but said the bear, a 5-year-old male named Rocky, was trained to wrestle with experienced handlers.

"It's a playful behavior brought out on cue," he said.

But when Rocky suddenly bit his cousin in the neck, "it hit him in a very vulnerable spot. If it had hit his arm or something it would have been bad," but wouldn't have cost him his life, Miller said.

"It happened so fast," he said. "We did what we had to do to stop the bear. It took a matter of seconds to get him off, but it was too late."

Handlers used pepper spray to subdue the bear. Paramedics arriving shortly after the initial emergency call were unable to revive Stephan Miller.

A 911 recording documented desperate efforts to save him before paramedics arrived.

"He's bleeding heavily from his neck. ... We need someone here immediately," a woman told the operator, who directed emergency procedures while determining that the bear was contained.

"We gotcha; holding on to you, man," a male voice said before it was clear Stephan Miller was no longer breathing.

Matt Wilson, 18, a neighbor who lives up a dirt road from the animal center, said Randy Miller went to Wilson's family's house after the attack for comfort. Miller told Wilson's family his staff had been filming an advertisement when the bear attacked.

"They were filming it and the bear started licking (Stephan Miller's) face and then all of a sudden it just bit him," Wilson said. "He was just really upset and didn't know why it happened."

Randy Miller said he doesn't know what will happen to Rocky, who has performed in commercials and recently appeared in the Will Ferrell movie "Semi-Pro." In the meantime, the 700-pound, 7½-foot-tall bear remains in his cage.

The state Department of Fish and Game investigated the attack but will not decide whether the bear will be euthanized because the attack occurred outside its jurisdiction on a private site, department spokesman Harry Morse said.

State occupational safety officials are trying to determine if they have jurisdiction, said Kate McGuire, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Industrial Relations.

The center had its permits and was up to code, said San Bernardino Sheriff's spokeswoman Jodi Miller, who is not related to Randy or Stephan Miller.

The facility also houses two brown bears and a black bear, along with various snakes and reptiles, an alligator, crocodile, leopard, mountain lion, four African lions and four tigers.

Randy Miller built his Hollywood career by training wild animals to perform on cue and safely recreate legendary animal attacks for Discovery Channel and National Geographic documentary producers, including the tiger mauling of illusionist Roy Horn during a Siegfried & Roy show in Las Vegas.

"I'm not blaming the animal," Miller said of Rocky. "We're fast and efficient if there's a problem. These kinds of scenes I do _ we're putting ourselves in a vulnerable position a lot."

Hollywood filmmaker Nick Palumbo said he sometimes visited Stephan and Randy Miller while they worked with the grizzly.

"Stephan was my best friend. Anybody who killed him I would want to kill, but I don't believe the bear meant to hurt him," said Palumbo, adding that he was torn about what should happen to Rocky.

"Stephan loved the bear. He and his cousin raised it," Palumbo said.

He said his friend left behind a wife and two children.

Colleagues describe Randy Miller as a top-class trainer dedicated to safety and the care of his animals. Stephan Miller was also an experienced trainer, said Chemaine Almquist, founder of an exotic animal center in Phelan called Forever Wild and a friend of the Millers.

"He's always on the ball, making sure everything is extra safe," she said of Randy Miller. "He's always the one who says, 'You've got to do this, check the locks twice, you gotta wear pepper spray.' When I first found out, I was ready to throw up."

Features

Gettin' down and dirty with SSC

Students raise awareness about the environment through service

By Shannon Bobbert
Features Writer

There is one organization on campus that likes to get down and dirty for the environment. With campaigns titled "Do it in the Dark" and "Trashed," you might wonder what they are trying to achieve. It's no surprise to many students on campus, however, that these campaigns by the Sierra Student Coalition were effective, eye-catching, and solely dedicated to helping the environment.

The Sierra Student Coalition is involved in many service projects, from composting old newspapers in the TUB to highway cleanup. Their sometimes risqué slogans are created to catch the attention of those on campus–to make them do a double-take and become active for the environment.

I got the dirt on the Sierra Student Coalition from Leslie Bollibon and Cassandra Treshok, next year's co-president and secretary, respectively.

What are the goals of the Sierra Student Coalition?:

"Our main goal is raising awareness about the environment," Treshok says.

"We want to be active and make changes in ways which incorporate not only students on campus, but members the community as well. It's a lot of hands-on projects," adds Bollibon.

If you could give students one good reason to join, what would it be?:

"It's a great way to do something you're passionate about and form relationships with others who feel the same way about the environment," says Bollibon.

"Our club is so close-knit. When I first started coming to meetings as a freshman, I was a little uneasy and unsure of how much I wanted to contribute, Treshok says. "It's nice being in an organization where you share a common ground. Everyone in the Sierra Student Coalition is for the environment and protecting the environment. We do so many activities that it is very easy to become familiar with the group really fast."

What can students take away from the experience of being involved in the Sierra Student Coalition?:

"You take away a lot more awareness. I just came in this year and I already feel like I know so much more about what's going on. I care about the environment and I feel like I'm finally doing something about it," Bollibon says.

"Before I joined the organization I supported the environment, but once I joined I learned so much. Before I thought that organic food was just healthy food, I didn't know that it was made without the use of pesticides and chemicals. I've learned so much that my position on environmental issues has become even stronger," Treshok says.

If you had to explain to students the importance of what the Sierra Student Coalition does, why would you say our little patch of green is worth saving?:

"I think we just take it for granted that things are how they are–that we can walk outside and not choke on chemicals, that we have a beautiful campus. If we don't start helping out with these things, someday the world is going to be in very bad shape, and we will not be able to enjoy all the things we enjoy right now," Bollibon says.

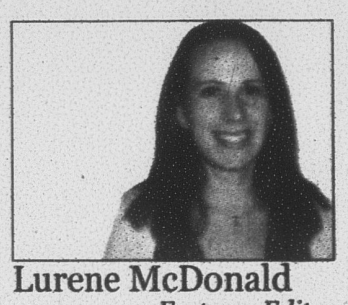
"We need to realize that the earth isn't made to last forever. If we don't see this then drastic changes could happen that are going to affect our lifestyle. We need to start taking care of our planet–our mother earth," adds Treshok.

The "Go Green" movement sounds good on a large scale, but how is the Sierra Student Coalition helping locally?:

"I think we're trying to do our part and raise awareness. I guess you could say this big "green" movement is making it easier on us, because now it's being promoted through the media, so people are starting to think about it more," Bollibon said. "That's our foundation. We're making a small difference, but we're still doing something about it."

Don't miss the 5k, hosted by the Sierra Student Coalition on Saturday, April 24!

"You ain't seen nothing yet"



Lurene McDonald
Features Editor

"Baby, you ain't seen nothing yet!"

This phrase from Bachman Turner Overdrive's song keeps ringing through my head this week.

Does it feel like at the end of the year, you have something to prove? I know I feel this way.

For three months we have struggled through classes and the work that is correlated with those classes.

We go to our meetings, our jobs, and volunteer our time to numerous organizations on and off campus. This takes time as well.

All this time that has been given to classes and activities has flown by. At least, I know it has for me.

It seems like yesterday that we were on our winter break. I, personally, was on the beach in Nicaragua, but I am sure majority of you were your blistering cold break in the United States as well.

I enjoyed my time in Nicaragua and it seems like such time ago. I blinked and here I sit at the end of April with finals and wrap-up presentations knocking on my door.

Where did the time go?

There was so much more I wanted to do and to accomplish and to prove.

Do any of you feel the same way?

It always seems that this time of year that anyone standing in five mile radius of the campus can hear collective distress calls of, "I have so much to do!"

As many of us rush to finish major papers of 20 something pages or so, stress levels run at an all time high.

Maybe you did poor on an exam or you are sure that your professor does not know how intelligent you truly are – now is your time to prove it.

I feel like we just put on cruise control for majority of the first three-fourths of the semester. Then, you feel this rush of worry at the end of the semester when you realize that you have three weeks in which to pick up the pieces.

I like to call this phenomenon the giant stress ball growing in my chest.

It is time to turn off the cruise control. This last three weeks are it.

I know there are projects, exams, etc that I probably could have done been better on throughout the semester. The fact is, however, is that I did not and now it is my responsibility to myself that I could have.

I like to call this the "you ain't seen nothing yet" phase of my semester. The part where I more or less show whomever it may be concern that may have thought they had me pegged, but they are wrong. The best is coming.

Maybe it is wrong that we save the best for last. However, just because it is near the end does not mean that we should not prove ourselves to our best ability.

These last few weeks, do yourself a favor, finish out with a bang. Underclassmen, this sets you up for the next semester. Seniors, I know you do not want to hear the "G" word, but it is coming. You all have a lot to be proud of, but add to it by finishing out your Westminster career strong.

If we can do anything to make Westminster College it would be to continually prove to ourselves, our professors, future employers, and others that "you ain't seen nothing yet."

Lurene is a sophomore public relations major who enjoys a mug of hot chocolate and cozy afternoon naps. She loves being a member of Kappa Delta Sorority and the Admissions Office Staff.

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SSC members renew the earth by planting flowers by the peace pole.

The good, the bad and the ugly

Do you have photos from around campus that are good, bad, or ugly?

Take a picture and have it published in the Holcad.

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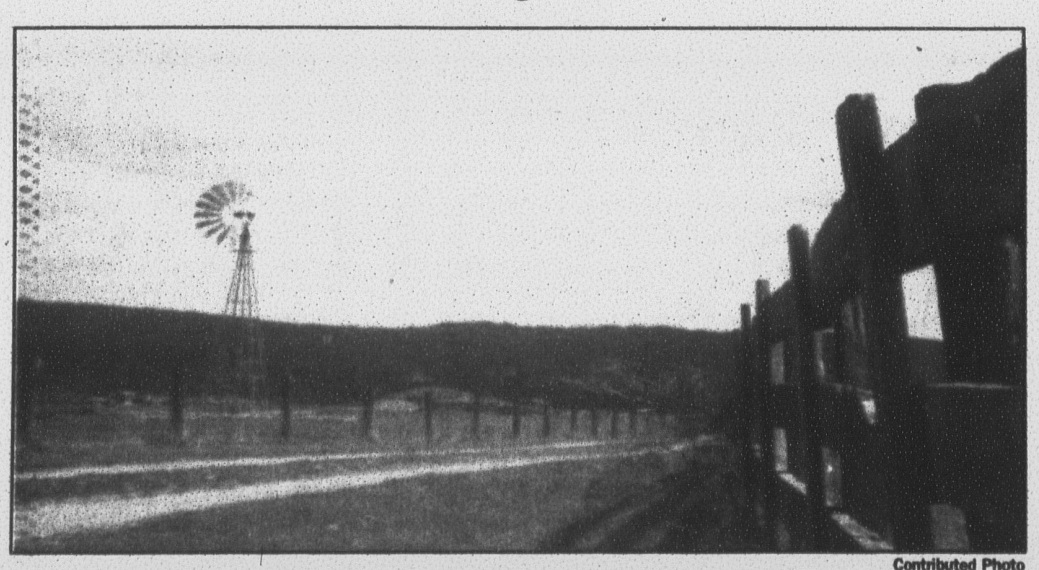
This week's picks...

The good



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This lone windmill protrudes above the landscape on a warm spring day.

The bad

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You're just jealous of my mossy green chariot!

The ugly

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Woe is me. Someone has un-pimped my hoopty.

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The number of boxes that would impede my escape from the office in the event of a fire.

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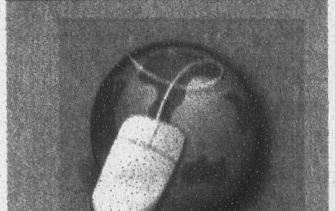
Scattered Thunder Storms
72°/57°

Saturday
Scattered Thunder Storms
72°/52°

Sunday
Few Showers
59°/42°



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"A Senior Celebration"

Combined band concert honors seniors

By Jenna C. Retort
Interim Editor-in-Chief

The department of music will conclude the semester with a weekend of music, starting with the combined Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble concert

Under the direction of Dr. R. Tad Greig, the Wind Ensemble and Syphonic Band will perform their combined concert entitled "A Senior Celebration" on Friday, May 2, in the William W. Orr Auditorium.

"Both groups are playing well as this concert is most significant to our playing because it is an opportunity to honor our seniors," Greig said.

The wind ensemble will open the concert with a variety of selections ranging from *Festival Sinfonia* by Roland Barrett, to the premiere of a multi-movement work entitled *The Fall of the House of Usher* composed by senior music education major, Jacob Moon for his honors project.

"All of the pieces that we are playing are significant works," Greig said. "These works are established as the pinnacle of band literature and works that the students should have the opportunity to play."

The symphonic band, comprised of students of all majors, will feature pieces from composers such as, John Stanhope, Ceasar Giovannini, and will conclude with *Finale from Symphony #2 Op. 17* by P. Tschaikowsky. In addition, the Symphonic Band will feature guest conductor, Mr. Gary Taylor, director of bands at Wilmington Schools, who will lead the band in *Concert Variations* by Claude T. Smith.

"Having a guest conductor work with the band is a chance for him to share his experiences and ideas in music and a chance for interaction within our community," Greig said. "Mr. Taylor is one of my colleagues for whom I have a great deal of respect."

The evening will conclude with both ensembles playing the *Alma Mater*, arranged by Cormac Cannon and featuring junior music education major, Stephanie Witzorreck as the vocalist.

"Many think that this is just another band concert, but if people stay in their rooms, they will miss an opportunity to hear great music," junior Kevin Shields said. "It's nice to hear something different, rather than the same, repetitious music featured on the radio."

Dr. Greig has also invited incoming freshmen music students to join both ensembles for the playing of the *Alma Mater*.

"This new addition to the senior celebration is a way to welcome our incoming students while saying farewell to our seniors who have been with us for the past four years," Greig said.

All of the performances are open to the public and also have free admission.

'She danced with her heart'

Campus gathers to celebrate the life of Loren Mistovich

By Christine Line
Managing Editor

Students and members of the campus community gathered in the Chapel on Wednesday, April 30 at 6:30 pm. to honor the loss of freshman Loren Lee Mistovich, who passed away on Tuesday, April 29 in a car accident on her way to class.

After a prelude played by Carey-Anne LaSor, assistant to the chaplain and coordinator of the Young Presbyterian Scholar program, college chaplain Rev. James Mohr opened the service and invited the RAs of Shaw Hall to read passages of scripture and poems. Jenna Retort, Samantha Wayman, Aimee Spicuzza, Jennie Smith, Rachel Lantz (RD) and Amber Dillaman shared a poem and sections from the Book of Psalms, Ecclesiastes, Romans and the Gospel of John. Fellow freshman and former roommate Kayla Olson also contributed.

The remainder of the service included a message from Mohr and time for others to share memories of their time with Mistovich. The gathering concluded with the hymn, "Amazing Grace." Freshman Lauren Ritter was one of several who spoke about their memories with the 19-year-old elementary education major from Lowellville, Ohio.

According to Ritter, the two girls met in Shaw Hall at the beginning of the year and bonded over connecting cables. They would walk to speech class together, and Ritter said Mistovich's face would light up when she spoke about the dance class she had taught to children the night before.

"Dance was an outlet, a place of tranquility and joy," Ritter said. "I think she always had a smiling face, because she tried to live every day to the fullest. She concluded by encouraging others to "not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself," advice by which Ritter believes Mistovich lived, reflecting a "rich and beautiful life filled with joy and love."

All who spoke commented that Mistovich exuded a passion for dancing and music. One speaker mentioned her particular love for ballet, and friends and family asserted that she would come alive through dancing. According to a press release, Mistovich still found time to take and teach jazz, ballet and tap dance classes at J J's Dance Depot in Hubbard, Ohio.

"Many people believe that dancers have a certain exuberance and vivaciousness," senior Jenna Retort said. "Loren knew that dancing with the feet was one thing, and that dancing with the heart was another."

Milagros Swerdlow, lecturer of Spanish and coordinator of the Language in Motion program, had Mistovich as a student this semester. Even during that short time, Swerdlow observed that "she had a clear sense of her own identity, and how to act on that identity."

"She was transparent," Swerdlow added. "She had a face that was natural, with a wonderful smile. That was the best makeup she could have."

The RAs and RD of Shaw Hall would like to let the family and friends of Mistovich know that their thoughts and prayers are with them as they go through this tremendously difficult time.

Although the campus community continues to grieve over Mistovich's death, several speakers at the memorial highlighted ways in which the tragedy has led to a time of reflection for their own lives. The past few days have been a time for those affected to think about their priorities in life and how they choose to live.

"Death will one day come to us, and when it does, what kind of impact will we leave behind?" Lantz questioned. "We will miss Loren in this community. Let us remember her by living our days to the fullest."

Visitation hours will be held on Friday, May 2 from 4-8 p.m. at the Cunningham-Becker Funeral Home in Lowellville. Her funeral will be held on Saturday, May 3 at 10 a.m. Directions can be found in the campus-wide email that lists the arrangements.

One last hurrah

By Cody Bernardini
Campus Writer

The end of the semester is fast approaching, and for seniors, that means it is almost time to enter the "real world."

Before the Class of 2008 leaves college behind, and the seniors begin their careers, they will have one more week to enjoy themselves and say goodbye to all the people they have come to know over their years here at school.

"I'm excited to be graduating, but I'll miss a lot of the friends I've made during my time here at Westminster," senior Eric Miller said.

Senior Week begins the last day of finals, Monday, May 12, and ends the day of graduation, Saturday, May 17. There are three major events planned for seniors this year, and although each event does cost money, seniors will get a discounted rate if they choose to attend.

Seniors will be able to attend a Pirates game on Saturday, May 10, to kick off the start of senior week. This game is during finals time, but since the Pirates do not have a home game during senior week this year a change had to be made to the schedule.

On Monday, May 12, seniors can attend dinner from 8 p.m. to midnight at Tulley's; students must be 21 years old to attend, however, since it is a bar. The last event planned for seniors this year is a trip to Cedar Point on Wednesday. Students who wish to go to Tulley's, the Pirates game or Cedar Point will get a free ride on a bus if they choose. Seniors are encouraged to take the bus, especially if they plan on drinking at any of these events.

If any seniors have a friend who does not attend Westminster, or is not a senior but still would like to come, they must notify Camille Hawthorne in the Student Affairs Office. If there are any tickets left over, or any room on the bus, seniors may purchase them for their friends on a first come first serve basis.

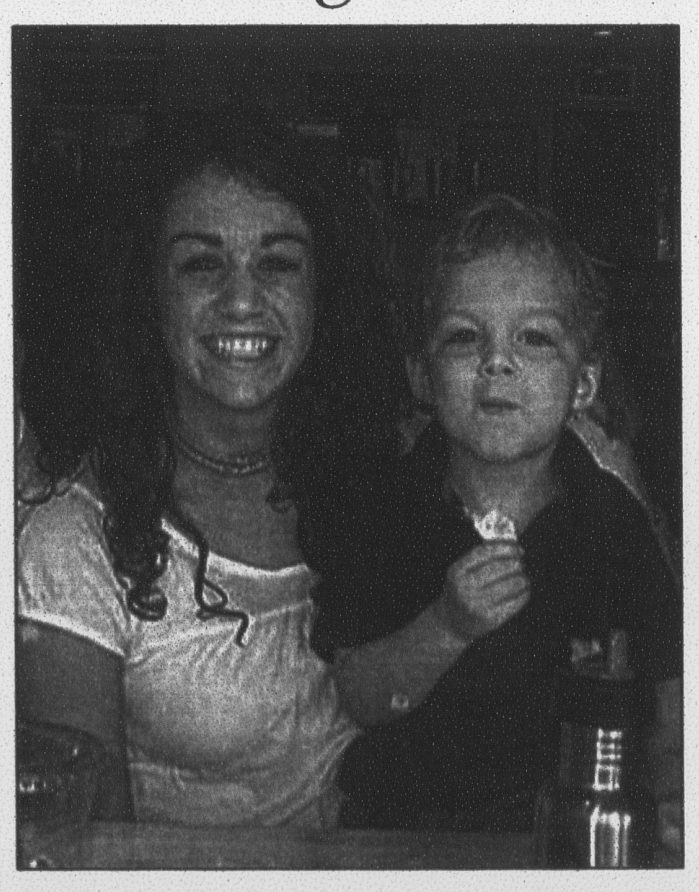
Although senior week is a fun time, it is also sad for the seniors, many of whom may never see each other again.

"The liveliness of the campus seems to fade during senior week," junior Tony Gomez said.

Senior week will end on Saturday, May 17, with commencement at 2:30 p.m. One senior will be chosen to give a speech during the ceremony. Seniors who would like to be the senior class speaker were required to submit a copy of their speech for review. The best speech will be chosen, and the winner will give his or her speech on graduation day.

"The speech that is chosen might be edited for grammar, but the overall content will be the same as it was when submitted," Hawthorne said.

Whitling to work for Romanian orphanage



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A heart for children

Senior Amy Whitling regularly babysits Nat Bersett, an activity that has fostered her love for children. After graduation, Whitling will travel to Romania to work for an orphanage.

By Erin Cameron
Campus Writer

Finding a job or going to graduate school would seem to be the most common choice after graduation. But for one student, an adventure of a different kind is in store.

Senior psychology major Amy Whitling will be leaving the small town of New Wilmington after graduation and traveling to Sebis, a small town in the northwest region of Romania. Whitling, a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Gospel choir and Psychology Club, will be there from the beginning of July to the end of November and staying with friends of the family, the Hurlbrinks. While there, she will be assisting the family with the orphanage that they run.

"One of the biggest things I'm excited for is to be able to love the people and have no other responsibilities," Whitling said.

Whitling learned of the opportunity to travel to the small town of about 6,000 last summer and began raising money for the trip this past January by sending out support letters to friends and family.

The orphanage that she will be working at is a small private orphanage that is associated with the Christian faith and houses 16 children. While interacting with the children in the orphanage, Whitling will also be helping to home school two of the three Hurlbrink daughters. With her experience as a camp counselor for two summers at Westminster Highlands and as a babysitter since she was in seventh grade, Whitling is excited to work with the children and experience the different culture.

"God has gifted Amy with an amazing ability to really feel for and love other people. She rejoices and laughs with them, hurts and cries with them. People are Amy's passion–anyone, anywhere," Jessica Saeler said.

That love for people will continue to grow as she takes that passion into a new environment. Having had the opportunity to travel to Honduras, Whitling is no stranger to new customs. While this is her first trip to Romania and she is inexperienced with the Romanian language, she hopes to learn the basics of the language before leaving, and will continue to learn it more in-depth while there. The Hurlbrinks will be an aid in doing this, as they speak both English and Romanian.

"I feel like God sent me a true angel when he sent me Amy, and I have that same kind of thought for why she is going to Romania," Cristen Chiri said. "Amy has the ability to care for others, when no one else does, and I'm sure she's going to do great things in Romania."

After her five months there, Whitling, a native of Clarion, Pa, plans on returning to Pennsylvania and beginning a new adventure of going to graduate school around the Pittsburgh area. Whitling feels this is a good breaking point in her life to take the time to travel before returning to school and eventually entering the work force.

"Amy's decision to go to Romania is rooted in her love for other people. That's Amy, and that's what she does; that's what she's about," Saeler said. "Going to Romania is about her heart. She just wants to take that love wherever she can."

While this is a path not often taken by those after graduation, Amy's love for people and her desire to help people of a different culture can be an inspiration to those who still have to choose their own path, as well as to those who have already chosen which path to take after graduation.

Opinion

RANT & RAVE

Bumper stickers

Last edition, oi.

The Walk on Saturday at 3!

Finals, ick.

Yay PAC champ track girls!

Packing a bunch of stuff and putting it into my car

I just scored a job.

Library rest of the night.

Unidentified missles.

Finishing the documentary.

Latin America.

It's a hockey night in Pittsburgh Every little thing is gonna be alright.

I'm all torn at the seams.

These are the best days of our lives.

Get those brooms out, Pens fans.

Don't forget a little bit of pneumonia.

I am def. due for a drive.

Addicted to two cousins.

No information provided.

So lay your head on me.

Up at the new place training.

Meet me half way.

Stress is for the birds.

No fish today.

Hey, paper girl.

Hey blown up version of Junebug.

Shut your freakin' gob Banana.

He is the cheese to my macaroni.

Sorry, I'm on my hamburger phone.

Do you have any bones that need collecting?

Honest to blog.

Want to Rant & Rave? Email *The Holcad* with RNR as the subject.

The Weekly Glip: Conclusion

Anthony Colwell
Weekly Glipper

At last my friends, we come to the conclusion of the story. With this last edition of the Holcad comes your last opinion filled column from yours truly. At this point however I thought that instead of talking about something new that I would recap my important points from the year and then give thanks where thanks is due.

First I want to leave all of you with some advice dealing with the issues that have been discussed in this column this past year. We will start with your power as students.

Many of you read my columns that dealt with issues concerning the school and probably got angry at what was going on. I do not see why someone would not be angry at some of the issues that I discussed. For instance, it should make you angry that the school is enacting the smoking ban of 2010 with only the consultation of very few students. If you want to have a say in what happens then don't just sit in your booth at the Tub and whine about it. Get up and do something so that change can be made. All of you have power as students to change what you want to change. After all without students their can be no college, and with no college there are no high – paying jobs for the people in charge.

Personally I think that the administration of this school walks all over the students because they know that they can. There is never anyone to stop them from implementing rules and restrictions on the students because the students themselves don't do anything about it.

If you are tired of not being able to imbibe in the dorms even when you are 21 then I suggest that you get a group together and do something about it. That extra fridge under the bed takes up a lot of needless room does it not?

If you are tired of the school not allowing you to live off campus because they think of you as children then I suggest you tell them about it. I know that when I pay 33 dollars a day I want more than a closet for a living space.

If you came to Westminster because it wasn't as radical as Grove City and the fact that the administration wants to make it Grove City angers you, then you should probably tell them that you like your education the way that it is.

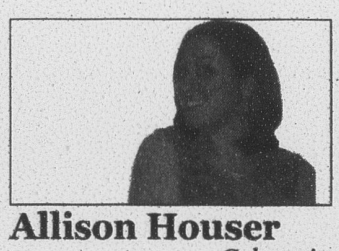
Lastly, if you are tired of being used for your money and tired of the administration exploiting students then you need to make it stop. Many of you most likely noticed that tuition has gone up approximately 3,000 dollars. Isn't it interesting that the scholarships for incoming students, such as the Vance and Presidents, have gone up 3,000 dollars as well? It is a shame though that these are only going up for incoming First-Years, not those who already have them. I hope the remaining upperclassmen who have these scholarships don't mid the fact that theirs is not going up, and they are basically being forced to pay for the incoming freshmen.

Now that all this has been said I want to end my final column with a plea to take action. As a Westminster alumnus I want to be proud of the fact that I attended this institution for years to come. Unfortunately with the way things are going I may not be proud for much longer. The remaining students who will be returning next year need to take action and give the power back to the students. This is the only way to save our institution from disappearing.

As I promised I want to give thanks to some of those people who have made this column possible. I want to first thank my professors who have given me an awesome education that I can take with me into the world to help me succeed. I want to thank all of those people who everyday told me what was making them angry so that I would always have something to write about. I want to thank the brothers of Theta Chi, my roommates, and all my other friends for being the best friends a man could have. Finally, I want to thank Steve from the Grill, for always knowing what I wanted for lunch before I got there. Thank you to all and may you be blessed by the supreme being of your choosing.

Anthony is a senior mathematics and philosophy major. He is currently attempting to stabilize his orbit utilizing the correct images, and is voting for Reagan in 2008.

Take Westminster with you



Allison Houser
Columnist

Those who know me well are aware of my love for quotations. As a writer, the words of others help to inspire my own. I hope this quote, which is one of my favorites, will inspire my fellow seniors. It comes from Adlai Stevenson.

"On the plains of hesitation lie the blackened bones of countless millions who, at the dawn of victory, sat down to rest, and in resting died."

As Westminster's graduating class of 2008, we stand on those "plains of hesitation." It is at this point in our lives that we will decide who and what we are. Will we allow ourselves to join the ranks of those "countless millions" who decided to rest and never got up again? As we stand on these plains of hesitation at the "dawn of victory," the choice we will make comes from two places: the direction we choose to walk toward after graduation, and, also, the place we must leave.

In a few weeks, we will wake up as college graduates. We will choose which path will lead us to our future successes. But how will we measure success? The best advice I was given on this subject is this: choose a career that makes you happy. It doesn't matter how much money you make; if you wake up every morning thinking I hate going to work, it's not worth it.

Our choices will also be affected by this place we must leave, which has helped to shape who we will become tomorrow. The community of Westminster has spent four years preparing us for the world beyond this campus. From our first Inquiry class to our last Capstone lesson, we never stopped learning. We learned just as many lessons outside the classroom as we did inside.

The challenge, of course, is for us not to forget. We connect with Westminster like we would a living breathing thing, always changing as her students continue to evolve. This place will always be a part of who we are, influencing everything we will be.

It was in this place that we met our best friends – the friends we know we don't need to say goodbye to, because we'll see them for the rest of our lives. It is here that we must say goodbye to our professors; the professors who took lessons beyond the classroom, the professors who invited us into their homes, the professors who became our friends and our mentors. It is now that we must say goodbye to our home – the home that is incredibly difficult to leave.

We must remember everything; all the good times, and all the bad times, too. It was here that we laughed uncontrollably, sobbed irrepressibly, and loved unconditionally. What we have learned here will determine who we will be, as long as we take the time to remember. We learned that we left childhood behind four years ago and that things aren't quite black and white anymore. We learned that sometimes, the decisions we make for ourselves affect others, and we must always keep the consequences in mind. These lessons are those we must refuse to forget.

We have been through much together in the four short years we have spent here. Together, we have learned many life lessons that wouldn't have been possible without Westminster. For example, skipping class will get you an E-mail from a concerned professor, saying "hello" to everyone you pass is considered normal, and being involved in half of the organizations is not only possible, it is expected.

We have spent four years preparing for this day, unable to conceal our excitement at the thought of graduation. After four years of avoiding Senior Terrace, we will finally be able to walk across it. Our day is finally here, and many of us, myself included, would give anything for just one more day of sidestepping Senior Terrace, one more day at Westminster.

Soon, we will join the ranks of thousands of Westminster Alumni before us. And we have a lot to live up to. This college has produced many successful people, and we all have the opportunity to continue that legacy.

So I ask you, my fellow graduates, to remember Westminster as you leave. Take Westminster with you. We do not all come from the same place, nor will we be going to the same place, but this is the one place all of us will always have in common. Do not sit on these "plains of hesitation." This is our chance to make something of our lives, and we owe it to this college to make the most of what we have learned here.

Allison Houser is a senior public relations major with minors in Spanish and communication studies. She is a member of Sigma Kappa Sorority and is excited to take the next big step in her life: graduation!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Students and alumna to visit Germany in May

I thought you would be interested to know that five Westminster students and one alumna will travel to Germany and the Netherlands to study organs and church music in May.

The trip is organized and directed by the Westminster Historic Organ Program. The students will visit over 20 historical organs, an organ workshop, a harpsichord/clavichord workshop, and attend an old Dutch Reformed Church service that is conducted much as it was in the 18th century. One highlight of the trip is that these students will play a concert on the historical organ from 1688 in Norden, Germany, something that is considered of high prestige.

The students on the trip are:
Craig Dressler
Nicholas Drabik
Christopher Granger
Melissa Barnes
Amanda Gentzel
Shelley Culver (alumna)

Thanks,

Elizabeth Harrison
Director of Westminster Historic Organ Program

Hartner thanks Greeks

Dear Editor,

This is a heartfelt message of thanks to all of the Greek organizations on campus. These amazing men and women raised over $3,700 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in honor of our daughter, Claire. It is exciting to know that all of these funds will go towards research for medicines and therapies that can help keep Claire, and others with CF, healthier until a cure can be found.

With Sincere Thanks,

Kelly Hartner
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Outside the Bubble

Ripped from the wire

REGIONAL

'Presumption of paternity' can trump DNA tests for non-dads

MILLVILLE, Pa. (AP) _ After a 15-year wait and at least $10,000 in child-support payments, Mark Spaid was thrilled to be going in for a DNA test.

In 1992, Pennsylvania courts declared him the legal father of his wife's infant daughter even though he knew he was sterile, having had a vasectomy more than two years before the birth.

To the legal system, Spaid's inability to father children meant little when it came to determining who should be responsible for the child's care. In Pennsylvania, like most states, a "presumption of paternity" trumps everything.

The doctrine, with roots in English common law, assumes a husband is the legal father of any child born during his marriage. It's designed to preserve marriage and make sure children's financial and emotional needs are provided for.

But it has also embittered untold numbers of men across the nation who are required to support kids fathered by other men.

Spaid, a laborer, was unaware of the presumption when he asked the court for a paternity test in 1992. So he was floored when Luzerne County Judge Chester Muroski denied his request and ordered him to pay his ex-wife $20 a week in child support – an amount that would eventually rise to $71, or more than half his take-home pay.

He implored the judge to reconsider. He wrote to every politician he could think of, begging for a change in Pennsylvania law to make it easier to contest paternity. And he publicized his battle.

None of it did any good. Then, one day last fall, he got his test.

Liquor Control Board seeking wine kiosk proposals

PITTSBURGH (AP) _ The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board is seeking proposals for a contractor to operate up to 100 wine kiosks throughout the state.

The kiosks, a sort of a temperature-controlled vending machine capable of holding 500 bottles of wine, would be placed in grocery stores and other places, according to request on the LCB's Web site. They would offer about a dozen different types of wine.

Wendell Young IV, president of the United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1776, whose members include state store clerks, was among those briefed on the proposal. The kiosk has security identification measures such as fingerprints and biometric readings, he said. Users would have to register and purchases would have to be made with credit card, debit card or PLCB gift card.

Young anticipates the kiosks being placed in locations such as grocery stores or malls.

"You're not going to put these up at bus stops, or on a street corner, like a Coke or Pepsi vending machine," Young said.

The five-year contract proposal calls for the kiosks to be operated at no cost to the state or Liquor Control Board.

PLCB spokesman Nick Hays said he could not provide more specifics because of a "quiet period" required while proposals are submitted and evaluated. The request went out in late March and proposals must be submitted by May 8.

Vending machines selling alcoholic beverages have been in use in Japan, Singapore and some European countries, but security issues and restrictive liquor laws have made their development and use elsewhere limited, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reported in Sunday's paper.

NATIONAL

West Virginia University dean resigns in degree scandal

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) _ The dean of West Virginia University's College of Business and Economics is resigning in the wake of the scandal over a master's degree awarded to the governor's daughter, the school announced Monday.

R. Stephen Sears is the second high-ranking academic officer to leave in the case, following Sunday's announcement that Provost Gerald Lang is resigning.

An investigating panel concluded last week that the two men were among several administrators who acted inappropriately and applied "severely flawed" judgment in awarding Mylan Inc. executive Heather Bresch a degree the panel said she did not earn.

Bresch, daughter of Gov. Joe Manchin, works for one of the university's key donors, Milan Puskar, and is a longtime friend of WVU President Mike Garrison.

The panel that studied her executive master's of business administration degree, which was retroactively awarded last fall after records discrepancies were discovered, concluded the administration lacked an academic foundation for deciding she had earned the degree in 1998.

Those administrators relied too heavily on verbal assertions and caved in to political pressure, whether real or perceived, the panel said.

Sears, dean since 2005, did not immediately issue a personal statement about his decision, and the administration did not immediately comment on it.

Lang apologized during the weekend.

"I am very sorry that my one action in ratifying a dean's decision in a single situation has had a negative impact on the institution," Lang wrote.

Some professors have said they'll bring a motion before the Faculty Senate on May 12, calling for a vote of no confidence in Garrison.

Private eye pulls his punches in Hollywood wiretapping trial

LOS ANGELES (AP) _ Anthony Pellicano handled some sticky situations during his days as a private investigator for some of the biggest names in Hollywood.

He helped Michael Jackson fend off child molestation allegations and found the remains of Elizabeth Taylor's third husband after they were stolen from a cemetery.

One of his toughest challenges, however, has been acting as his own lawyer in his federal wiretapping trial, which could go to the jury in the next few days.

Though he built his reputation as a tough-talking, bare-knuckled gumshoe, Pellicano mostly left his aggressive demeanor outside the courtroom and chose to preserve his loyalty to his famous clients rather than reveal their secrets as part of his defense.

He called only one witness during the two-month trial and rarely raised objections. He also decided against taking the witness stand to defend himself, even though prosecutors played a number of profanity-laced audio tapes in which he reassured clients that he would make their problems go away.

His "presumption was that those conversations would never be made available to anybody," Pellicano told jurors with little emotion during a 10-minute opening statement in which he failed to declare his innocence.

"I don't think he's been very effective in court," said Laurie Levenson, a Loyola Law School professor and former federal prosecutor. "He looks like a defendant who doesn't have much to work with."

Pellicano, 64, is accused of running a criminal enterprise that wiretapped the phones of stars such as Sylvester Stallone, and bribed police officers and telephone workers to run the names of celebrities such as Garry Shandling and Kevin Nealon through protected government databases.

He and four co-defendants have pleaded not guilty to a variety of charges.

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Arrest made in shooting death of Mercer County man

GREENVILLE/MERCER COUNTY-- A 52-year-old man now faces charges with killing a Greenville man who was found dead earlier this year. Michael Vance Matter has been arrested in the shooting death of 60-year-old Howard Urquhart. Urquhart was reported missing in mid-January. His body was found more than a month later, when state police and others, acting on a tip, searched a wooded area in Greene Township. Urquhart had been shot in the neck. Matter was arraigned Thursday morning and taken to the Mercer County Jail. He has been charged with first-degree murder and other offenses. Authorities declined to discuss a possible motive for the killing or how long Matter had been a suspect. But they said Matter was found in North Carolina in a truck that belonged to Urqhart.

Route 60 Construction Delays

UNION TOWNSHIP / LAWRENCE COUNTY-- According to Penn Dot there will be a single lane closure that occurs in both directions on the bridge that carries Route 60 over the Shenango River in Union Township. The closures start today and continue until early May…Monday through Friday. The bridge will be part of inspection activities. Motorists are advised to use caution…slow down…and be prepared for changing traffic patterns when traveling through the area.

INTERNATIONAL

Free of protest, Olympic torch relay begins North Korea leg

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) _ Assured of a trip free of anti-Chinese protests, the Olympic torch made its first-ever relay run Monday in authoritarian North Korea.

An attentive and peaceful crowd of thousands watched the start of the relay in Pyongyang, some waving Chinese flags, footage from broadcaster APTN showed. The event was presided over by the head of the country's rubber-stamp parliament, Kim Yong Nam, who often acts as a ceremonial state leader.

The torch relay has been a lightning rod for anti-China demonstrations. At other stops, such as in London and San Francisco protesters have focused their ire on Beijing's recent crackdown on anti-government riots in Tibet.

But communist North Korea, an ally of neighbor China, has been critical of disruptions of the torch relay elsewhere and has supported Beijing in its crackdown against violent protests in Tibet.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Il was not seen at the event but was "paying great interest to the success of the Olympic torch relay," said Pak Hak Son, chairman of the North's Olympic committee, according to a report by Japan's Kyodo News agency from Pyongyang.

North Korea is one of the world's most tightly controlled countries, where citizens are not allowed to travel freely and civil rights are restricted by the iron-fisted regime.

"We express our basic position that while some impure forces have opposed China's hosting of the event and have been disruptive, we believe that constitutes a challenge to the Olympic idea," Pak said, according to Kyodo.

The relay began from beneath the large sculpted flame that tops the obelisk of the Juche Tower, which commemorates the national ideology of "self-reliance" created by the country's late founding President Kim Il Sung, father of current leader Kim Jong Il.

Political Pong: discussing 'that guy'

Steve Ruperto
Political Pong, blue team

Carsen Nesbitt
Political Pong, red team

For our final Political Pong column ever, Carsen and I are going to talk about 'that guy' (or to be politically correct, that girl). Everyone knows who 'that guy' is, and sometimes we wish we could just tell them to shut up. 'That guy' is the person who talks about things but doesn't quite have the facts straight. 'That guy' is the person who loves the attention and will say anything to get it. 'That guy' probably didn't get hugged enough as a child and to make up for it now lets everyone know how he feels about something no matter how blatantly wrong he may be. The bottom line is, there are some mouthy Republicans who could do us all a favor and speak a little less.

1. Bill O'Reilly. This man deserves a trophy because I can't think of any Republican who skews the truth more than this man. O wait, did I call him a Republican? I shouldn't let him know that I'm onto his secret because that would give away the fact that his show isn't "fair and balanced" like the Fox News Channel claims to be. I would never trust this man to give me my news. Any media outlet that has to claim to be a "No Spin Zone" like his show obviously has something to hide. You don't see the Associated Press reminding you that their stories are unbiased, yet people still trust the AP. Amazing.

2. George Bush. I hate to put him on this list for a number of reasons: 1. He falls on the list of people who America is tired of hearing about. 2. This pick is by far my least original and is completely cliché, but he's been abusing the Republican reputation with his quotes for years. Even Republicans know this, which means that I can't leave him off the list. Just in case you've never heard any of these gems, I'll include one of my personal favorites: "If this were a dictatorship, it'd be a heck of a lot easier, just so long as I'm the dictator". There's a reason the Republicans try to make sure he doesn't speak much unscripted.

3. Rush Limbaugh. (see my points for Bill O'Reilly).

4. Arnold Schwarzenegger. The truth is that I don't really have much against this guy. His 'scandal level' is low and really doesn't rock the boat nationally. So why put him on this list of people who should talk less? I just want him to save his accent for the movies; I mean, there's no reason to use it to speak out against the Democrats.

5. Ann Coulter. There are not many positive things I have to say about Ann Coulter, because she's bashed my party for years, but to her credit, she doesn't have any allegiance to anyone but herself. She doesn't claim to be "fair and balanced" like O'Reilly and Limbaugh, nor does she have to be. She is an independent author who makes sure to let everyone know that she's a political conservative and works even harder to make sure that no one forgets it.

6. Katherine Harris. Some of you may not know her name, but you know who she is. Katherine Harris was Florida's Secretary of State during the 2000 presidential campaign, which meant she had to certify the Florida election results, but she was also the Bush campaign co-chair for Florida. Sounds a little biased to me. Luckily, Harris is a success story for the Democrats as the Republicans silenced her in her 2006 House re-election campaign by not supporting her.

To play devil's advocate for a minute, I have to admit that dissenting opinions from my own aren't necessarily a bad thing. Writing for the Holcad has been a great experience and has given me a chance to not just explore, but challenge my political beliefs. I've learned that if everyone agreed about politics, then Carsen and I would have nothing to argue about, and this column would likely not exist. Besides, most people would rather hear us bicker about politics than about when she's going to get an engagement ring.

Steve is an Economics and Political Science double major who cannot believe that he is graduating in a matter of weeks. He also can't think of anything funny to put in the rest of this bio.

For a year and a half, Steve and I have graced the pages of the Holcad with our political rants and raves. We've made some good observations (and some not so good ones…). We've analyzed and explained some tough issues (and some not so tough ones…) You've heard us poke fun of some pretty deserving politicians (and ourselves). But most importantly, you've read our articles. And by this point you're probably sick of reading them.

Steve and I have been at this political bickering for four years now. Those of you that know us are very aware that we don't need a newspaper article to get us to disagree. But now we're graduating, and I'd like to graduate from the political bickering, too. Unfortunately, we're not the only people on the planet who talk about this stuff.

I have no problem with some heated, constructive conversation. That's healthy. It's the extreme ones that bother me; the people who won't listen to the other side of an argument no matter what point is trying to be made. We all know someone like that… someone who just needs to shut up. Or just leave and never come back. Today, I'll point out some of my favorite people that need to shut their mouths from the liberal side of the aisle.

James Carville. A political consultant, talking head, actor… and the most famous Democrat that's married to a Republican. There's an old saying (or maybe there's not) that married men should just nod their heads and say, "Yes, dear." Carville clearly didn't take that piece of advice. He and his wife Mary Matalin are known for their political polarization. They take it on the road and speak at colleges. I'd rather just hear Matalin, because she's got things right. Carville used to co-host the CNN show Crossfire and is the man who equated Gov. Bill Richardson's endorsement of Barack Obama with Judas' betrayal of Jesus. Like, seriously? I think that might be a little extreme. Apparently, Steve wants to be Carville when he grows up. I guess I'll have to take some serious notes from Mary.

Al Gore. I thought eight years was enough. Then the man goes and wins a Nobel Peace Prize for his ranting and raving about the environment. I don't hate the guy. I'm just sick of him. He's the Democrats' golden boy. Ew.

Michael Moore. Mr. Moore is my least favorite Democrat. I'm not even sure you can call him a Democrat. I'm almost unwilling to disgrace the donkey party that much. But they claim him, so I'll let them own him. I saw my first Michael Moore film in eleventh grade. Our government class watched "Roger & Me", a documentary about General Motors plants in Flint, Michigan shutting down and the repercussions thereof. It was an entertaining way to learn about government and the economy at the same time without too much of a political slant – or so I thought. At the time, I had no idea what a crazy liberal this overweight man was.

As I learned about Moore in college, my blood started to boil. A political science major can't get through four years without seeing a Moore film, and so I was subjected to Fahrenheit 9/11, a documentary with a scathing review of the Bush administration and how it handled the events of September 11th. He suggested that Bush knew about the whole thing and just let it happen. And the worst thing is… people buy this stuff. They eat it up. People that don't get any other information before they make political decisions make me physically ill, and most of those people get their information from Moore. Ew.

Here's the kicker, kids: Steve has Fahrenheit 9/11 on BOTH tape and DVD, loves Al Gore, and, as I said before, wants to be James Carville when he grows up. Mary: help! How do you do it?

Carsen Nesbitt is a senior political science major who does nothing anymore since she's graduating in about a week. She's counting down the days until free wings at VolleyROCK.

Campus News

Retirees leave legacies behind,

Dr. G. Samuel Lightner

Professor of physics

By Stephanie Chaffee
Campus Writer

Dr. G. Samuel Lightner, professor of physics and chair of the department, is retiring after 38 years at Westminster College.

Throughout those years, he has seen many changes on campus. He was here when Hoyt Science Center was built and helped to design and to install the planetarium. He was involved in creating an internship program and is extensively involved with the Contemporary Physics Education Program (CPEP).

"It's been an interesting career that I think has been fruitful. I've been able to grow, which is an advantage of a small college," Lightner said.

In 1970, the job market was tight for new doctorates. Lightner was interested in teaching at a four-year liberal arts college, rather than solely focusing on research. Prior to getting the position, Lightner had only passed through western Pennsylvania–little did he know, he was about to spend the next 38 years here.

During that time, he has taught numerous physics courses, including introductory classes and courses for non-majors. Lightner also incorporated his hobbies into some courses, including photography, optics and meteorology.

Although he has taught astronomy for the past several years, Lightner knew almost nothing about it when he came to the college. It was through working closely with Dr. Zayer, a retired physics professor, to install the planetarium that Lightner became interested.

He continued to build his astronomy skills to the point that he was able to teach during Dr. Zayer's sabbatical.

Lightner is now the director of the planetarium. He takes care of all the equipment and hosts shows. Lisa Gayetsky, a senior physic major, works closely with Lightner in the planetarium.

"There has never been a problem he couldn't fix," Gayetsky said.

Lightner's concern has always been the education of his students. His involvement with CPEP has allowed him to create material and charts that are used as tools for introductory classes.

He is able to "breakdown very difficult physical concepts for introductory level courses," Gayetsky said.

Lightner has even gone to the extremes of lying on a bed of nails for the education of his students!

"I'm one of the few people who can say that I've stood on top of Dr. Lightner while lying on a bed of nails," English professor Dr. Sprow said.

Sprow and Lightner taught together for the Quest Program, an interdisciplinary program for students. They are also good friends outside of the classroom and are the founders of the Westminster Open, a golf outing open to the faculty and staff of the campus each year before school starts.

Dr. Caylor has also benefited from Lightner's teaching skills. During his first year at Westminster, Caylor talked to Lightner every day, getting pointers for the classroom. Caylor is now the incoming chair for the physics department.

"The person who knows what's going on around here is leaving. It will be a rough transition," Caylor said. "He's been training me; it will hopefully be another teaching job well done."

While Lightner claims that he can "say 'yunz' with the best of them," his roots are in the south. The southern climate is also conducive to another love of his: golf. However, Lightner mainly looks forward to the time he will have to spend with his family.

"My true passion is my family, and I look forward to the extra time that I'll have to do things with my wife, Sara," Lightner said.

Lightner also plans to continue his involvement with CPEP and workshops for teachers.

As a means of continuing his work in astronomy, the University of South Carolina has an active planetarium program that has Lightner interested.

Lightner grew up in Va. and obtained his Bachelor of Science from Randolph-Macon College and his doctorate from the University of Virginia. The incoming astronomy professor is Dr. Oberst, a 2001 graduate of Duquesne.

"You get to a point where it's time for the young bucks to take over," Lightner said.

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

A bittersweet end, a bright beginning

Five of the seven retiring faculty members gather for a photo in front of McKelvey Campus Center.

Thank you and best wishes to all of our retiring faculty!

Dr. Patrick C. McCarthy, *professor of biology*
Dr. Warren Hickman, *professor of mathematics and computer science*
Dr. G. Samuel Lightner, *professor of physics*
Eileen Hendrickson, *visiting instructor of Comm. Studies, Theatre, & Art*
Paul G. Wozniak, *professor of economics and business*
David Brautigam, *print periodicals and science librarian*
Dr. James A. Perkins, *professor of English and public relations*

Dr. Patrick C. McCarthy

Professor of biology

By Christina Alducka
Staff Writer

He carries 38 years of Westminster College history with him. After Dr. Patrick C. McCarthy's upcoming retirement, the college will lose some of that history.

McCarthy, professor of biology, witnessed the construction of Hoyt, the Titans' win of six national championships and the graduation of his two children. He impacted students and faculty and leaves behind a legacy.

"I'm 68, and it just felt like it was probably time," McCarthy said. "It's a bittersweet feeling about retiring."

One of his major accomplishments is his contribution to developing the molecular biology major along with Dr. Monica Becker.

"I really was impressed with the design of the major," Dr. Joshua Corrette-Bennett, professor of biology, said.

McCarthy also served as the biology department chair from 1985-1989. Despite the substantial loss faculty and students said they will have, Dr. McCarthy developed plans for his retirement.

McCarthy and his wife, Patsy, discussed their future plans and aspirations. Some of their hobbies such as skiing, golfing and traveling abroad will be fulfilled. In addition, after Patsy's retirement in three years, they plan to rent a home in Florida or on Lake Michigan, his home state, McCarthy said. The McCarthys intend to remain in their New Wilmington home for the majority of the year.

"Our children were raised here [New Wilmington]," McCarthy said. "They became Steelers fans and later Pittsburgh Penguins fans."

He said that the town has influenced his children because most of his family lives only 25 minutes away.

McCarthy typically teaches human genetics, cell and molecular biology, foundations of biology, evolution and honors research. He also instructs a cluster course with Dr. Virginia Tomlinson, combining biology of aging and gerontology. Dr. McCarthy said he will return in the spring 2009 term to teach the biology course.

"He's been here so many years that he has created a new way of teaching," Carmelina Shockey, department secretary, said.

In this semester's genetics class, McCarthy assigned reading from a book in addition to the textbook. McCarthy's teaching varies from other biology professors' because he lectures and shows diagrams instead of creating power point presentations, Gollos said.

McCarthy attended Wayne State University from 1965-1970. He received his bachelor's degree in unified science and his master's degree in biology. His advisor's interest in Mongolian gerbils inspired him to get his doctor of philosophy in biology.

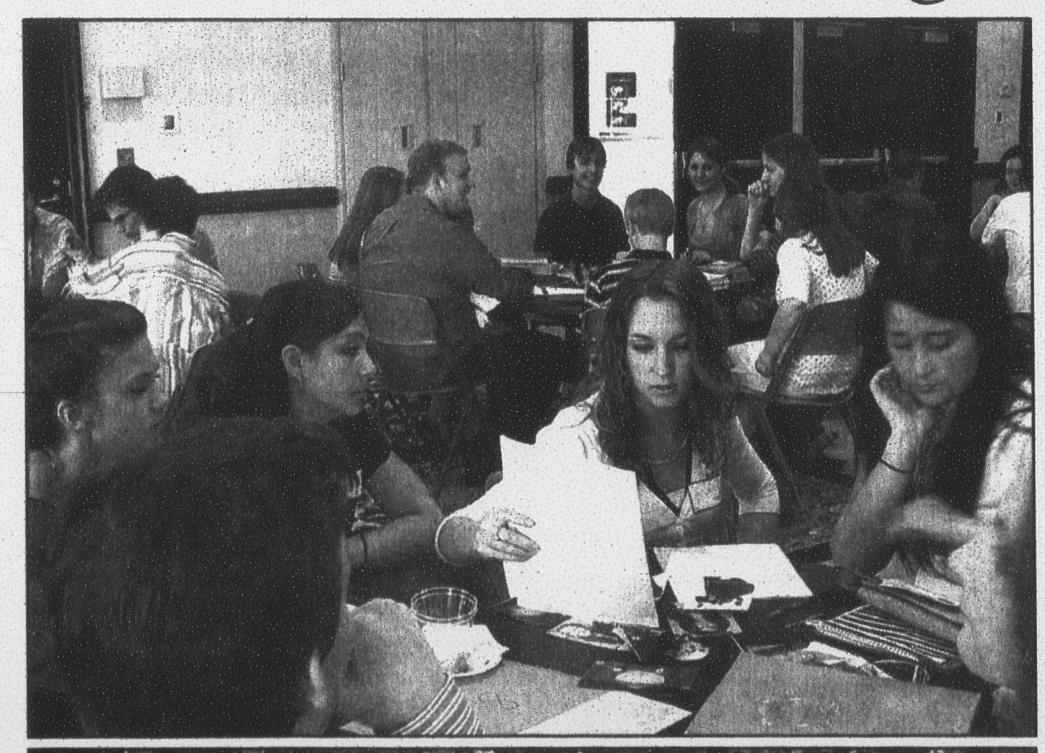
McCarthy has seven publications. Five appear in The Ohio Journal of Science. His studies include work with betas, fruit flies and horses.

Aside from teaching, McCarthy participates in national organizations. McCarthy belongs to the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the National Association of Biology Teachers and Sigma Xi. For the National Association of Biology Teachers, he traveled to Montreal, Portland and England.

Before McCarthy retires, a tree will be planted to pay tribute to his career. The biology department plants trees for retired professors in between Hoyt and Patterson Hall. A hemlock tree will be planted in honor of McCarthy. He chose the tree because of his memory of the old "cathedral of trees" located in Cook Forest. McCarthy said he cross-country skied and walked through the park several times. McCarthy will be missed by both students and faculty.

"He makes the job a fun place to come to," Corette-Bennett said. He said he will miss McCarthy's "collegiality, his friendship and sense of humor."

Watch out! Language is on the move



Contributed by Marylee Houston
Latin Teacher, Wilmington Area High School

On April 22, 2008, 160 advanced French, Spanish and Latin students from Wilmington Area High School and Beaver High School attended an interdisciplinary workshop at Westminster College. The workshop was planned as a part of the college's Language in Motion program.

In its second year of existence at the college, the Language in Motion Program is sponsored jointly by Westminster's Department of Modern Languages and The Drinko Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning. Milagros Swerdlow, a Lecturer in Spanish at Westminster College, coordinates the program. Under this program Westminster students who have significant knowledge and experience in the study of language and culture have the opportunity to share what they know with area high school and elementary school students through collaborative teaching experiences.

Coordinating with the Language in Motion program, Wilmington High School teachers Marie Smolko and Terri Stoner, Spanish; Mary Beth Acker, French; and Marylee Houston, Latin, worked with Mrs. Swerdlow to plan an interdisciplinary day based on Joseph Campbell's paradigm of the hero's journey. Student activities for the day focused on the difference between a circumstantial hero and a hero who embarks on a heroic quest. The Wilmington students were joined by Latin Students from Beaver High School, lead by Jared Polish, a first-year teacher at Beaver, and former LIM student coordinator. Westminster faculty members Dr. Dwight Castro, professor of classics, and Dr. Jacob Erhardt, professor emeritus of German, also shared their expertise with the group.

Current Westminster College student coordinators Adam Griffith, Chris Stone, Darcee Davidson, Rachael Conn, Jenny Sitter, Morgane Longello, and Jaime Rodriquez-Raigoza helped to plan the day's activities, which ranged from ranking persons as diverse as Martin Luther King to Princess Diana from most heroic to least heroic, and to creating new superheroes and sharing their descriptions in target languages.

This workshop has become an annual event, which directly links area high schools to Westminster College and the community at large.

Campus News

anticipate a new beginning

Dr. Warren Hickman

Professor of mathematics and computer science

By Danica Scott
Campus Writer

A model professor has worked at a high velocity for 40 years. Although he has reached his limit in teaching, the absolute value of his influence on students is a dependent function of his love for education. In calculating out his future, he must divide his time between many of his favorite activities.

Dr. Warren Hickman, a professor of mathematics and computer science, will retire at the end of this semester from Westminster College.

"He is truly a well-rounded professor," Dr. Carolyn Cuff, professor and chair of the mathematics and computer science department said. "He's engaged in mathematics, bridge, books, ecology, tennis, family, and his church."

Last year Hickman began considering retirement. "I wanted to while I was still healthy so that my wife and I could travel," he said.

Hickman described the relationship he has with his wife, Cinda, as supportive. "She's the one behind my teaching. I still talk things over with her, and she gives me advice." He also said that their three children have always been encouraging of his career, although none of them are interested in mathematics.

Lisa Hickman, preacher at the New Wilmington Presbyterian Church, shared her feelings on her father-in-law.

"He teaches with love," she said. "I have experienced his deep sensitivity, and that's great in a mathematician." She also said that after he retires, "he will put his heart and mathematic mind to work for Habitat for Humanity and tinkering on projects."

In his free time, he enjoys biking, playing scrabble, tennis and bridge, reading, and hiking. He said that he and his wife hike so much, he would like to start making professional walking sticks again.

"I'd really like to work on projects with my wife," he said. "I'm looking forward to getting back to these activities and getting to know her again."

He knew he was interested in teaching as early as his high school algebra class. He had a teacher that selected a few of the best students to be the class leaders, and they would go around and help the other students with their work. After helping students in class, Hickman realized that this was what he wanted to do with his life. Since then, he has also worked with an early intervention high school program for local youth, developed, coordinated and instructed workshops for the Pennsylvania Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV, and has participated in national workshops on calculus reform.

When he leaves Westminster, he said he will miss the students the most. "They keep me young at heart."

"He is the type of professor who does not look at his job as something that begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m.," said Joseph Thomas, an alumni who had Hickman for his math courses. "He is someone that genuinely cares about the students and what is going on in their lives."

"Dr. Hickman has always interacted with students," math major Nicole Panza said . "He told me he would not have this job if he was not able to communicate and get to know his students. That's what sets him apart from other professors."

Hickman recalls during his second year of teaching a student coming to his office to talk to him. "This was before we had teaching evaluations," he said. "He told me, 'You need to learn to have compassion for your students,'" Hickman said with a laugh. He took the student's advice to heart, and began looking at his students more as individual people.

Hickman's teaching methods have impressed several students. "He encourages his students to ask questions and truly cares what they learn," math major Ryan Brolley said. "He would always tell his students that he wanted all of us to be hooked up to computer monitors so he could tell if we understood the material or not," Brolley said, exemplifying Hickman's dedication to his students' education. "He helped me to understand the meaning of academia and pushed me to go beyond what was required."

The students have made an impression on Hickman as well. In 1998, he received the Distinguished Faculty Award, which is given to faculty members who demonstrate characteristics including: "intellectual vitality, effective communication skills, the ability to motivate or inspire, compassion and concern for student success, collegiality and leadership," according to a Westminster press release.

"That teaching award meant a lot to me," he said, "because it was the students who nominated me."

"His love of teaching and his dedication to his students form a prism through which he views any issue," said R. Thomas Williamson, president of Westminster College.

"Warren Hickman is one of those senior professors who exemplifies our mission and he has been doing that day in and day out for 40 years," said Williamson. "Westminster and her students will miss Warren."

Cuff, current chair of the mathematics and computer science department, said, "he is well respected among all of his colleagues both inside and out of this department."

"Our department has a well deserved reputation for working together very well and enjoying each other's company," said Cuff. "Without his mentoring of the current department faculty, I don't think we would be as cohesive."

"We talk through everything," Hickman said of his colleagues, "and that's made it enjoyable coming in everyday. It's them that make it a great experience." He also said that the department will be in good hands after he leaves.

However, several people expressed their sadness on his retirement.

"The college will be losing a dedicated individual that worked because he really enjoyed and cared about what he did," Thomas said.

Mary Elchison, secretary of the math and computer science department, has known Hickman since she began working for the school almost four years ago.

"I hate to admit this," she said, "but I will have to say that I will miss his sense of humor…or at least his attempts at humor," she said of how he cheers up the department. "He has been a good example to both faculty and students in that he encourages people to stand up for what they believe in, to work hard, and to make a difference."

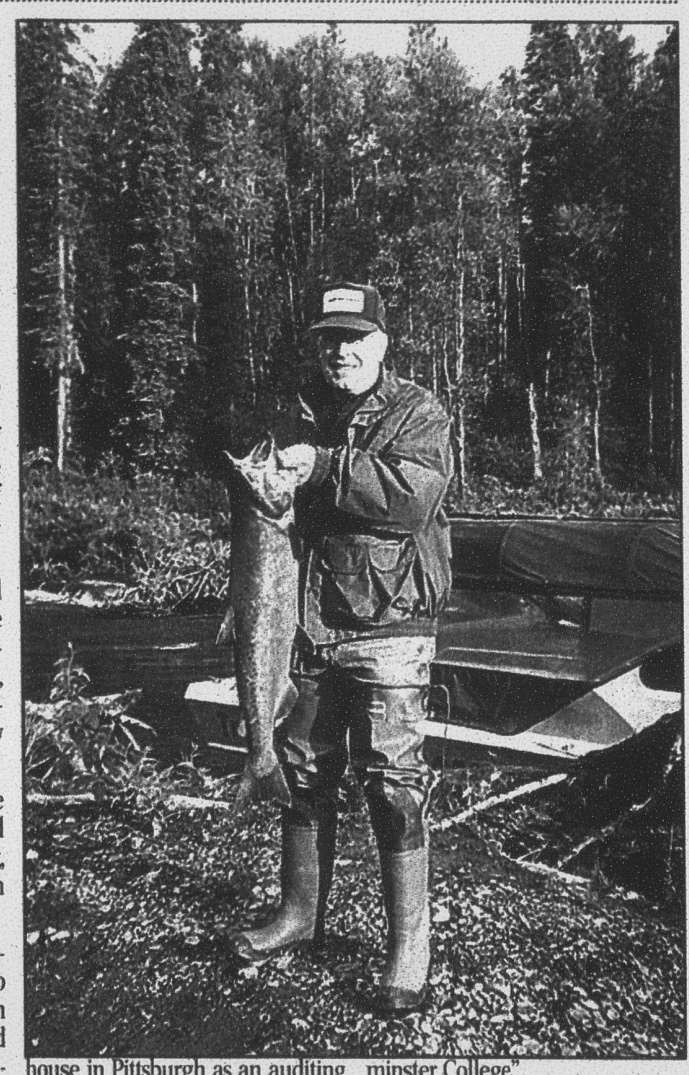
"From meeting him on a campus visitation day to four courses worth of 'Good morning, peoples,' I have a lot of fond memories with him," said Panza, who has known him for four years.

"He is such a positive role model of a teacher and person, and he has inspired many young mathematicians and educators," she said.

Mr. Paul G. Wozniak

Professor of economics and business

By Mindy Elias
Campus Writer



Paul G. Wozniak, professor in the economics and business department, retires at the conclusion of the 2008 spring semester after 34 years of teaching.

Graduating from Youngstown State University, Wozniak received his B.S. and M.B.A. in business administration. He is a Certified Public Accountant and has served as the President of Northwestern Chapter, Pennsylvania Institute of CPA. He also served as a trustee with the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants Scholarship Fund.

Wozniak has taught several courses since his employment. The courses consist of Principles of Accounting, Intermediate Accounting, Advanced Accounting, and Auditing. He believes he has probably taught more than 9,000 students.

Recently a past student came back to the school for a visit and Wozniak recalls the student saying, "'Mr. Wozniak you're the reason I'm a CPA.'"

Wozniak said that when students graduate it is pleasing to know they are doing well and an instructor can only hope they had something to do with it. Other students feel Wozniak has done a lot for them and the department.

John Gilliland, senior accounting major and advisee of Wozniak said he was always available and willing to meet if a student needed anything.

"A lot of times in college, you get stuck in the theory and lose sight of how to apply it to the real world. With Professor Wozniak, it wasn't like that," said Gilliland.

Wozniak stressed the importance of internships, and as a result, Gilliland received two, with the second turning into a full time post-graduation job. Gilliland said, "Wozniak has been a blessing on my life and I will miss him." Other students have similar thoughts.

Senior economics major Stephanie Sciullo said, "I learned you can't always just memorize material for tests you have to actually know the material because it may appear in different situations and unless you truly know it you may not always understand it."

She said he was an excellent teacher. He taught the material, did several examples and encouraged participation.

He first worked at Price Waterhouse in Pittsburgh as an auditing and financial analyst. He also worked with Carbis Walker and Associates, Hill Barth and King, and Rockwell International. He has spent 10 years in accounting and the rest of the time in auditing.

"After a while you begin to audit people not numbers," Wozniak said.

While employed at Westminster, Wozniak learned how the business department ran and became close with his fellow colleagues.

"We have a team," Wozniak said. Members within the department think very highly of Wozniak.

Dr. Dan Fishmar said, "It is very difficult to characterize Paul because he is like a weather system drawing upon divergent forces of nature. An accountant in a liberal arts college, a tough façade that masks a sweet nature, a person who cherishes honesty and truthfulness, a very bright person who is modest about his accomplishments, a person of tenacious loyalty. Paul's friendship and kindness to me are among the most valuable things I have been given in the 33 years I have spent at Westminster College."

When Dr. Cushman arrived in 2005 Wozniak was able to inform him of past experiences. "I value his advice on departmental issues and he has been very supportive," Cushman said.

The department plans to replace him and is currently interviewing candidates Wozniak considers how something will affect the school when making important decisions.

He has taught at the school for several years and said the reason he chose to retire was simply because he was tired and is ready to partake in other activities he enjoys.

A veteran of the New Wilmington area, Wozniak lives five miles north of the area and went to high school at West Middlesex. He is married to his wife Nancy and has two children. He plans to use his time wisely while in retirement.

Most importantly, while in retirement, he expects to visit his children and grandchildren. In Alleghany National Forest, he has a camp that he also plans to visit. He still would like to do some accounting and will miss the college.

Mr. David Brautigam

Print periodicals and science librarian

By Melissa Kramer
Staff Writer

After 38 years as the print periodicals and science librarian, Mr. David Brautigam, better know as "Mr. B", is retiring, but Brautigam doesn't think he'll stray too far from the library.

Brautigam's plans for retirement include volunteering at his community library, going back to school part time and keeping up with music, particularly Bluegrass and Folk music.

"I'm going to take somebody's advice," Brautigam said. "I'm not sure whose advice it was, but the person said, 'Don't get firmly attached to anything for more than a year.'"

Brautigam's role as the print periodicals and science librarian included helping people find the information they were searching for, seeing that the college receives the resources it pays for and helping faculty teach students about library use. He usually spent his mornings in McGill and his afternoons in Mack Library.

"I'll miss being able to rely on Mr. B for the answer to any questions about the library," sophomore Travis Gulling said. "The thing I'll miss most though is the funny joke or story that always followed the answer to my question."

Although Brautigam is retiring, he hopes to take classes through Slippery Rock's Institute for Learning in Retirement. The program features a variety of classes. Additionally, Brautigam may teach a class for the program.

In the foreseeable future, Brautigam intends to remain in Pennsylvania, although his daughter has hinted that he should move to South Carolina where she resides. His only other child, a son, lives locally.

Brautigam graduated from Grove City College with a history degree, although this was not his original intention. He actually entered college seeking a degree in mechanical engineering. Brautigam changed his major to English his sophomore year and then during his junior year he made his final decision of majoring in history.

After being hired by the college July 1, 1970 Brautigam was ironically offered a job by YSU within the next 24 hours. He had only verbally agreed to the job on campus so he technically could have backed out, but instead he turned down YSU. Brautigam said that he was happy with his decision.

"Mr. B is a[illegible]ays enthusiastic and is great t[illegible]ork with," sophomore Jackie More said. "His experience and knowledge in the library will be missed, but I wish him the best in retirement"

The Holcad would also like to recognize the following faculty members also retiring:

Ms. Eileen Hendrickson

Dr. James A. Perkins

Best wishes on your future endeavors!

Jazz Ensemble to perform last concert of the year

By Laura Henry
Staff Writer

Students and faculty should run at the opportunity as the Jazz Ensemble sound the trumpets and begin the beating of the drums, during their last concert of the year on Saturday, May 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Berlin Lounge.

The college's Jazz Band, made up of 18 members including five saxophones, five trumpets, five trombones, and three members of the rhythm section, will perform after Greenville High School's Jazz Band guest performance. The songs preformed consist of seven to eight different charts and include a wide variety of music for all ages to enjoy. There will be several solo performances including senior Zachary Sartori playing the trombone, junior Jonathan R. Nickel playing the flugal horn and a vocalist, Kim Hassara, will also perform. Other songs include a tribute to Miles Davis, *Who a jazz Waltz*, *Tangerine*, *Zwangalang* a blues piece, *I Remember Clifford*, and others. Assistant Jazz Band director Dr. Greig shares that all of the music preformed is produced by the students whom have a common bond, a love for music, which brings them closer together.

"Jazz is America's music and it is important we share this music with our students" Greig said. "The cool thing about jazz is it speaks to a wide audience. The music is more modern and younger people enjoy it for that reason. Jazz also comes out of the 20s, 30s, and 60s so the older crowd enjoys the music too. They [the Jazz Band] are an intimate group who play very well together and the concert will be enjoyable for everyone."

Jazz Band director Andy Erb explains that his students have improved with every concert they have played. When the band started off they were talented, but still had a long way to go, but their talent has soared as they play more confidently and with more excitement.

"I just love this type of music. It is my passion" Erb said. "The students are so hard working, dedicated, and talented. I graduated from Westminster and played in the Jazz Band. So it is exciting for me to see the same passion in my students that I had when I was their age. It is a rush to stand before such excitement and talent."

This concert is unlike the previous, because being held in Berlin Lounge the audience will be able to enjoy a relaxed, informal, and laid back atmosphere. The concert showcases the talents of our students and the music is appealing and audience friendly. In addition, the concert will consist of a jazz club setting and is a nice and enjoyable night out according to Erb.

Greig encouraged all members of the college to attend the concert especially students.

"I like to see students at concerts and events" Greig said. "It shows support for other students, making Westminster a nice place to be."

Senior Send-off 2008

Jenna C. Retort
Interim Editor-in- Chief

Major: Cricket
Minor: Ictheology (Cod Olfaction Theory)
Plans post-graduation: Invade a small country in the north pacific and continue my efforts with the campaign to elect Chuck Norris/Dan Quale in 2008.
Favorite Quote: "May you live all the days of your life" (I have listened Mr. Swift, and I am most grateful!)
Favorite Holidays: The Wellbrid Wailer, Life and Volleyrock.
Apple Juice or OJ? Apple juice, because OJ will kill you!
Favorite experience with the Fuzz: It's a toss up between the time a Cujo incarnate ate the head rest in my car or the time I was pulled over for picking black berries.
Greatest lesson learned at WC: That when people hear me laughing they think that I am up to no good, and that scooter-frisbee was not destined to be an olympic sport.

Christine Line
Managing Editor

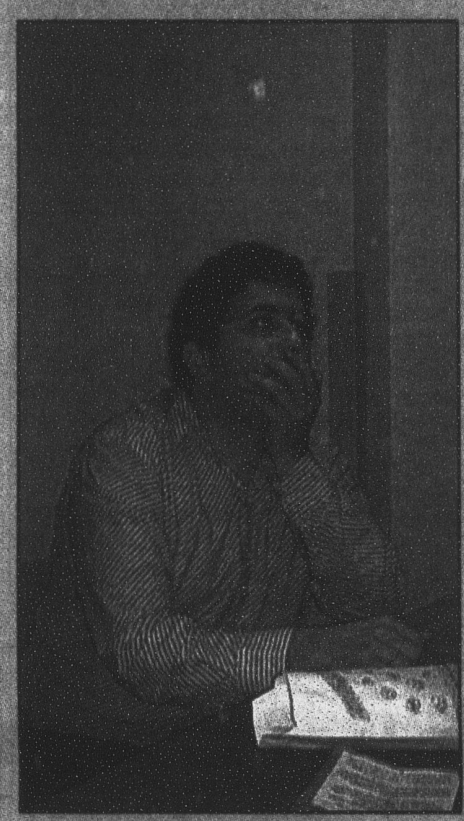
Major: Public Relations and Spanish
Minor: Development of Napping Strategies
Plans post-graduation: I will be moving to Pittsburgh this summer and working as a PR specialist for the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. I'm looking forward to becoming a big girl and moving into the real world.
Personal Motto: Romans 5:2-4 and Romans 12; Maybe the past is like an anchor holding us back. Maybe you have to let go of who you were to become who you will be. -SATC
Favorite Holidays: Christmas Eve and July 5 ;-)
Greatest lesson learned at WC: The lack of traffic at Jeffers parking lot does not guarantee the safety of your car, haha. And: Never doubt yourself when you stand up for something you believe in, no matter the cost. The past four years have been wonderful at Westminster. Thank you to all of the professors, faculty, staff and friends who have made a difference in my life.

Allison Dawn Houser
Discussion Leader/Columnist

Major: Public Relations
Minors: Spanish and Communication Studies
Plans post-graduation: Laying on a beach. At some point, I may choose to look for a job.
Personal Motto: dance . love . sing . live
Favorite Holidays: Westminster Snow Days
Greatest lesson learned at WC: It's not a good thing when security knows you by car model, color, and license plate number.
Random Facts about me: I let my roommate write my bios all year, I want to be the US press secretary when my brother is president, and I celebrated my upcoming graduation by getting a tattoo.

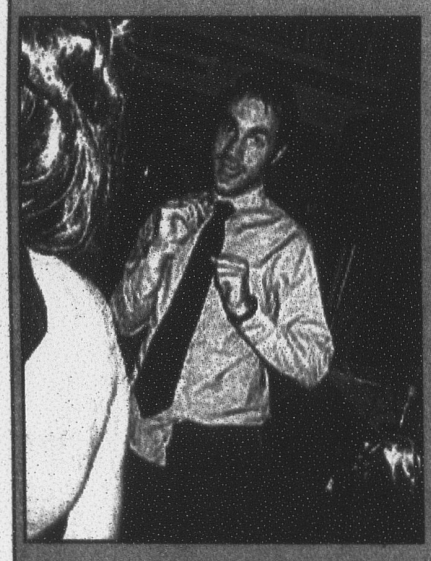
Kerry Flaherty
Copy Editor

Major: Spanish
Minors: English and Secondary Education
Plans post-graduation: Most likely teaching Spanish in the Pittsburgh area, getting married (!!) in June 2009, and most importantly -- learning how to juggle. Probably with chain saws.
Favorite Holiday: St. Patrick's Day
Personal Motto: Before you criticize someone, walk a mile in his shoes. Then you'll be a mile away, and you'll have his shoes.
Thing I Will Miss Most About WC: Climbing trees on the quad and scaring people who walk by.



Anthony Colwell
Opinion Columnist

Major: Mathematics and Philosophy
Plans post-graduation: Masters in Science in Operations Research at Case Western Reserve University. I plan to continue to be bitter and cynical post graduation because its just so fun. I cannot believe I am going to be in Cleveland though. I cannot wait to wave my terrible towel every week!
Personal Motto: "Blessed is the man who having nothing interesting to say, abstains from giving us wordy evidence of the fact." - George Eliot
Favorite Holidays: Thanksgiving and Guys- Pick-up
Greatest lesson learned at WC: Getting compliments from the administration such as, "That kid really knows how to stir up trouble," is extremely satisfying. Staying up till 4:00 AM playing SSBB is ALWAYS a good decision!



Barry Unis
Diversity Columnist

Major: Psychology
Minor: Theatre
Plans post-graduation: I will be working with autistic children through Family Behavioral Resources.
Personal Motto: To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often.
Favorite Holidays: Ones with good food
Greatest lesson learned at WC: Have a problem? Call the queen.

Eilis McCulloh
Staff Writer

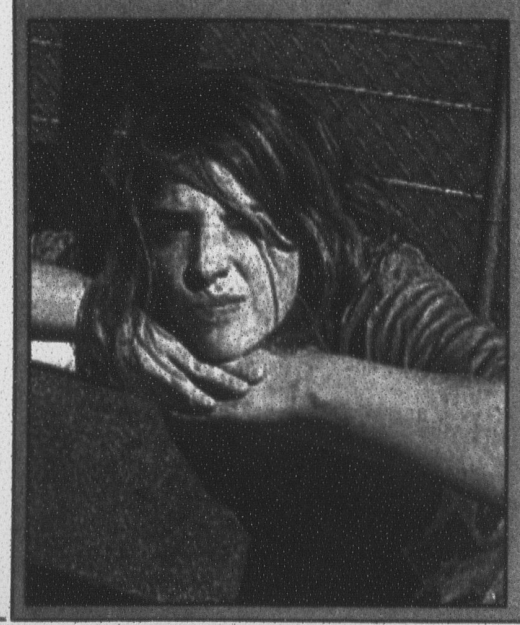
Major: English
Minor: History
Plans post-graduation: return to Boardman, find a job, buy a car, and figure out what I'm doing with my life. In the long run, I'll probably get a MA in American Studies.
Favorite quotation: "But remember this, no matter how bitter things get, they're still our friends and this is still our home." To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
Favorite things at WC: 012 and The Alphabet.

Carsen Nesbitt and Steve Ruperto
Political Pong

Carsen's Major: Political Science
Steve's Majors: Economics and Political Science
Carsen's favorite accomplishment at WC: Asking multiple people dirty questions on stage for several campus events. I'm apparently good at innuendo.
Steve's failed personal crusade: Eliminate 8:10 classes. Especially for seniors.
What will we take away from our experience with the Holcad? Probably a hundred extra bucks... after taxes. And some bruises from beating each other after writing each article.

Laura "Dell" DellAntonio
Photography Editor

Major: History aka I'm living in a box for the rest of my life
Minor: Nothing Good
Best Known For: Wearing Phi Mu clothing, solving the Rubik's cube, dancing in the bathroom, watching Lifetime movies and taking pictures of everyone on campus.
Plans for post-graduation: Taking a year off before graduate school to: sleep, facebook stalk, be a creepy WC alum, beat 90 year-old grandmothers at bingo, watch soap operas, solve many puzzles, invent something really cool... oh yeah and maybe get a job?
Holiday: Reading Day Eve, Guy's Pick Up Day and VolleyRock night.
Phrase: "You're a Doug" and "That's Beat"
Greatest lesson learned at WC: Don't let silly things like homework, readings, or papers get in the way of doing nothing.



Kirsten Dize
Photographer

Major: English
Plans post-graduation: I plan to return to my home town of Bel Air, Maryland, freak out, get over it, and pursue photography with all my might.
Pastimes: In my spare time I enjoy taking pictures, writing letters, occasionally tossing a disk, watching terrible television (like Wildfire), and dancing foolishly in public.
Favorite Westminster moments include: Volleyrock 2006 and Frisbee in the mud

Lady Titan track conquers PAC

By Bob Long
Sports Writer

On Saturday, April 26, the Westminster Titans track and field teams competed in the PAC championship event at Washington and Jefferson College.

The Titans women won their first-ever PAC title by placing first out of six teams with 145 points while the Titan men placed sixth out of six teams with 22 points.

The Titan women broke nine school records, five of which were new PAC records, while winning a total of eight events. First-year head coach Tim McNeil was named PAC Women's Track & Field Coach of the Year.

Megan Harding won the 100- and 200-meter dashes with school and PAC record times of 12.05 and 25.52 seconds. Harding was named PAC Women's Track MVP. Harding had put in hard work all season and managed to break her own record multiple times over the season setting herself up for a successful senior year.

"We won this title as a team and everyone did their absolute best; it was nice to win something we had been trying so hard to achieve," Harding said.

Jess Cooper won the high jump at 1.60 meters and placed second in the triple jump with a school-record distance of 11.08. Cooper was named PAC Women's Field MVP. Cooper was another reason the Titan women did so well this season as she continually upped the ante week in and week out.

Rebecca Shiner captured the 800 with a school and PAC record time of 2:18.67.

Photo by Laura DellAntonio

We are the champions

The Lady Titans track and field team poses with their PAC conference championship trophy. Eight first place finishes and nine broken records helped the ladies earn their title.

"All the hard work definetly paid off," Siner said. "Beating W&J by 25 points is surely something to be proud of".

Katelyn Kushner and sophomore Abbey Basta finished first or second in the 100 and 400 hurdles. Kushner won the 400 hurdles with a school-record time of 1:04.32 with Basta placing second at 1:06.41. Basta won the 100 hurdles at 15.38 while her 15.31 in the preliminary was a new school and PAC record time, followed by Kushner in second at 15.44.

Kelsie Crowder placed fourth in the long jump with a school-record distance of 5.19. To go along with all of these new records, Westminster's 4x100 scored a time of 48.26 seconds and the 4x400 ran a time of 4:00.79. Both women's relay teams won with school record times. The 4x100 time was also a PAC record.

The Titan women go into the off-season having to replace only one of their record holders. Senior Jess Cooper will be surely missed as the women make a run at next years PAC title.

As for the men's team who placed 6th in the PAC their were still a few shining stars on a young team. Casey Karger led the charge taking third in the 400 hurdles and seventh in the 110 hurdles at 16.56 seconds. To go along with Karger's performance Nathan Donolo took fourth in the javelin throw at 50.65 meter to lead Westminster. With Karger graduating the men's team will have to scramble to replace him as they attempt to rebuild for a new season with the slate wiped clean.

All event-winning and record-ing breaking athletes will now compete in the ECAC and National meets.

Titan baseball earns spot in PAC playoffs

Team defeates Grove City to secure place in PAC tournament to begin May 8

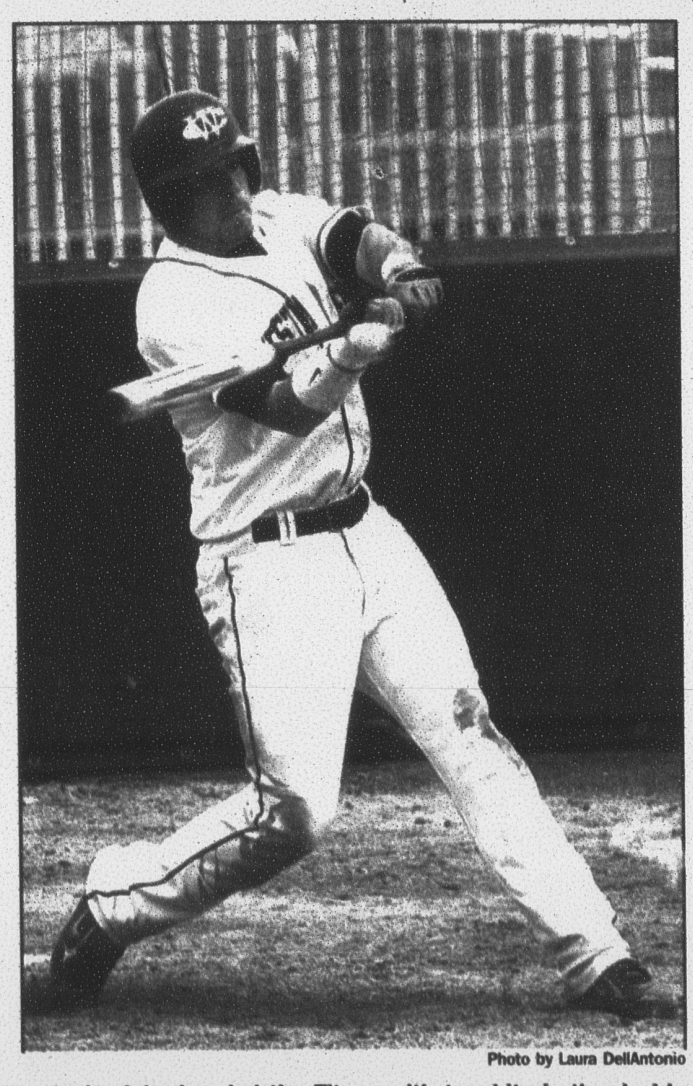


Photo by Laura DellAntonio

Junior John Izzo led the Titans with two hits in the double header against Hiram on May 1. The Titans will host Washington & Jefferson for their final regular season games on Saturday May 3 at noon.

By Andrew Kubincanek
Sports Writer

The Titans secured a guaranteed spot in the playoffs with two wins against Grove City on Sat., April 26 and two non-conference wins at Lake Erie on Sun., Apr. 27.

Westminster won the first game against Lake Erie 8-5 and the second 8-7. Against PAC rival Grove City, the Titans won 13-7 and 14-13. Grove City was tied with Westminster in the PAC prior to the game. The win kept the Titans in second place with a 7-3 record in the PAC (22-12 overall).

"We knew if we swept Grove City we would be mathematically locked into the PAC tournament," senior third baseman Michael Busin said. "That was our main goal going into last Saturday."

Westminster had a total of 14 hits in the first game. Junior John Izzo hit his eighth homerun of the season in the first inning against Lake Erie. Despite trailing 3-2 through the fourth inning, the team took the lead by the sixth. The Titans also trailed in the second game with Lake Erie leading 5-4 in the fifth inning. With the game tied at 6-6, senior David Colella hit the game-winning two-run hit in the seventh inning.

Against Grove City, Busin was six for nine with six runs in both games. By the third inning in game one, the Titans led 9-3. In the second game, the Titans had nine runs by the end of the first inning. Sophomore Dan Argiro and junior Jeff Elliot had three hits each. By the ninth inning, Grove City had come within one run before Busin earned the save as the relief pitcher.

With wins against Grove City, the team held its second place ranking in the PAC. The Titans are behind Thomas More (22-11, 9-1 in the PAC). The team handed Thomas More their only loss in the conference earlier in the season. Currently Thiel (6-4) is in third place followed by Grove City (5-5), W&J (4-6), Waynesburg (4-8) and Bethany trailing with 1-9.

"The competition this year seems to be pretty even so the only real advantage goes to the number one seed because they will have home field advantage," Busin said.

The Titans were originally scheduled to travel to Hiram on Tues., Apr. 29, but the game was postponed to Thurs., May 1. The team will host W&J on Sat., May 3 for the final PAC games of the season. Westminster's regular season ends on Mon., May 5, with games against Pitt Greensburg. The PAC tournament begins on Thurs., May 8.

"We know if we play up to our potential and our offense and defense come together at the same time, we can be a very tough team to beat," Busin said. "As far as W&J goes, they seem to have a pretty solid team, but we are confident that our team can match up with anybody in this league."

Softball finishes season with victory over W&J

By Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

Following two close losses against second place Thomas More, the softball team defeated top seeded Washington & Jefferson in their final Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) game of the season.

The Titans, who are out of contention for the PAC Tournament, finished conference play with a record of 7-7.

"Defeating W&J felt amazing," senior Maria Joseph said. "It definitely took all of us to win. Winning my last conference games as a Lady Titan was great, especially since they (W&J) are the number one seed."

The Titans hosted Thomas More (10-4 PAC, 18-14 overall) Thursday, Apr. 24 and lost both games with scores of 4-2 in nine innings and 3-2 in seven.

Freshman DiAndra DiBacco and sophomore Addie Parker scored on a two-run single by sophomore Sarah Woodward in the first game.

Sophomore Jennifer Emery gave up four runs (two earned) off ten hits with two strikeouts and no walks, absorbing the loss.

Thomas More's Maura Goris, Maria Pabst and Kara Dickerson led the Saints with two hits apiece. Dana Bors gave up two runs on three hits with nine strikeouts and four walks.

Freshman Amber Crompton pitched six innings in game two, giving up three unearned runs and three hits with three strikeouts and no walks.

Freshman Lis Schulz hit a two-run homer scoring Woodward, while Parker contributed two hits.

Jennifer Lang led the Saints in the second game with two hits. Jamie Wisenall pitched seven innings, giving up two runs off three hits with one strikeout and no walks.

The Titans traveled to compete with W&J (10-4 PAC, 25-9 overall) Sat., Apr. 26 and won both games with scores of 2-0 and 6-2.

Emery pitched a four-run shutout in the first game with two strikeouts and one walk. Woodward scored on an RBI single by junior Amy Cornicelli, and freshman Ashley Beltz scored on a sac fly by DiBacco.

Parker, Schulz and Cornicelli led the Titans in the second game with two hits apiece. Schulz also improved her pitching record after going two runs off six hits with no strikeouts and one walk.

Although the Titans will not be in the PAC Tournament this year, they have a positive outlook on the upcoming season.

"I think that it was a shaky season," Schulz said. "We have a lot of talent on this team and I think we had a little trouble coming together and making it all work. But we have talked about the changes that need to be made and we are looking away from this season with our heads held high, lessons learned and great expectations for next season."

Additionally, the majority of this year's talent will be returning, as there is only one senior, Joseph, on the team.

"I just enjoyed being around the team," Joseph said. "They are all truly my best friends and I can only wish them the best of luck in the seasons to come."

"Defeating W&J felt amazing. It definitely took all of us to win. Winning my last conference games as a Lady Titan was great, especially since they (W&J) are the number one seed."
Senior Maria Joseph

A year in review

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

When I decided that a year in review would be an appropriate way to write the year's final column, I was planning to consider what I thought were the ten biggest moments in sports from my final column last year to this year's final column. Instead, what I decided to do was to rank the ten stories that received the most publicity over the past year. Drum roll please; enjoy:

10. Red Sox Win World Series and Spurs win NBA Championship

For all of the doubters, the curse is officially gone and Boston just may be the most dominant baseball team of the decade. As for the Spurs, we are truly watching one of the greatest sports dynasties of all time without even knowing it. Similarly, Tim Duncan will retire as one of the ten greatest players to play in the league, but nobody talks about that.

9. Dale Jr. leaves DEI in the Dust

NASCAR's most popular driver, Dale Earnhardt Jr., left the team his father built to join the Hendrick super stars. If success is any indicator, looks like a good decision for Jr.

8. Tiger Woods wins FedEx Cup

Woods capped off another incredible season by bringing home the inaugural FedEx Cup, which is given to the PGA tour's best scoring player.

7. Tim Donaghy casts dim shadow on the NBA

The Donaghy scandal will always be remembered as one of the biggest corruptions in all of sports. Donaghy's influencing the outcomes of games calls into question the integrity in any and all of professional sports.

6. NCAA Championships

Okay, so the LSU thumping of the Buffalo Bills of college football, otherwise known as Ohio St., was not exciting. However, Kansas win over Memphis was one of the best championships that I have ever witnessed.

5. Bob Knight's Time in Coaching has Passed

The man who wants to be buried upside down or the man with the most wins in NCAA Division I history? Bob Knight will be remembered in a number of different ways, but among them for sure will be his passion, discipline, and ability to win.

4. Spygate

The 2007 NFL season will forever be synonymous with Spygate. Who knows, depending on what former Patriot assistant Matt Walsh tells NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, this story could wind up on the list at this very same time next year. It is a shame that this story nearly, and in some instances did, overshadow…

3. David Beats Goliath: Giants Topple Perfect Pats

In one of the most compelling and dramatic Super Bowls ever, young Eli Manning led the New York Football Giants to the Promised Land in a game where few gave the Giants even a chance.

2. George Mitchell unveils the Mitchell Report

Former Senator George Mitchell revealed his findings about baseball and steroids at the behest of MLB Commissioner Bud Selig. Among the many names included were current players Roger Clemens, Andy Pettitte, Miguel Tejada, and Brian Roberts.

1. Congressional Courtroom: Roger Clemens vs. Brian McNamee

When congress presides in the court of public opinion, the definition of a highly publicized story is epitomized. This three-ring circus is out of control with no end in sight. Odds of this story occupying the top spot next year are about as good as gas prices topping four bills before summer.

I hope you've enjoyed. Until next fall, have a great summer!

Sports

Earth Day unites campus and community

SSC holds 5K race event

By Eilis McCulloh
Staff Writer

Last Saturday, the Sierra Student Coalition held the Earth Day 5K race. Students, faculty, and community members participated in the event.

Around 100 people registered for the race and there were 85 finishers. College community members made up half of the runners ,with the other entrants coming from local communities.

The 5K race took runners through the nature trail, around the labyrinth and compost piles at the Field Station before returning to campus.

"We organized the course so that participants not only saw our campus, but also the Edmiston Memorial Labyrinth and the Field Station, places that are central to our club's mission and passion," explained junior Leslie Bollibon.

Chrissy Valentine, assistant director of on-site programs for Titan Traverse, was the top female finisher with a time of 22:54.

Senior Will DeLair and sophomore Nate Hunter tied for a first place finish with a time of 20:41.

In addition to the race, there were door prizes and a bake sale. Individuals and local businesses including the Silk Road, Apple Castle, and Flowers on the Vine donated baskets. Some campus organizations donated goodies for the bake sale.

The 5K race was the final Earth Week event planned by SSC.

"It was a great way to wrap up Earth Week events and celebrate Clarence Harms and the Field Station," senior Leanna Stitt, president of SSC, said.

This is not the first year for the race. It first took place in 2005, and this year marks its return to Earth week celebrations. SSC plans to continue it every year.

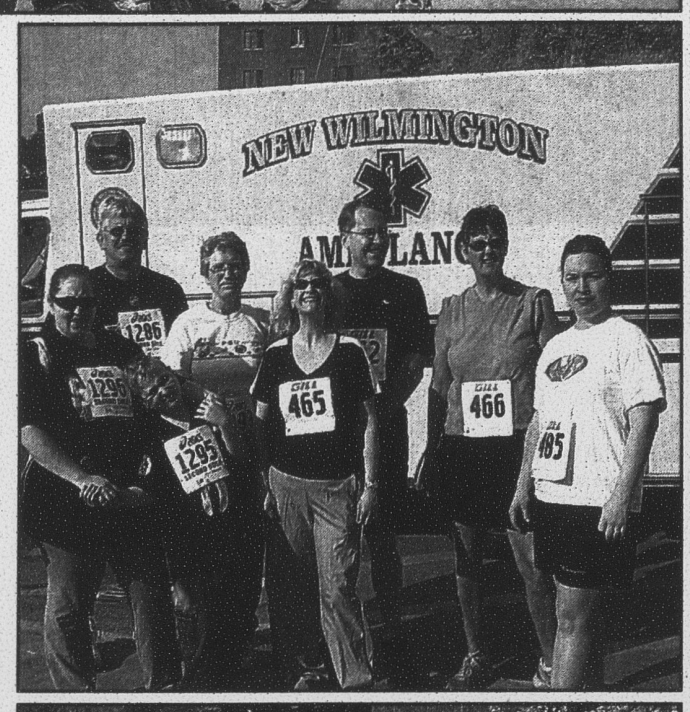
SSC had beautiful weather for the race and is grateful for the support from the campus and community.

"We are appreciative of all support from the campus and community. We hope that it will be a success in the future," Stitt said.

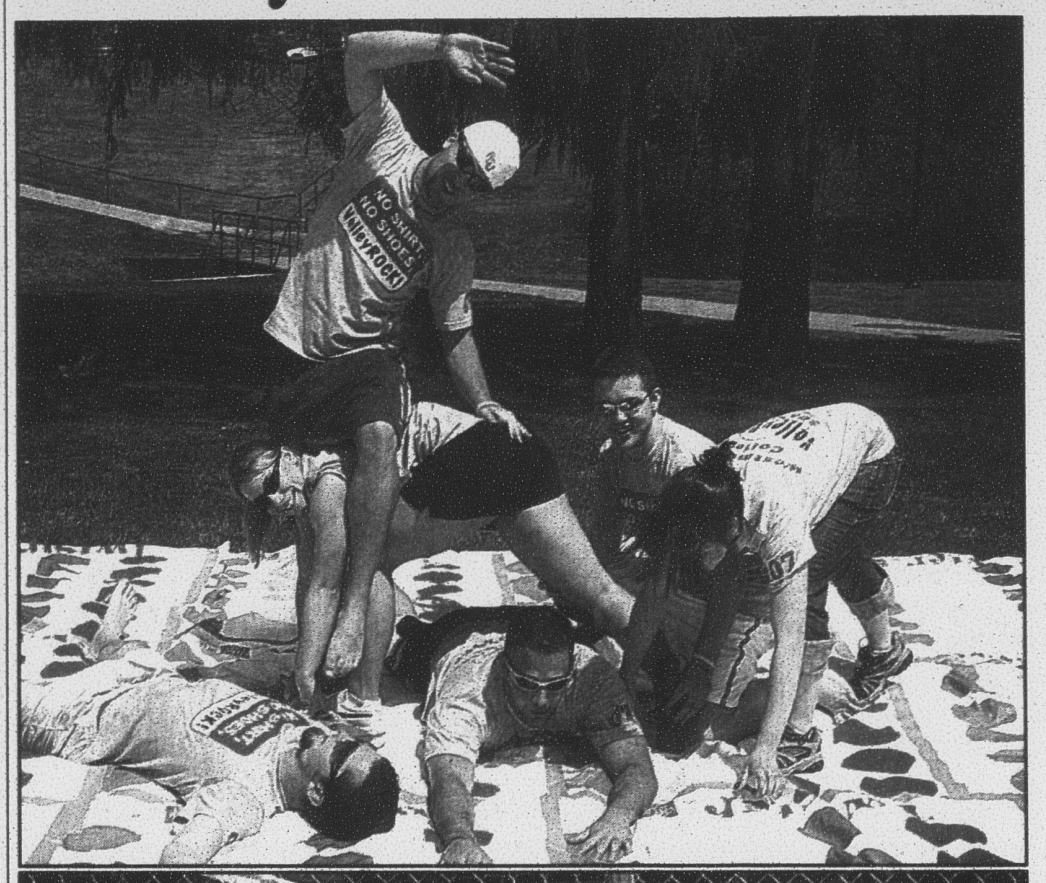
"The Earth Day 5k was a really exciting event for the SSC and we are really happy with how it went," Bollibon added.

Eighty percent of the benefits will go to beautifying the Field Station and funding a summer environmental education program for underprivileged elementary school children.

Stitt hopes that the race will encourage people to "Think Globally. Act Locally."



Volleyrock returns!



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CALENDAR

Friday, May 2, 2008
11:30 AM College Feminists Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)
11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)
12:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega Exec Meeting (MCC Weisel Conference Room 255)
2:00 PM Chemistry Seminar (Hoyt 152)
7:30 PM Combined Bands Concert (Orr Auditorium)
8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Definitely, Maybe (MCC Mueller Theater)
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Fool's Gold (MCC Mueller Theater)

Saturday, May 3, 2008
Volley Rock
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Meeting for Volley Rock Teams (MCC Berlin Lounge)
12:00 PM BASEBALL v. Washington & Jefferson*
7:00 PM Mass (Wallace Memorial Chapel)
7:30 PM Jazz Ensemble Concert (MCC Berlin Lounge)
8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Fool's Gold (MCC Mueller Theater)
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Definitely, Maybe (MCC Mueller Theater)

Sunday, May 4, 2008
10:00 AM - 3:30 PM Calm Before the Storm Retreat (McConnell's Mills)
3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Fool's Gold (MCC Mueller Theater)
3:00 PM Orchestra Concert (Orr Auditorium)
5:30 PM Men's Basketball Senior Recognition Dinner (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)
7:00 PM Senior Vespers (Wallace Memorial Chapel)
9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Definitely, Maybe (MCC Mueller Theater)

Monday, May 5, 2008
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ZTA Pink Out Day
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Career Center's Education Seminar for Juniors (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)
11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)
12:00 PM Holcad Staff Meeting (MCC Weisel Conference Room 255)
2:30 PM BASEBALL v. Pitt-Greensburg
7:30 PM Student Woodwind and Brass Recital (Orr Auditorium)
7:30 PM ZTA Big Man on Campus (MCC Berlin Lounge)
9:00 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

Tuesday, May 6, 2008
MONDAY CLASSES MEET AND CLASSES END
4:15 PM Allies Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)
5:30 PM College Democrats Meeting (MCC Weisel Room 255)
6:00 PM Chapel Staff Dinner (Jim Mohr's Home)
6:30 PM Japanese Anime Club (TC 210)
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM WESPY Awards (Orr Auditorium)
7:30 PM Faculty Jazz Ensemble Concert (Orr Auditorium)
9:30 PM Newman Club Meeting (MCC Witherspoon Maple)
9:40 PM Sierra Student Coalition Meeting (TC 314)

Wednesday, May 7, 2008
READING DAY
9:00 AM Faculty Meeting (Phillips Lecture Hall)
12:00 PM Employee Recognition Luncheon (MCC Witherspoon Rooms)
9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship (MCC Berlin Lounge)

Thursday, May 8, 2008
All Day Events
FINALS
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM High School Choral Festival (Orr Auditorium)
11:00 AM Support Staff Meeting (MCC Club Room)

Friday, May 9, 2008
FINALS

Senior Week events 2008

Saturday, May 10
Pirates Game, begins at 7:05 p.m.

Monday, May 12
Tulley's, 8:00 p.m. to midnight
-for WC seniors only

Tuesday, May 13
President's Brunch, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 14
Cedar Point, bus leaves Old 77 at 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, May 15
Brunch in McGinness, 12 - 12:30 p.m.
Dinner in McGinness, 4:45 - 5:15 p.m.

Friday, May 16
Brunch in McGinness,
Graduation practice, 2:00 p.m.
- held inOrr Auditorium
Reception for Tom and Jean Williamson, 3:30 p.m.
- held inMcKelvey Campus Center

Saturday, May 17
Continental breakfast, 8 - 8:30 a.m.
Graduates assemble in Beeghly Theater, 9:45 a.m.
Baccalaureate, 10:30 a.m. Orr Auditorium
Picnic lunch on the Quad, 11:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Graduates assemble in Orr Auditorium, 1:30 p.m.
Commencement, 2:30 p.m.

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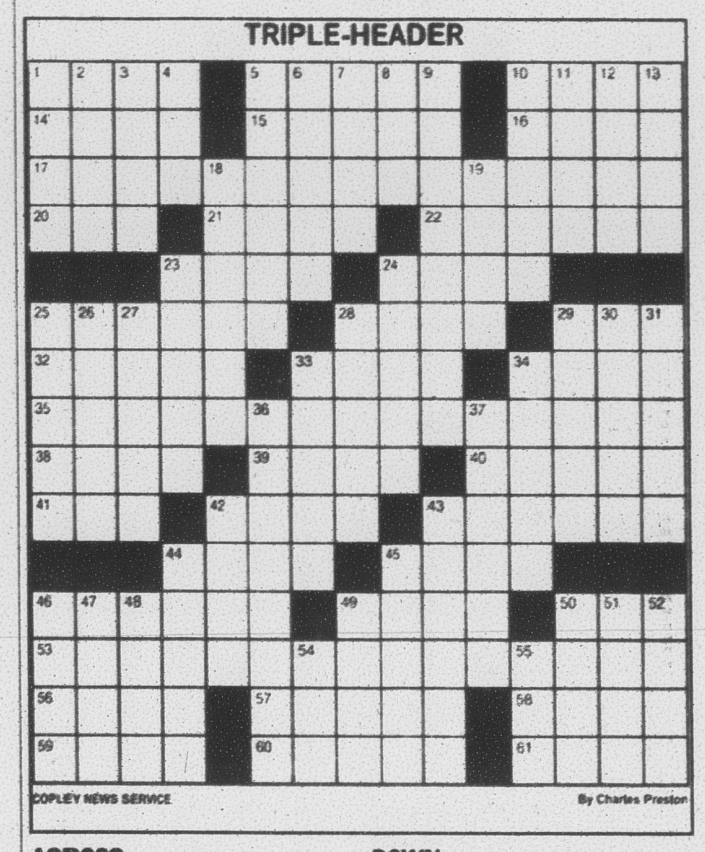

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14 Etcher's medium
15 More ghostly
16 Battle cry?
17 Dress for men with vested interests?
20 Vintner's tool
21 Wolfe, the sleuth
22 Food source
23 Earnestly request
24 Give me ___!
25 Of the lip
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29 Harem room
32 Hockey infraction
33 Gather
34 In the center
35 First schizophrenic problem?
38 Lamarr, in "Boom Town"
39 Ticked off
40 Star in Orion
41 Start's starter
42 Bowline or slide
43 Long-lasting complaint
44 Troublesome one
45 Friend's word
46 Kind of kisses
49 Called, at poker
50 Deneuve's assent
53 Quaint first-class postage
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59 "Say, hey!" sayer
60 Racetrack-scenes artist
61 Shore flier

DOWN
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3 Struggle to finish
4 Thirst slaker
5 Defendant's resource
6 Certain maid or man
7 Bread spread
8 Popular room
9 Religious recluses
10 "History of Art" author
11 Composer Satie
12 Communion, e.g.
13 Boss Tweed tweaker
18 Drive to distraction
19 John Franco goal
23 Like some woods
24 Put on airs
25 Like a ballerina
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27 Shuttlecocks
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36 Played the angel
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54 Nav. reading
55 Vital statistic

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21 - April 19):
Quick thinking will get you out of an uncomfortable situation with relative ease. Resist the temptation to slack off.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):
The focus is on money and finances. Gather all of your resources and figure out a way to meet your fiscal obligations without destroying your budget.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21):
Do not hesitate to relax and let the grass grow under your feet. Recharge your battery and prepare to move forward when opportunity knocks.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22):
The subconscious will be a very valuable tool. When in doubt, get quiet, go within and follow your intuition.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):
Networking among your friends is worthwhile, exciting and enjoyable. Strive to build business and social relationships during a gathering.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):
The accent is on career development. Lead with power and conviction and take a direct approach to achieve your professional goals.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23):
Enthusiasm and determination will take you where you want to go, and beyond. Add extra pep to your step and make the necessary rounds.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21):
It is time for a fiscal undertaking to pay off. Study returns and make a mental note of your progress in the form of profit or material gains.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):
Brainstorming sets the stage for a meaningful exchange of information. Reach out to a partner with some practical solutions to an uncanny dilemma.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):
Show your support for a humanistic or environmental cause. Take a break from mundane tasks and participate in a charitable project.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):
Be realistic when setting your goals and planning how you will achieve them. Make adjustments in your expectations to reflect a current situation.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):
Concentrate your energies on the home front or on your personal relationships this week. Deal wisely with an emotional issue before it explodes.

If your birthday is this week:
you will find yourself involved in a plethora of inspiring activities during the coming year. Brace yourself for the unexpected and be prepared to take the path less traveled. Your creativity is stretched to the maximum and you are likely to walk away from this cycle fully aware of the level, depth or degree of your talents. Clean up old business and welcome an opportunity to strike out in a new direction.

Also born this week:
Johnny Depp, Tara Lipinski, Joe Montana, Chick Corea, William Butler Yeats, Lucy Hale and Ice Cube.

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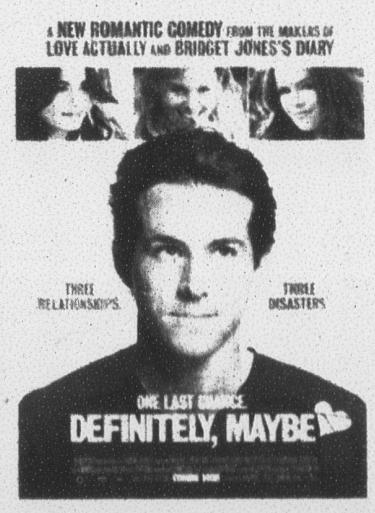
McKelvey Weekend Entertainment

Have a WONDERFUL summer... See you next year!

"Definitely, Maybe"



Movies Playing at Mueller Theater

"Fool's Gold"

8:00 PM	Friday	10:30 PM
10:30 PM	Saturday	8:00 PM
9:00PM	Sunday	3:00 PM

Movies provided by Club Room
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Late Night in the Club Room
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Arts & Entertainment

Little to say about *88 minutes*

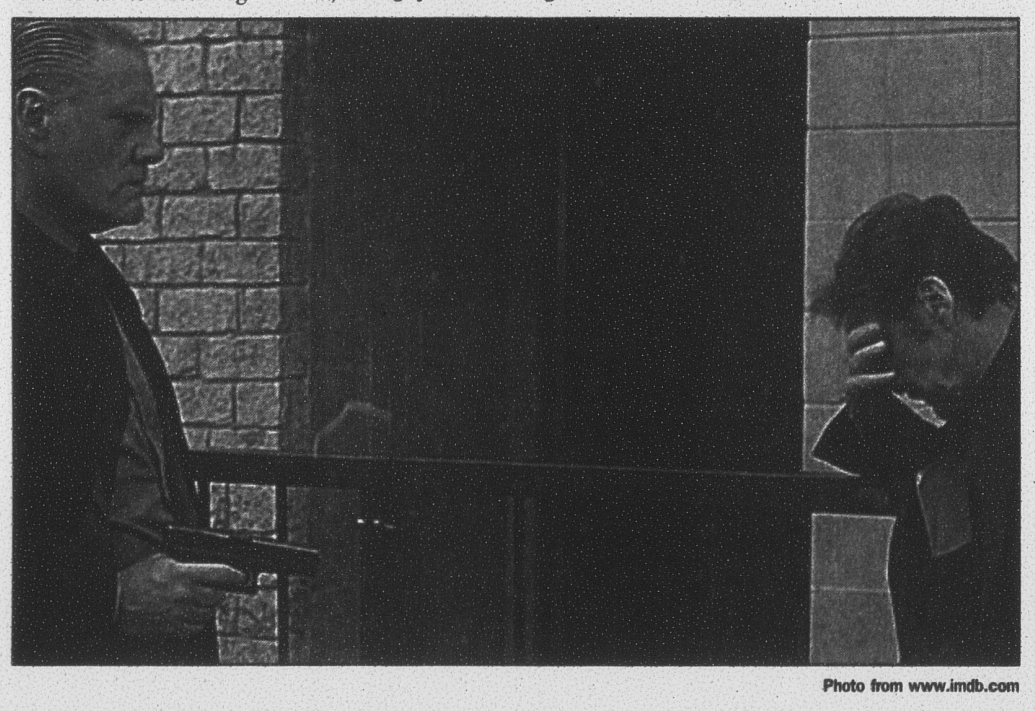
Chris Lehberger
A&E Editor

In *88 Minutes*, Jack Gramm (Al Pacino) is a college Psychology professor who moonlights as a forensic profiler. On the eve of the execution of a serial killer Gramm put away, he receives a call telling him there is a copycat killer and that he has only 88 minutes left to live, wonder where they got the title, huh? In addition there is new evidence that the person on death row may actually be innocent, making it a bad day for Gramm.

In fear for his life, Gramm races to interview possible suspects with the help of his friend, FBI Special Agent Frank Parks (William Forsythe). Following a trail of an old one night stand, some troublesome students, and the killer he put on death row, Jon Forster (Neal McDonough) ala Hannibal Lecter.

It is hard to say this about a Pacino movie, but *88 Minutes* sucked. The main premise of the movie is just a gimmick the creators thought of to throw badguys and hot girls in Pacino's way. There are really too many suspects, giving the whole "investigation" sequence of the film an appearance of a jigsaw puzzle, with elements being thrown in to fill in space and make Pacino look cool. He did look cool, which is an easy task for such a great actor, but it is obvious why this movie sat in development hell for a year before being released.

Chris is a junior public relations major who's addicted to *LOST* and *the Office*, and despite being a writing minor, can't finish books. Or sing. At all.



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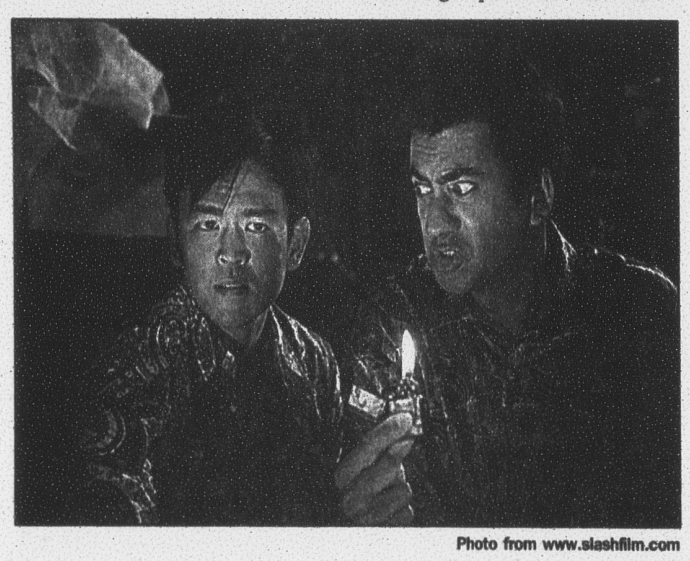
Chris' Rating: ★☆☆☆☆

Harold and Kumar do it again in Guantanamo

By Brett Gerthoffer
A&E Writer

Finally four years after a big hit of going to White Castle, Harold and Kumar come out with another top notch stoner comedy. If you are way too serious about life and can't enjoy a movie where basically everything that happens would never happen in real life then you will not like this. Not too mention the frontal male nudity with "Osama Bin Laden's" beard as pubes (not literally, but that is what they call the lions mane that almost completely covers some kids johnson). Pretty disgusting yes but it's all in good fun right?



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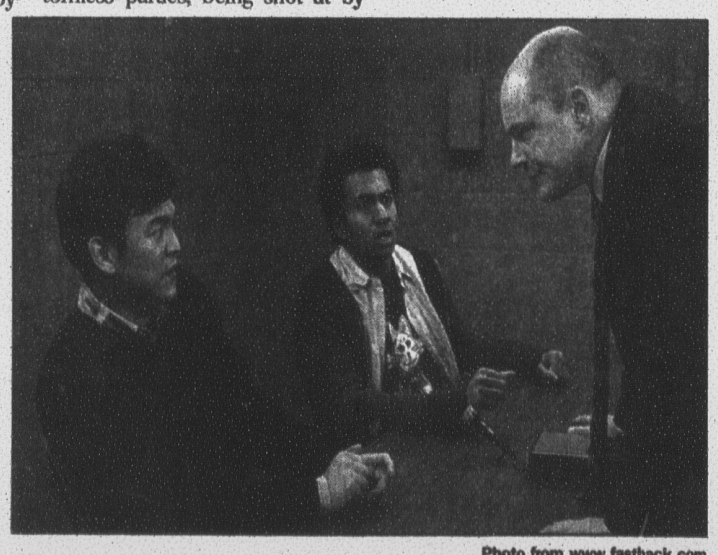
Anyway off the subject of giant bushes and johnsons' *Harold and Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay* honestly did supply tons of laughs and even more entertainment. The story picks up with Harold taking a shower and enjoying it while it is abruptly disturbed by extremely aggressive pooping noises. To Harold's dismay Kumar is taking the crap of his life and Kumar responds to his accusations by questioning him why he hasn't taking the dump of his life after eating 30 sliders each and buckets of fries. So this movie starts right after White Castle because they have a plane to Amsterdam to catch so Harold can chase down the girl he finally talked to in their apartment building (from the first movie if you haven't seen it). While on the plane to their dream city, because of the legal marijuana and all…. you know how it is, Kumar pulls out his smokeless bong he made in the bathroom. Despite Harold's threatening questions Kumar sparks up. An old lady sees the lighter flicks through the door Harold left open and screams TERRORIST! Two air marshals tackle the two troublesome stoners and so starts their infamous serious of unfortunate events.

Head of their terrorist case is a highly racist Homeland security agent. Played by Rob Coddry is a super hardass agent who will stop at nothing to put down Harold and Kumar. They are sent to Guantanamo Bay which is a rundown no rights prison facility housing terrorists and the like. The stoner boys manage to escape and are on the run from Agent Fox for the rest of the movie and run into worse and worse events. Problems they face include a one eyed inbred child, cock-meat sandwiches, bottomless parties, being shot at by hookers (the result of the returning Neil Patrick Harris), a KKK bonfire, kicks in the balls, and so much more.

The duos only hope of getting clean is the fiancé of Kumar's ex-girlfriend (of whom he still in love with and wants to get her back). Her fiancé however turns them in and they escape aboard a plane via parachute once again. This escape scene is extremely far fetched, but in light of the movie is extremely acceptable. Landing in someone's home they vow to get back to the wedding and at least get Kumar his girlfriend back. But alas they realize they are in George W. Bush's summer house. Following the trend of events that are likely not to happen Bush friends them and smokes some "bomb ass weed laced with blow" with them. Bush gives immediate pardon to his new favorite friends and helps him get to the wedding.

So much bizarre and random stuff happens that is so farfetched but because it is so farfetched and crazy it is so much fun to watch. You will definitely be laughing at the hilarious stoner duo. Kumar even bonds with Bush through their issues with pushy fathers. Stereotype jokes against Blacks, Jews, Indians, and Koreans from the racist agent are sure to please as well as the many references to marijuana use and abuse (a scholarly Kumar turned stoner in his college days). If you enjoyed White Castle you will surely enjoy this hilarious flick. Stay through the credits for a scene that possibly sets the stage for an H&K3. Hopefully it won't take four freaking years to come out.



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Brett's Rating: ★★★★☆

Concert Calendar:

Rock out with your favorite artists at these upcoming local shows!

Bolded dates are new shows.

May

2: 8:00 p.m. Bouncing Souls w/ The Gaslight Anthem @ Mr. Smalls Theatre
2: 7:30 p.m. Third Day @ Orchard Hill Church
5: 7:00 p.m. Children of Bodom w/ Into Eternity @ Mr. Smalls Theatre
9: 7:30 PM - Gretchen Wilson @ Harv Arena at Mountaineer
10: 6:00 p.m.: The Devil Wears Prada @ Perry-Hi Way Hose Company
10: 8:00 p.m.: Tegan & Sara @ Palace Theater
12: 7:00 pm.: Liars @ Diesel
14: 8:00 p.m. Thrice w/ Circa Survive @ Club Zoo
16: 8:00 p.m. Flyleaf @ Mr. Smalls Theatre
18: 7:00 p.m. Tantric w/ Framing Hanley @ Diesel
30: 8:00 p.m. Coheed and Cambria w/ Baroness @ Gravity Nightclub at Ches-Arena
31: 7:00 p.m. Dave Matthews Band @ Post-Gazette Pavilion

June

3: 7:00 PM - The Spill Canvas w/ Steel Train @ Mr. Smalls
3: 7:00 PM - Person L (feat. Kenny Vasoli of The Starting Line) @ Diesel
6: 7:00 p.m. Over The Rhine @ Diesel *21 and over
7: 8:00 p.m. Bob Saget @ The Palace Theatre of Greensburg
10: 7:30 p.m. Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers @ Post-Gazette Pavilion
12: 7:00 p.m. Valencia @ Stratus Niteclub
13: 8:00 p.m. Death Cab For Cutie @ Plain- Dealer Pavilion
15: 7:00 p.m. Cute Is What We Aim For @ Club Diesel 21 and over
21: 7:00 PM - The Clarks @ Post-Gazette Pavilion

July

3: 6:30 p.m. Demon Hunter w/ Living Sacrifice @ Mr. Smalls Theatre
26: 7:00 pm. Foo Fighters @ Peterson Events Center

August

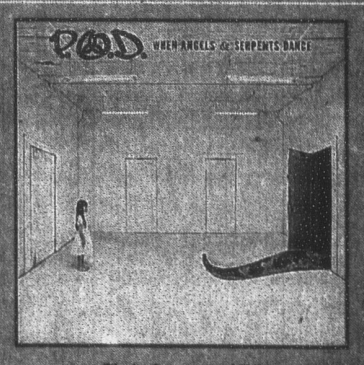
4: 7:30 p.m. Radiohead @ Blossom Music Center

Staff Recs

You're sure to be entertained with these picks:

P.O.D.-*When Angels And Serpents Dance*

P.O.D. returns to the "Southtown" and "Satellite" sound with the return of guitarist Marcos Curiel. They can still rock as hard as ever.



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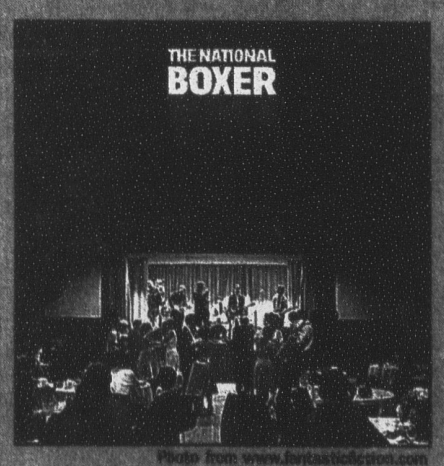

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The National - *Boxer*

Usually I don't dig overtly indie stuff, but The National operate with a pleasurable coolness and civility.

Filter - *Short Bus*

Everyone knows their song "Take A Picture," but check out some of their heavier, throwback-to-the-nineties-with-my-Tommy Hilfiger-shirt-and-carpenter-jeans music.

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Arts & Entertainment

Lehberger explains the 'campus craze' known as fruitball

By Chris Lehberger
A&E Editor

I've always found it interesting what some people do to keep themselves occupied.

People like me, for example, fidget constantly; most of the time doing that annoying leg bounce thing during class, shaking my leg in an up-and-down motion, sometimes at an exceedingly high rate of speed, shaking not only my desk, but also the desk positioned directly in front of me. This poor individual, who I have coined as the "shakee," of course isn't happy, and because of my shaking, becomes inwardly angry, as evidenced by quick glances over his or her shoulder, and sometimes, in extreme situations, causes that person to move to a different desk (yes, it has happened to me).

This phenomenon is universal. Regardless of personality, countenance or interest, we, as humans, all seek some sort of entertainment when we are bored in class, work or at home. Sometimes, the entertainment we create either consciously or subconsciously can be rather uncustomary, as is the case with some individuals attending this school who have developed a "sport" that I like to call "fruitball."

It's quite ridiculous, really. The game has two versions: one involving arm strength and aim, the other skill and finesse. Both, however, have one common denominator: fruit.

It's perfectly good fruit. Fruit I could take back to my room and eat later; fruit that could be chopped into neat slices and eaten in the morning with coffee; fruit that could be sent overseas to children in the country formerly known as Yugoslavia.

Instead, while walking over the little bridge crossing the stream that divides the campus, I see perfectly good oranges, tucked snugly behind the jutting rocks. I see apples, exploded to shreds on the bank. I get angry.

The first version of the game is quite simple: take the fruit from the cafeteria, and while standing about halfway down the rather steep hill angling towards the stream, throw the fruit at the concrete wall barricading the impending field, which hosts the tennis courts and make-shift softball field.

The second version is a little more complicated, and it's my favorite. This time, standing directly atop the hill, with the laser eye of an eagle and the luck of Steve Burns' half-court shot, the perpetrator rolls the piece of fruit down the sidewalk, doing his best to hit the correct grooves, bumps and cracks that would read just the angle of the fruit and direct it across the bridge, where the fruit would settle neatly in the soft green grass.

This, however, rarely happens, if ever. Usually, the perpetrator hunches down, tilts his body slowly and slightly to the side, and crunches his brow, whispering directives under is breath. There are grimaces, winces, loud expulsions of air, profuse sweating and cursing, and sometimes a celebration breaks forth with clenched fists raised in the air, eyes closed and head cast toward the heavens, only to see the bumbling orange barely miss the bank and smack off the concrete wall with a grim plop.

Ha, sucker.

This form of entertainment is Westminster College at its finest; finesse, skill and above all, intelligence. It must be noted, however, that these students have every right to practice this perfunctory skill of waste and idiocy. They pay their seven dollars to eat at the cafeteria, and they have every right to grab a piece of fruit to take back with them.

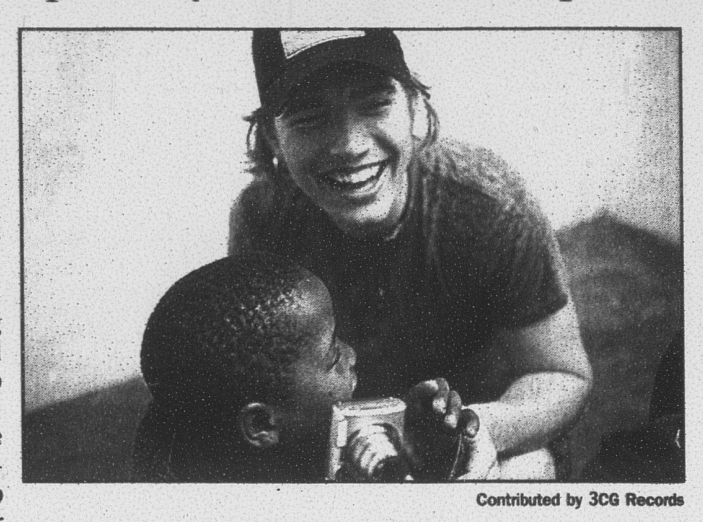
But I digress. It pains me to see the spill wicker baskets barren of fresh fruit, left with the picked-over bruised apples, the oranges with enough flat spots to start building a wall. But hey, how the heck are those guys supposed to roll square pieces of fruit down the hill? Let's get real, people.

This form of entertainment is Westminster College at its finest; finesse, skill and above all, intelligence.

Awareness is good; action is better

One mile walk, inspired by Hanson, to take place

By Lindsey Nuzzo
Interim Editor-in-chief



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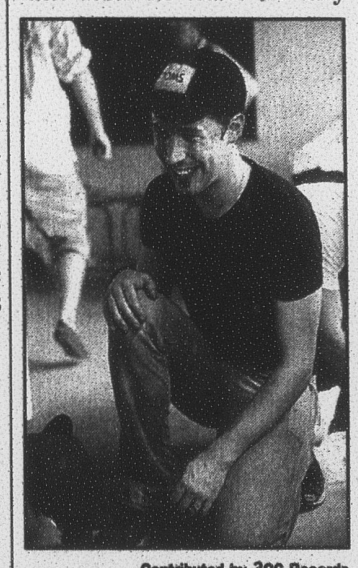
The Holcad student newspaper will sponsor a one-mile walk to raise awareness of AIDS and poverty among children in Africa and promote action to help the cause.

The Walk will be held on Saturday, May 3 at 3:00 p.m. during VolleyRock day. The one mile will be completed by walking one lap around Brittain Lake.

Inspiration for holding The Walk came from national recording artists, Hanson. Those who grew up in the 90s may remember then for their chart-topper "MMM-Bop" released in 1997. Today, the band still records albums and is currently touring the U.S. not only to promote their latest album, appropriately titled *The Walk*, but also to raise awareness and promote action for causes that they



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feel very strongly about.

According to Christy Sitter, former project coordinator for Hanson and 2006 Westminster graduate, the bands numerous trips to Africa have driven them to do whatever they can to help the African children.

"The guys have taken several trips to Africa," Sitter said. "During their first trip, they were able to experience first-hand the devastation that something like AIDS and poverty can bring to a community of innocent people."

Sitter has been instrumental in using her experience with Hanson to establish connections with the band and the college. She helped establish a connection for budding local musician J.D. Eicher by introducing him to Hanson after a concert in October. This gave Eicher a first-hand look at what it means to be a musician on national tour.

"They were really genuine people to meet," Eicher said. "And you can tell they are just playing music because they love it, not because they want money or fame; they've already been there."

Eicher also noted that, in the short time that they met, the band members eagerly spoke about their trips to Africa and how strongly they felt about promoting the cause.

"When they spoke, it didn't seem like they were trying to sell me something or make me do something," Eicher said. "They were genuinely passionate about their work with Africa and TOMS shoes.

Hanson began their walking tradition during The Walk tour, which began in 2007 and still continues. Before each concert, the fans are invited to remove their shoes and partake in the one mile stroll around the general concert venue area. Walking barefoot allows the participants to better empathize with the many children who live in poverty without simple items such as shoes.

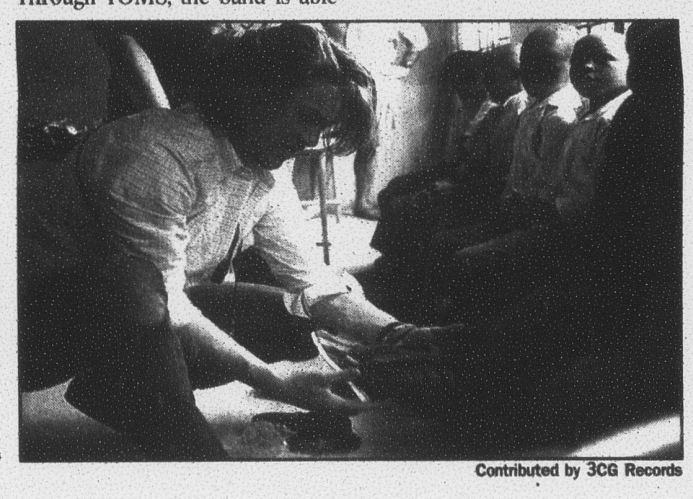
Realizing this, Hanson took their good deed doing to another level by pairing up with a shoe company called TOMS shoes. Through TOMS, the band is able to sell shoes at their concerts. What makes TOMS different, however, is that for every pair of shoes sold, another pair is directly donated to a child in need. Even further, Hanson, along with Tom, owner of TOMS shoes, have taken additional trips to Africa and South America to deliver the shoes and personally place them on the feet of impoverished children.

According to Sitter, the band wants to use their experiences by inspiring others to take action.

"Hanson wants everyone to be involved for the cause and that's why they encourage others to hold walks and raise awareness aside from what is done during the tour," Sitter said. "We hope that people join us on Saturday and walk with us around the lake."

The Walk will begin at 3:00 p.m. Students will meet at Eichenhauer field and then walk one lap around the lake. Removal of shoes is suggested but not necessary.

Pictures and video will be taken and sent to Hanson for possible use on their website. In addition, cans will be available for donations and everyone who donates and/or participates will be entered to win a free copy of Hanson's latest CD.



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Student creates online music community

FreshZIVE connects music fans and artists

By Shannon Richter
Staff Writer

Enjoy life. This is the motto of Will Quigley's website, freshZIVE, an online entertainment community dedicated to reaching fans and members of the world of music, film and art.

Quigley, a senior public relations major, created freshZIVE to be a comprehensive entertainment community. The site features unique artists, reviews of new CDs, interviews with bands, discussion forums, and several other ways to go behind the scenes of the entertainment industry.

"It's really catching on more quickly than I expected," said Quigley.

During its first month of existence, the site received over 2,000 visits. According to Quigley, freshZIVE is on track to exceed this number in April. FreshZIVE also coordinates with artists, record labels, and publicists to offer free mp3 downloads for readers.

"FreshZIVE is getting noticed by bands and record labels," said Quigley. "The site helps in booking record deals and there is a promotions section for bands [on the site]."

While Quigley coordinated nearly every aspect of the site, from coding the website to creating an extensive contact list, he works with ten active staff members. Staff members get free promotional copies of new CDs, a spot on guest lists at different shows and performances, as well as photography passes for these shows.

"Its nice getting into shows for free," said staff member and junior public relations major, Chris Lehberger. "It's also great to make connections with people in the industry."

Quigley relies on his staff to write the articles, reviews, and interviews featured on freshZIVE. The site has contributors beyond the campus, ranging from New Jersey and Maryland to California. While the staff is currently unpaid, Quigley hopes that this will change as the website expands.

"I'm currently running advertisements on the site," said Quigley. "The goal is to be able to cover costs and pay the staff writers."

Quigley submitted the position of staff writer as a possible internship for students because of the experience staff members gain as a part of freshZIVE.

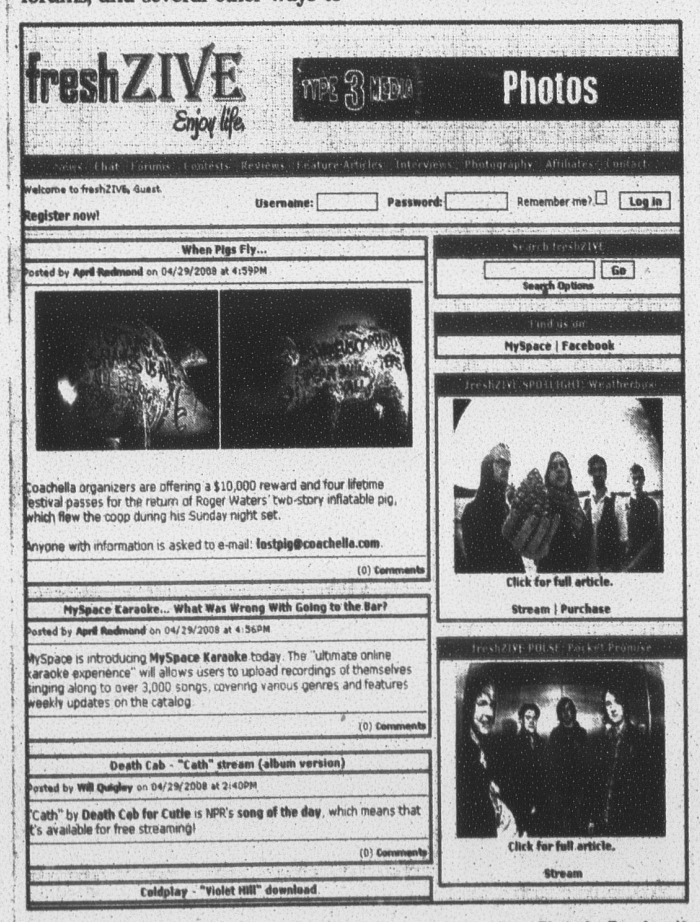
"I have learned that this is the best way to get a message across," said Lehberger. "It's a great way to meet people and really learn how to do public relations."

Some of the experiences of freshZIVE contributors include interviewing the lead singer of "Mae" and profiling the band, "Tally Hall." Also, staff writer and senior business administration major, Ben Knauff, will attend the Bonnaroo Music Festival this summer in Manchester, TN.

Quigley has always had a passion for music but creating freshZIVE required drive and experience. This is actually Quigley's second online entertainment community. He created the first, Silent Sky Media, during his senior year of high school. In May 2005, Silent Sky Media was hacked, and Quigley lost years of work. While he abandoned Silent Sky Media, the concept of creating an online entertainment community was always in the back of his mind.

"Since I did have Silent Sky Media in high school, this has been much easier, also because of my public relation experience here," said Quigley. "The writing style wasn't as professional."

Quigley hopes to expand the readership of freshZIVE in the hopes of eventually making freshZIVE a full-time career. He invites bands and fans to join in this all inclusive portal for everything entertainment at freshzive.com



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Senior Will Quigley created freshZIVE, a website designed to reach music fans and artists. The site surpassed Quigley's inital visitor goals by receiving over 2,000 hits in the first month.

Chick-flick fans: say 'I do' to watching *Made of Honor*

Copley News Source

It's only natural to make the comparison between Patrick Dempsey's "Made of Honor" and Julia Roberts' "My Best Friend's Wedding."

Both movies are about boy/girl best friends who don't realize how much they love each other until one of them gets engaged.

In 1997, Roberts was the anguished "best man" who watched Dermot Mulroney marry Cameron Diaz. Now, in the post-metrosexual age, Dempsey is the maid of honor for his gal pal, Hannah.

Dempsey plays Tom, a Casanova with a mean streak who can only say "I love you" to dogs. He and Hannah have one of those flirty platonic relationships. They eat dessert off each other's plates. They take sunset walks in Central Park. But that's it.

Michelle Monaghan is delightful as Hannah. She's smart and beautiful and has excellent taste in clothes. In real life, there's no way she would be friends with someone as self-centered as Tom.

But this is a romantic comedy, and in romantic comedies anything can happen. Like how Hannah goes to Scotland and meets her fiance when he rides up on a horse. A horse! Because girls love horses!

Tom agrees to be Hannah's maid of honor and, suddenly, the plot becomes very familiar - not just like "My Best Friend's Wedding," but like a mishmash of every romantic comedy ever written.

There's the supportive group of friends. Tom's lackluster buddies seem as though they're only there to provide male audiences with some basketball scenes.

Hannah's friends have more sass, especially Melissa, played by Busy Philipps, who gets the film's best lines.

And where would any romance comedy be without eccentric family members? Like a racy grandmother or an aunt with a thick Scottish accent? A crazy bachelorette party? And best of all, tearful proclamations of love?

Oh, it's all here.

Maybe because Dempsey is universally known as McDreamy from "Grey's Anatomy" the movie has the coziness of a TV show. Dempsey has lots of toothy charm, and it's only magnified on the big screen.

He has genuine chemistry with Monaghan. They're fun to watch, even when they don't have scenes together. So it's easier to forgive things that would normally be annoying, like all that physical comedy.

As the movie unfolds with its gorgeous scenes of New York and Scotland, it becomes more clear that "Made of Honor" isn't like "My Best Friend's Wedding" at all.

No, with it's easy predictability and super obvious plot, it actually has more in common with another famous boy/girl pair of best friends: Ross and Rachel from "Friends."

Running time: 1 hour, 41 minutes.

Rated: PG-13. 2 1/2 stars.

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Features

Life goes by fast, run with it

Lurene McDonald
Features Editor

The end of semester blues are here. This fine mixture of emotions is enough to drive anyone slightly insane.

A week from today, I will be packing up my room to move home for the summer. I cannot even completely relate the extent of my happiness about this fact. I have slowly been piling up items and separating things to go into boxes for several weeks now. I am anxious for summer.

However, the packing always brings sadness. Westminster is my home for the majority of the year. In fact, most of the time when I think of the word home, I think of WC. It is an odd phenomenon for me to go home and live with my parents and younger siblings again instead of on a sorority suite on a campus where all of my friends are.

It definitely takes some adjustment to get reacquainted with my life at home. I have spent half of this semester yearning for summer. Now that I stand at the brink of break, I am torn between emotions of excitement and hesitation.

Yesterday was, as it was for all of you, my last T/R class for the semester. It felt amazing. It was just one step closer toward summer, to next year, to the future looming in the distance.

It is hard to believe that my first two years here have gone by so quickly. It seems like just two minutes ago that I was standing in my dorm room in Shaw as an extremely nervous freshmen meeting my roommate for the first time. In four months, I will be beginning my junior year of college and I know it will go by all to fast.

I know there are more than a few, if not all of the seniors on campus that would agree with me. Life will be changing quickly for them. Their idea of home will again shift, away from our little, warm college in Amish country to their new beginning's place.

For some of them it will be a one-room apartment. Some others will continue the roommate system as they pursue graduate school. Still others will start a new life with a significant other or move to another part of the country.

I always thought that the fact that graduation is called commencement. While it is the end of college and of the life they know, it is the beginning of a new life for our graduates. I always have liked the line from Green Day's Closing Time that says, "Closing time, every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end."

The end of this semester will bring new beginnings for all of us. Every year brings something different. Some of us will have our first experience with an internship. Others will be getting their first job. Some will move away from home for the first time.

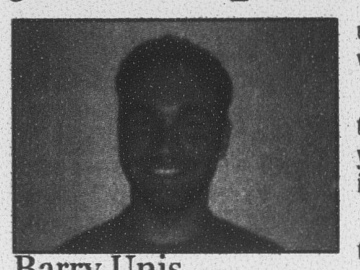
Freshmen year was the great beginning for all of us. Now, seniors, you stand at the brink of the end of it. You may no longer call this place home in a few, short weeks, but it will be the beginning of your new life. You will have a soft spot for the place you called home for your college years. Remember Westminster, and it will indeed remember you. Best wishes in all of your endeavors in the coming years. You have been given a firm foundation for your new beginning. Stand in great confidence of that.

Underclassmen, get ready to step up to the next level of your college life. Do not let it pass you by. Time goes by too fast. Life goes by too fast. Do not let your college life just pass you by, go with it.

Lurene is a sophomore public relations major who enjoys a mug of hot chocolate. She loves being a member of Kappa Delta Sorority and the Admissions Office Staff.

Lessons learned

Our diversity columnist bids farewell, reflects upon life at WC



Barry Unis
Diversity Columnist

I suppose that it is best that this article be my official farewell to Westminster College. It's hard to believe that I've been here for four years, but doesn't everyone say that? Anyway, I'm going to dedicate this article to some of the lessons that I have learned over the years.

It's shocking to look back and see where I have been. I changed from a closeted, naïve high school student to the somewhat stable, very open person I am today. I've gained respect for myself and learned a thing or two about relationships. It is interesting to see how I practically idolized some seniors when I was a first-year, and how some current first-years look up to me now.

One of my most cherished lessons that I have learned during my time here is that this isn't the end of the world. We've all experienced or known someone who has experienced some major or minor tragedy during the college years. The true test is to realize that while the world might seem bleak, we are just facing one of the first of many difficulties on the rocky road of life.

I have also learned to give people a chance. There are some people that have rubbed me the wrong way at first, but have then become some of my closest friends. Coming into college, I never thought that I would join a fraternity, but I did, and it has been one of the best decisions of my life.

Also, it's very hard to change people. They have to change themselves. I guess this is something our parents know very well. They try to tell us what to do to protect us, but we're so bullheaded and do what we want anyway.

I've figured out that even though it says "all you can eat," you don't have to eat to your maximum capacity.

Depending on what you want to get into, an involvement in an abundance of extra-curricular activities does not look better on a resume than a stronger focus in one's major field of study.

I've learned that no matter how much we think we know, we're always learning more. I think, though, that Westminster has put me on the right track to figuring out what life is all about. Thank you, Westminster. Good bye.

Barry Unis is a senior psychology major and theatre minor. He is all over the campus and is unfortunately known as a fictional rapist.

Indoor Competition Color Guard flies high

By Shannon Bobbert
Features Writer

If you're looking to get down and dance in the fall semester, there might be a club out there where you can get your groove on. It seems that Dance Theatre is not the only group on campus doing some hardcore performing. If you attended this year's Miss Titan event, you've already seen some of the action of the Indoor Competition Guard.

Beginning in the fall semester each year, the Indoor Competition Guard looks for members to train, practice with, and teach routines so that they can practice their color guard skills. In the spring semester, it becomes the Winter Guard, a new group started this year, which comprises skilled, flag-twirling dancers who spend only weeks creating, learning, and perfecting routines for competitions.

Current president, Hannah Colabrese, sat down to share some details and dance moves straight from the Indoor Competition Guard.

How collaborative is the Indoor Competition Guard?:

"We are a group on campus where you can really add your own element of creativity. We're very open to suggestions–we always ask, 'how do you think this move should look,' or, 'what do you think this formation should look like?' We all voted on the uniforms together. We all voted on what the flag should look like together. We are giving everyone a say, and the show is what everyone has created together. Not only do you get to be creative, you learn to compromise," Colabrese says.

How is the Winter Guard different from the Indoor Competition Guard?:

"The Indoor Competition Guard starts in the fall and everyone is welcome to join," Colabrese says. "The Indoor Competition Guard splits up for the spring semester and the Winter Guard starts. To be in the Winter Guard, you have to try out, because that is the group that participates in competitions. It's a nice connection though, because during the fall semester you can work on your skills, and then try out in the second semester to compete. You can gain the skills needed to do the audition in the spring. If you participate in the Winter Guard in the spring, you must participate in the Indoor Competition Guard in the fall, so that we are still a cohesive group and not two separate units. The people who want to compete might as well stick around so that they can help train new members and freshman as they come in."

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Front Row (L to R): Erin Tarpey, Amy Carroll, Danielle McCullough and Hannah Colabrese. Back Row (L to R): Jessie Debeic, Erica Conoscuito and Kristi Webler. Absent from photo is Stephanie Gollos.

Has the Indoor Competition Guard been to any competitions?:

"When we take our routines off campus, we are judged on our ability, our creativity, our unison, and our performance. We went over to Sharon High School and competed against Slippery Rock. Despite being a brand new competition club, we won first place," Colabrese says.

What kind of skills does the group train for?:

"A big thing is rhythm and timing–things that carry over from dance training. Synchronization is something everyone has to get used to as well, especially because we use flags as props. The bigger your pattern is on your flag, the more noticeable it is when someone is off beat. The hardest thing is: when we toss, having everyone toss at the same height. We have to compensate so that everyone is doing the same thing, even though many have been doing it different for years," Colabrese says. "The effective color guard looks as if one person is doing it.

Does the Indoor Competition Guard have any goals for the future?:

"We were interested in playing for a basketball game, but by the time we learned the routines basketball season was over. Next year we want to start planning to participate in something like that," Colabrese says.

What is your favorite move?:

"People are always impressed by a toss, so if you can get everyone to do that, then you can wow the crowd," says Colabrese. "But if you can do something extra underneath the toss, like doing a turn or dance leap while you are waiting to catch your flag, then it adds a whole extra element."

Yes, we can vs. Yes, we will

By Danielle McCullough
Staff Writer

The Pennsylvania primary is usually not an exciting one. Generally the Democratic and Republican parties have chosen their top candidates. This election is much more exciting, because it has not been chosen.

On April 22, those who are registered in Pa. hit the polls to vote. Hillary Clinton captured the state with 55% of the total vote. Obama was close on her tail and captured the city of Pittsburgh and most of the collegiate votes.

Leading up to the election, a few speakers were in the area. Bill Clinton, speaking as part of Hillary's campaign, appeared at a local high school the Friday before the election and Allegheny College on Saturday. A couple of students from Westminster went up to go listen to his speech.

Christina Roseto was at Allegheny College and actually got to shake Bill's hand. Commenting on his speech, she said that he was "very personable while going around meeting people," and that he was "very intone with issues facing college students."

The Monday before the election, Obama was at Petersen Event Center at the University of Pittsburgh. The room was three-fourths of the way full, which was approximately 10,000 people. Two members of Westminster campus were among the 10,000, Becky Penn and Lisa Gayetsky.

"He was very good at motivating the crowd. The whole room seemed excited and there was barely a quite moment," stated Penn after attending the event.

McCain did not really campaign in the state of Pennsylvania. However, students who went to CPAC earlier this year got to hear him speak.

Brett Hoover stated, "In my opinion John McCain is the only moderate candidate running for president. He has sponsored bypartisan legislation even when that legislation angered a large group within his own party. He is also the only candidate who will do something about out-of-control government spending. Both Clinton and Obama have requested millions of dollars in ear-mark spending for their state. McCain has never requested a dollar of federal money for ear-marks and has vowed to control such spending."

McCain still swept the state for the republican candidate; Huckabee and Paul still have not officially dropped out of the race and still captured some votes.

The democratic race will probably still be very interesting and close up until their convention in late August.

The good, the bad and the ugly

Do you have photos from around campus that are good, bad, or ugly?

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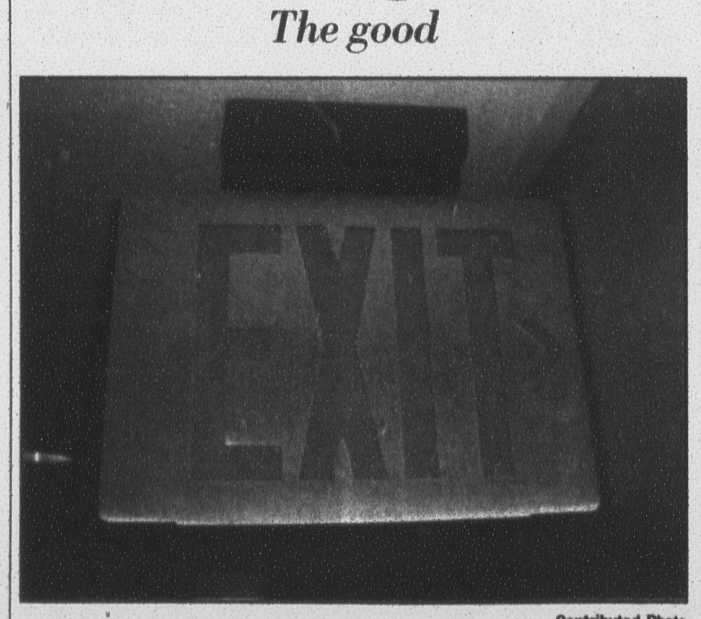

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The seniors are rapidly approaching the exit sign.

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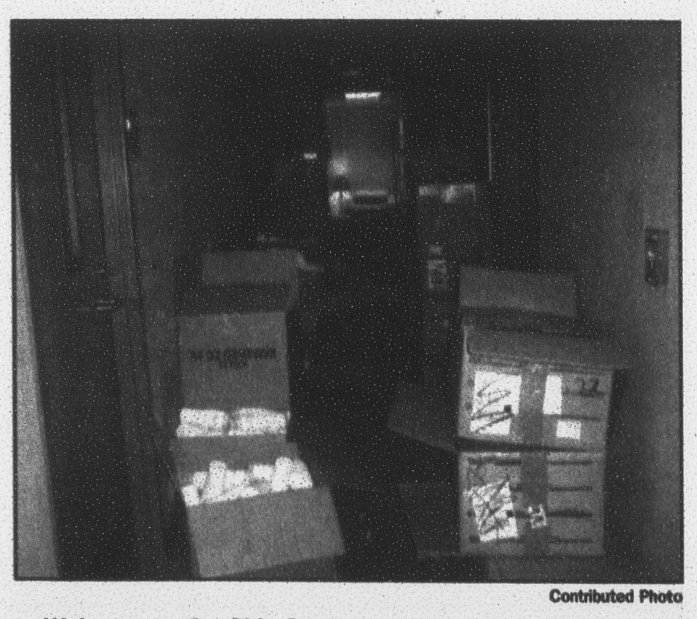

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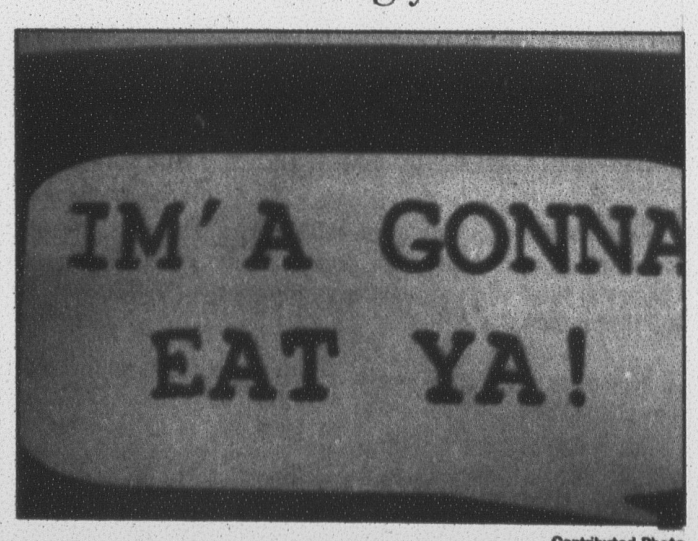
Welcome to the Ohio Caverns. Look, a stalagmite.

The ugly



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A thunderous bellow heard from an ogre about to enjoy a calico snack.

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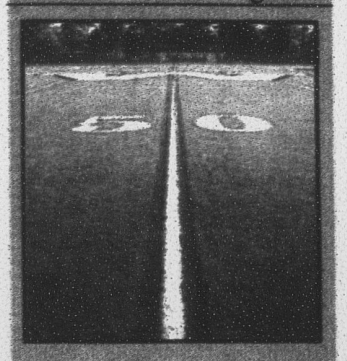

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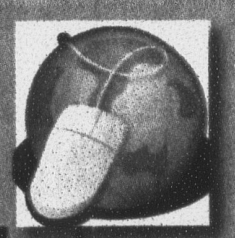

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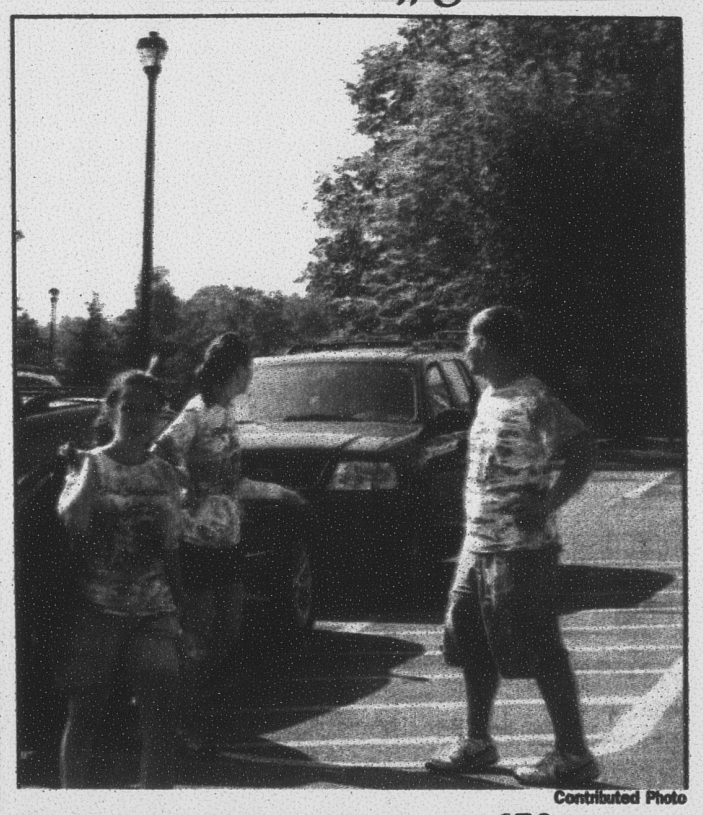
Class of 2012 starts off huge

Fresh Start staff greets record number of fresmen with welcoming activities



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Fresh Start staffers helped over 450 freshmen move in on Friday, Sept. 22.

By Derek Deremer
Staff Writer

On Friday, Aug. 22, the campus welcomed more than 450 first-years to the college community; it is the largest class in more than15 years to join the campus.

The students were introduced to a world of higher education, initially received by an overwhelming welcome from Fresh Start volunteers and Residence Life staff. The staff's friendliness and willingness to help the freshmen unpack gave the parents reassurance for the welfare of their children. Fresh Start unloaded car after car from 8:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., receiving assistance from the football team.

"It was well organized and surprisingly not overwhelming." Derrick Trump, a Russell Resident Assistant, said. "The parents appreciated the help and it gave the college a positive first impression."

The Fresh Start team had been preparing for the class of 2012 since the Sunday prior to their arrival, organizing activities and entertainment for the four days of Fresh Start orientation. The student Fresh Start coordinators, Bridget Roth and Lane McFarland, led more than 70 students in Fresh Start, in one of the most successful years of the program.

"It went exceptionally smooth," Roth said. "I am very proud of this year's staff."

Following the convocation, the freshman class were divided into their Inquiry classes and taken to the quad, Eichenhauer field, and the amphitheater to participate in a series of ice breakers and activities with the Titan Traverse Staff. This was the first time that the freshmen were immediately taken to Titan Traverse activities, a switch that is considered to be a successful adjustment to the schedule.

"We moved the book discussion to Sunday to make the conversations flow easier because the groups had time to bond before beginning a discussion," McFarland said. "Another change to the schedule included more downtime for the first years to do what they pleased."

Orientation was not limited to mind-numbing class sessions; the Fresh Start staff also put together evening entertainment for the freshmen, one example being Saturday night's late night. A hodgepodge of skits performed by the staff brought laughs to the students, from the shenanigans of *Napoleon Dynamite* to Tyra Banks. Freshmen Devon Struthers and Sierra Beecher described how they enjoyed the production, both summing up the show as "pure laughter" and "fun."

The climax of the Fresh Start program came on Sunday, August 24 with a Reggae Dance sponsored by the Diversity Department in conjunction with Fresh Start.

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Campus buildings receive facelifts

By Laura Henry
Staff Writer

Improvements have been made and are still underway, as renovations take place in McGill Library, Memorial Field, Harold Burry Stadium and resident halls including Eichenauer, Galbreath, Hillside, Jeffers and Russell.

Renovations started in Dec. 2006 when the library began its reformation, which will be dedicated during homecoming on Oct. 17. The renovations to the resident halls began in Dec. 2007. Many of the resident hall projects are finished; however, all renovations will not be complete until Aug. 2009. Physical Plant Craft Unit Supervisor Michael Cosgrove played a large role in the resident hall renovations.

"Everything is going along really well and the improvements made were all needed," Cosgrove said. "I feel the biggest improvement was made in the work done at Jeffers. The bathrooms are really nice compared to what they were."

In addition to the bathrooms, Jeffers received new carpet in the hallways and lounge areas. Many other renovations have been made in the resident halls as well. Like Jeffers, Galbreath underwent bathroom renovations, including new showers, floors, toilets and counter top replacements.

The Hillside porch ceiling and posts were repainted, along with the building exterior. The main project in Hillside is the completely renovated lobby to be finished Oct. 1. The lobby will receive all new furniture, carpet, paint and improvements to the fireplace.

New windows and desks were placed in Shaw, and the ceiling tiles and common areas were painted in Eichenauer.

Russell received the most improvements of the resident halls. Assistant Dean Gina Vance stated that Russell has the best before and after results. Russell bathrooms received new counters, mirrors and floor repairs. New windows were put in, and the lobby was fully renovated with paint, furniture, a television and a suspended ceiling. The laundry room was relocated to the ground floor. Renovations to the North and South entrances were also made. The stone wall at the North entrance was cleaned, the patio and lighting were repaired and a railing near the handicap ramp was installed. Work done to the South entrance included roof repairs, stone wall cleaning and repairs and new lighting and paint. There will be further improvements made next summer.

"It has been exciting to see some buildings have closure," Vance said. "I am very excited to see some of the fruits of our labors, the lobby in Russell and Shaw's functional windows. I am also very anxious to see the Hillside lobby. It's the project I am most proud of because most of the plans came directly from students."

Associate Professor and Head Librarian Molly Spinney explained that before renovations to the library began, precautions had to be made. The architect, construction workers and library staff were very concerned in preserving the historical value of the building. One of the main concerns was the movement of the entrance. Workers were very careful to match the wood and stone work and also preserve the McGill Library stone sign made in the 1960s.

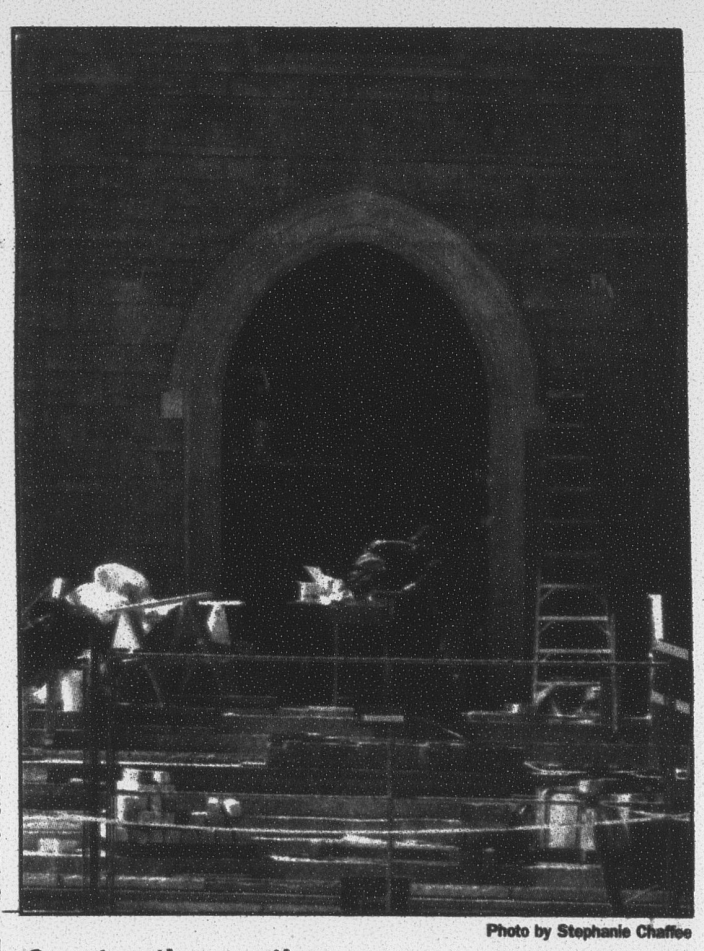
"The new entrance opening was actually the original entrance of the building dedicated in 1936," Spinney said. "We looked at the old blueprints of the building and the move was a spacious and artistic idea."

By moving the library entrance, a seminar room was built in its place, which the library has never had. Spinney is very excited about the changes taking place. She explained that painting the ceilings has made the first floor brighter, and removing the reference room wall brings an inviting feel.

"I think the renovations have been terrific," Spinney said. "It has improved the functionality of the building, increased capacity, and made the collection so much more user friendly."

Renovations to Memorial Field and Harold Burry Stadium included lighting and artificial turf. In addition, the Joseph B. Fusco Plaza, entranceway and area around the existing stadium is also under construction and has yet to be finished.

Further renovations are to be completed by next summer and will take place in Browne, Hillside, Ferguson and Eichenauer.



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Construction continues

The location of the McGill library entrance is just one of the changes taking place during the renovation. The library dedication is scheduled to take place on October 17.

Former student dies in kayaking accident

Twenty-four year old Isaac Ludwig killed by rapids in Tennessee

By Lindsey Nuzzo
Editor-in-Chief

Isaac Ludwig, 2004 graduate, died on Thursday, Aug. 30 while kayaking in Great Smoky Mountain National Park in Tennessee.

The 27-year old Ludwig started out on a trek down a tributary of the Little Pigeon River with friends Tuesday. Rough waters from relentless rain separated him from the group and deterred his friends from continuing.

The next morning, another group of kayakers found his body two feet off shore, revealing the height of the water at the time of his venture.

"The river was used by a lot of kayakers during this rain period," a park official said. "The number of kayakers has increased over the years, and with improved skills and better equipment being made, people are able to go into many streams that weren't attempted popularly before."

Ludwig was an experienced whitewater kayaking guide and worked with a Tennessee paddle sports company called Rafting in the Smokies. Ludwig graduated with a degree in public relations. As a student, he was active in *Titan Radio*, *The Holcad* and Green Party. His claim to fame while here was his 2003 summer internship with MTV.

Mr. Brad Weaver, communications studies instructor, had Isaac in class. He recalled his passion for kayaking, even then.

"I reconnected with him recently through Facebook," Weaver said. "I saw all of his kayaking ventures and remember thinking he was exactly where he wanted to be."

A memorial was held in his hometown of Salineville, OH on Tuesday Sept. 2.

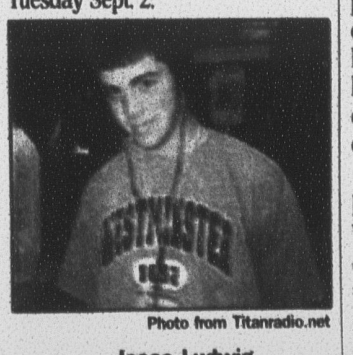

Photo from Titanradio.net

Isaac Ludwig

Campus officials tackle national drinking issue

By Jessica Davis
Staff Writer

More than 100 university presidents signed a proposal that suggested lowering the legal drinking age to decrease instances of alcohol abuse on college campuses.

Approximately one year ago, a cause called the Amethyst Initiative began encouraging college heads to sign a proposal supporting a change in the legal drinking age. One-hundred and nineteen presidents and chancellors from colleges and universities, such as Duke, Dartmouth and John Hopkins, suggested that lowering the drinking age may reduce binge-drinking.

"I think it would both help and hurt," Director of Campus Safety William Brandt said. "If the students could go and drink at eighteen and do it responsibly that's one thing, but that may also promote more drinking."

In opposition to the Amethyst Initiative, Mothers Against Drunk Driving and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said that lowering the legal drinking age will increase traffic fatalities and cases of alcohol abuse. MADD acknowledged the problems associated with drinking on college campuses, but did not find the Amethyst Initiative as a solution to these problems. Representatives of MADD said presidents that have signed the proposal have given permission to their students under 21 years old to drink no matter what the legal drinking age.

"I don't think it [lowering the drinking age] would change the dynamic of the residence halls," Resident Director Jenna Retort said. "Most people are respectful of college policies."

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Opinion

RANT & RAVE

Resume the fetal position.. This is not a drill!

SCRAW!!!

I just don't have the patience or the finger power

Yum... Tub tasters! I missed you.

Do I look crappy enough for you?

That Just Happened!

I don't care about your stars!

You can be a little ridiculous

He's a Pirate!

1,000 POUND LADY!

I hear R. Tad Greig marked time to infinity.. Twice!

you do. I DO!!

Walk off that wedgie

4,000 Scarecrows!

LOOK AT THIS KANGAROO!

You're crazy and you have a lisp. You need to calm that down.

His pants are so high so his tie can be that short

PROGRESSION

BLAH. BLAH. BLAH is code words for: GET THERE!

Anthropology has to go!

I sat in THIS chair for 10 minutes just to calm down!

Sheetz; it's where Tad goes.

Can we use the parrot one?

Where did the trees go?

Oh my gosh! How did you do that?

We're all a little out of the bubble

I love the Amish

Dear Library, I can't wait to go in your new front door.

I'm so excited to go on the clipper

And I'm out.

Want to Rant & Rave? Email *The Holcad* with RNR as the subject.

New year, new attitude, same *Holcad* tradition

Lindsey Nuzzo
Editor-in-Chief

Welcome back, everyone! To the freshmen, welcome to wonderful Westminnie, there are what– like, 460 billion of you this year? Just kidding – we are glad to have you.

I hope everyone's first two weeks of classes have been only the greatest and that you are enjoying campus life. I'm Lindsey, a senior public relations major, writing minor, and Editor-in-Chief of *The Holcad*. I started writing for this fine newspaper as a freshman journalism student and haven't looked back since.

As this year's Editor- in-Chief I've set a number of goals for our newspaper. I can't guarantee I'll achieve them all; I don't see *The Holcad* becoming as popular as the *New York Times* anytime soon, but you can't fault me for dreaming big.

One nagging goal I'm pretty sure I can accomplish is to give our readers a better idea of The *Holcad*'s history and some insight to how it operates. *The Holcad* was started in 1884 as a literary magazine, eventually turned newspaper. Sports writer Irving "Bud" Mansell was the first to refer to student-athletes as Titans when he wrote players on the men's basketball teams of the 1920s. So I guess you could say we invented the Titan mascot. Yeah, we are that cool

Staff-wise, our paper is entirely student run, with the exception of a faculty adviser who oversees all processes in a very hands-off manner. We have about 40 students on staff taking on varying tasks to make this thing work. Now, I know the question burning in everyone's mind – what in creation is a Holcad? It was actually derived from a Greek word meaning 'ship of burden.' If you wanted to get really serious, I guess that would make me that captain of the ship.

Another goal this shipmaster has is share our objectives and concerns with our readers, students and staff, alike.

Students – this paper is, in every sense, for *you* about *you* and by *you*. We want you to contribute. Send letters to the editor, send rant & raves (the list of phrases to my left) Send anything you think people might want to see – you never know what we will use. This paper is your voice and I want it to be booming.

Faculty – I understand that as ultimate intellectuals you may love to go through our newspaper with a red pen and circle all of the mistakes. But before you mark these pages with crimson colored ink please understand this – this newspaper is a learning experience for all who contribute to it. Stories are not graded or corrected by professors before going in the paper. Contrary to popular belief and despite and incessant demand, we don't have a journalism program at this school. Chemistry, math, public relations and political science are just a few of the majors of choice for our staff. We may not all be journalism aficionados, but then again, that's what a liberal arts education is about, right?

Please be enthusiastic to be a part of our paper by granting interviews and providing information to reporters.

My very first interview as a journalism student was with, now retired, English professor, Dr. James Perkins. I remembered entering his office nervously, hoping I would ask all the right questions and take all the right notes.

It wasn't a perfect article. If I looked back on that article today, I would probably cringe and so would he. But, then again, maybe that's a good thing. If Dr. Perkins never would have been gracious enough to sit down with me that day and tell me all about his Robert Penn Warren books, I may have never grown as a writer and a certainly wouldn't have ended up Editor-in-Chief. Ultimately, faculty, we want your support

My final goal(at least that I'm mentioning here) is to better connect with my audience. As a public relations major, my main focus is my readers –you. As a reader and seeker of the news, I yearn to discover what you want from The Holcad. Keep an eye out in the near future for some form of a survey, asking what you, as a reader, want to see. Take advantage of the chance to control what you see in this paper.

Ultimately, I want to bring you the news ethically, efficiently, correctly and hopefully have a little fun along the way. It may not always be smooth sailing, but I want as many of you as possible with us for the voyage. Ahoy!

Lindsey is a senior public relations major, writing minor. She is a member of the Lady Titans Track & Field and Sigma Kappa sorority, and she swears her iPod reads her mind.

A *major* decision

Andrew Brown
Columnist

As four hundred sixty five new students enter the classrooms this year, each student must face a major decision.

Perhaps this decision came easily for some, trivially for others, or maybe not at all. The question that is mandated on all students is: "what major shall I choose?" Unfortunately, "exploratory" is not a recognized major that will lead to a job at any point in the future and constantly changing majors becomes a costly mistake, as many students miss anticipated graduation in four years.

There are many paths to choose from and focusing on one interest may seem impossible. What criteria should be considered? Passion and greed are two vivid words on opposite ends of the spectrum that are sensible factors that can be used to decide a major.

Either one should do what he or she loves, or one should pick a path with the best pay after graduation. Although most decisions are probably a mixture of passion for a subject and greed for wealth, this article is concerned more with the latter.

The purpose of attending college and paying tuition is to invest in oneself. Sure making friends, being involved in campus activities, joining a sport or club, and having a beer or two (or ten) is all part of the college experience, but paying thousands of dollars for an education must be done at a cost-effective standpoint.

After college graduation, loan payments begin, and a whole new lifestyle materializes. Being a senior this year, I cannot believe how fast the time has transpired. Four years may seem substantial to an incoming freshman, but in the big picture, that is not much time to get life organized. Therefore, it's important from the beginning to be concentrated on future goals.

The culture of America is driven by the concept of money. Money may not buy happiness, but happiness is hardly accessible for a broke person living in an American culture.

An important aspect of life is to always be financially responsible. Keep a tab on money accounts, have a plan to pay off those college loans, and invest in a 401K today! I suppose this advice might be overkill and sarcastically expressed, but I will end with a list that might influence students who have yet to choose a major.

Following is a list of fifty college majors. The majors are ranked based on the expected salary for a 2008 graduate. Two columns, starting median salary and mid-career median salary, are given, but the ranking is based on the mid-career salary. Fifteen and one half years constitute a mid-career salary.

The statistics were calculated by PayScale Inc. and included all colleges and universities across the nation. Salaries that were eligible for the statistics were any United States employees with a bachelor's degree as the highest degree in one particular major.

Andrew is a senior chemistry major, marketing minor who loves running so much that he is a member of the Cross Country team and is in Chemistry Club. Additionally he enjoys eating corn on the cob in his free time.

Majors (by Salary)	*Starting Median Salary*	*Mid-Career Median Salary*
Chemical Engineering	*$63,200*	*$107,000*
Electrical Engineering	*$60,900*	*$103,000*
Economics	*$50,100*	*$98,600*
Physics	*$50,300*	*$97,300*
Computer Science	*$55,900*	*$95,500*
Industrial Engineering	*$57,700*	*$94,700*
Mechanical Engineering	*$57,900*	*$93,600*
Math	*$45,400*	*$92,400*
Physician Assistant	*$74,300*	*$91,700*
Civil Engineering	*$53,900*	*$90,500*
Construction	*$53,700*	*$88,900*
Philosophy	*$39,900*	*$81,200*
International Relations	*$40,900*	*$80,900*
Chemistry	*$42,600*	*$79,900*
Marketing	*$40,800*	*$79,600*
Geology	*$43,500*	*$79,500*
Political Science	*$40,800*	*$78,200*
Accounting	*$46,000*	*$77,100*
Architecture	*$41,600*	*$76,800*
Information Technology (IT)	*$49,100*	*$74,800*
Business Management	*$43,000*	*$72,100*
Agriculture	*$42,600*	*$71,900*
History	*$39,200*	*$71,000*
Communications	*$38,100*	*$70,000*
Film	*$37,900*	*$68,500*
Nursing	*$54,200*	*$67,000*
Journalism	*$35,600*	*$66,700*
Art History	*$35,800*	*$64,900*
Biology	*$38,800*	*$64,800*
English	*$38,000*	*$64,700*
Health Care Administration	*$38,800*	*$60,600*
Psychology	*$35,900*	*$60,400*
Graphic Design	*$35,700*	*$59,800*
Sociology	*$36,500*	*$58,200*
Drama	*$35,900*	*$56,900*
Criminal Justice	*$35,000*	*$56,300*
Music	*$35,900*	*$55,000*
Spanish	*$34,000*	*$53,100*
Education	*$34,900*	*$52,000*
Religion	*$34,100*	*$52,000*

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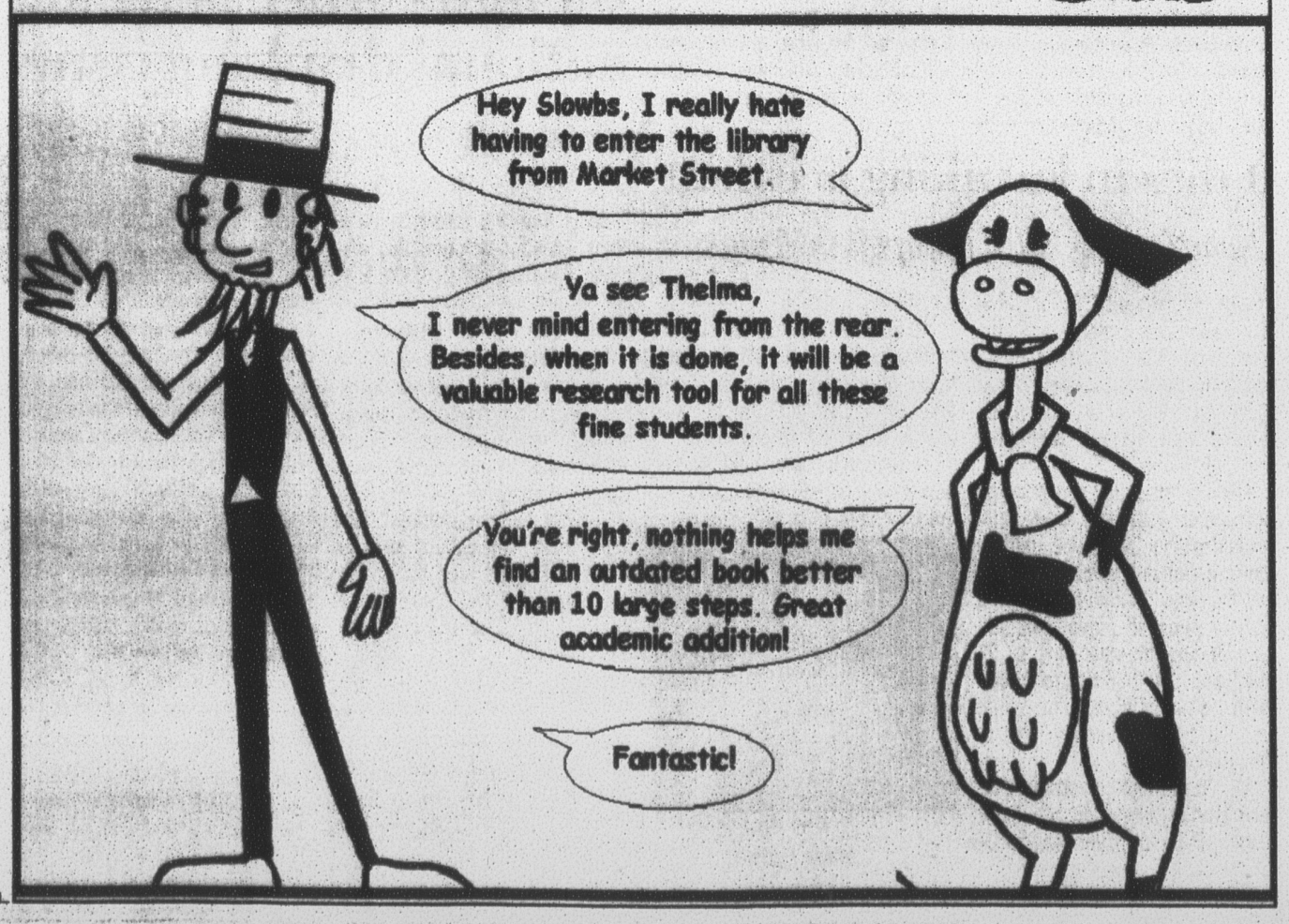

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REGIONAL

Verdict ok'd in case of Pa. girl's fire hose death

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) - A Pennsylvania appeals court upheld a $4.5 million jury verdict Tuesday against a truck manufacturer over an accident near Pittsburgh four years ago in which a six-pound fire hose nozzle became a fatal projectile.

The lawsuit was filed by two families over an August 2004 incident in Coraopolis in which a hose dangling from a moving fire truck became stuck under a parked car, then whipped around and struck two 10-year-old girls standing on a nearby lawn.

Erin Schmidt died of head injuries and her close friend and classmate, Joeylynne Jeffress, suffered extensive injuries but survived.

The plaintiffs also include three witnesses to the accident: Erin's mother, Joyce A. Schmidt; Erin's 13-year-old sister, Lindsay; and Joeylynne's 14-year-old sister, Lauren.

A divided three-judge Superior Court panel said state law allows bystanders who witness injury to a close relative to collect damages for emotional distress under certain circumstances.

"The courts have generally concluded that the definition of 'physical harm' encompasses injury that solely manifests itself in the form of emotional shock and disturbance," wrote Judge Cheryl Lynn Allen for the majority.

The court also ruled that Sinor Manufacturing Inc. of Clinton, Okla., which purchased at least parts of the company that manufactured the fire truck, inherited liability for the accident. Sinor is now known as Freightliner Specialty Vehicles Inc.

John Gismondi, attorney for the plaintiffs, said Sinor was willing to "trade on" manufacturer Boardman Co.'s reputation for business purposes after it acquired Boardman.

"If they were pretending to be Boardman in public, then they have to take responsibility for what the truck did to the girls," he said. "They can't have it both ways."

Phone messages seeking comment from Freightliner Specialty Vehicles president Tim Sinor and the company's attorney, Kim M. Watterson, were not immediately returned Tuesday.

The plaintiffs earlier reached a $500,000 civil settlement with the Coraopolis Volunteer Fire Department.

Gismondi said Joeylynne has undergone major facial and eye surgery and has scars but has been able to return to school.

Muslim pilot from Pa. allowed to resume flying

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) _ A commercial airline pilot who alleges his job was threatened because his name was on a secret terrorist watch list is being allowed to resume flying, according to a letter his lawyers released Tuesday. The pilot claims he was put on the list because he is Muslim.

The two-sentence letter from Colgan Air Inc. to the federal Transportation Security Administration confirmed that the Manassas, Va.-based regional carrier was allowing Erich Scherfen to return to work. It did not mention any watch list or the reason that the company suspended Scherfen in April.

Scherfen, a New Jersey native who converted to Islam in 1994, and his wife, a native of Pakistan who became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 1980, sued the federal government last month. They claim their names were placed on the list because of their Muslim faith, in violation of their constitutional rights.

Scherfen's lawyers filed papers Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Scranton to withdraw a related request for a court order to stop Scherfen's scheduled Oct. 1 termination. Judge Thomas I. Vanaskie has scheduled a Sept. 18 hearing on that request.

"The immediate harm to Erich is over," said Witold J. Walczak, legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania. "He's back at work."

Scherfen, 37, a Gulf War veteran, had worked for Colgan for about a year when the company told him he was a "positive match" on a list maintained by the TSA and could no longer work as a pilot, according to the lawsuit. Both he and his wife, who sells Islamic books and other media from their home in eastern Pennsylvania, have said they have no criminal records or ties to terrorists.

Mark A. Dombroff, the Colgan lawyer who wrote the letter to the TSA, declined Tuesday to answer questions involving federal watch lists or explain why the letter was written. He confirmed that Scherfen will be allowed to resume working as a pilot once his flying credentials are current, but said he did not know whether Scherfen is actually back in the cockpit.

Colgan Air operates as Continental Connection, United Express and US Airways Express.

A spokeswoman for the airline did not respond to telephone or e-mail queries.

The Justice Department has declined to comment on the lawsuit. In a statement issued when the lawsuit was filed, it said the FBI's Terrorist Screening Center, "for both national security and personal privacy reasons," does not confirm or deny the existence of any name on the watch lists it maintains.

Since 2006, Scherfen and his wife have been subjected to searches, questioning and detention at airports and border crossings, according to their lawsuit. The Schuylkill County couple says ticket agents and others made vague references to their names being on lists, but there was no clear explanation for the extra scrutiny.

Walczak said Scherfen's lawyers will press ahead with the main lawsuit.

The couple "still don't know what lists they are on, why they are on them or how to get off them," he said.

NATIONAL

New Orleans reluctantly opens doors after Gustav

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - Thousands of people who fled Hurricane Gustav forced the city to reluctantly open its doors Wednesday, but nearly 1.2 million homes and businesses across Louisiana were still without electricity, and officials said it could take as long as a month to fully restore power.

As residents came home to New Orleans, President Bush returned to the site of one of the biggest failures of his presidency to show that the government had turned a corner since its bungled response to Katrina.

Faced with traffic backups on paths into the city, Mayor Ray Nagin gave up checking ID badges and automobile placards designed to keep residents out until early Thursday. Those who returned said if the city was safe enough for repair crews and health care workers, it was safe enough for them, too.

"People need to get home, need to get their houses straight and get back to work," said George Johnson, who used back roads to sneak into the city. "They want to keep you out of your own property. That's just not right."

But once back at home, many people had no power and no idea when it might return.

"There is no excuse for the delay. We absolutely need to quicken the pace at which power is restored," Gov. Bobby Jindal said.

Within hours of returning to his suburban home, Paul Braswell was sweating over an outdoor grill as he cooked the chicken and deer sausage he stored in his freezer alongside gallon-size blocks of ice before evacuating with his family to Mississippi.

"We don't have any power, and we don't know when it'll come back on, so we're going to eat all we can until it does," he said. "Tomorrow, we're boiling shrimp my mom left in her freezer."

Restoring power was critical to reopening schools, businesses and neighborhoods. Without electricity, gas stations could not pump fuel, and hospitals were running out of fuel for generators.

Some places never lost power, including the Superdome, where the Saints planned to open their regular football season Sunday.

In Jefferson Parish, which also reopened Wednesday, officials reported that most sewage-treatment stations were out of service because there was no power. The parish urged residents not to flush toilets, wash clothes or dishes, or even take showers out of concern that the system might backup and send sewage flowing in home and businesses.

After touring an emergency center and flooded-out farmland, President Bush praised the government response to Gustav as "excellent," but he urged utility companies in neighboring states to send extra manpower to Louisiana if they could spare it.

"One of the key things that needs to happen is that they've got to get electricity up here in Louisiana," Bush said.

The administration's swift reaction was a significant change from its response three years ago to Katrina, a far more devastating storm. Roughly 1,600 people were killed, and the White House was harshly criticized for stepping in too late.

To residents who lived through Katrina, that failure was still fresh.

"What do I care if Bush is visiting? I'm still trying to get my house back together from Katrina," housekeeper Flora Raymond said. "This time things went better, but we still need help from the last time."

In the days before Gustav arrived, nearly 2 million people were evacuated from the Louisiana coast. Only 16 deaths were attributed to the storm in the U.S.

Nearly 80,000 people remained in shelters in Louisiana and surrounding states. An estimated 18,000 people fled from New Orleans on buses and trains provided by the city. Officials did not expect to begin bringing them back until this weekend.

Inside the shelters, the days of living on a cot with strangers on all sides was taking a toll. At a church in Montgomey, Ala., an argument in a parking lot between two sisters over the gas money needed to return to New Orleans erupted into a fight that ended with slashed tires, a punch in the face and an arrest.

"I wanted to give her something," Samantha Williams said, holding her swelling lip. "But she wanted so much more."

Five people were arrested Wednesday in only the second case of attempted looting in New Orleans since the city emptied. Worried about potential looting of vacant properties, Nagin said the city would maintain its dusk-to-dawn curfew indefinitely.

There were fresh reminders that the 2008 hurricane season is far from over. Tropical Storm Hanna pounded flood-plagued Haiti before taking an expected turn north for the U.S. coast. Farther out to sea, Hurricane Ike spun westward across the Atlantic and could arrive in the Bahamas on Sunday as a hurricane.

Tropical Storm Josephine was out there, too.

Idaho wildfire reveals new stretch of Oregon Trail

BOISE, Idaho (AP) _ A wildfire that damaged or destroyed nearly 20 homes in Idaho last month also revealed remnants of the Oregon Trail.

Members of the Idaho Chapter of the Oregon-California Trails Association plan to mark portions of the pioneer trail now visible after the Aug. 25 fire.

Before the blaze, two parallel paths totaling about a half-mile had been covered by sagebrush and cheatgrass. The paths, which are light depressions in the ground, stretch across a field below a ridge where the homes burned.

The paths were discovered in satellite photographs taken days after the fire.

Association member Wally Meyer told the Idaho Statesman that the last wagon through southeast Boise probably crossed the plain about 1890 on the property, now owned by the Idaho Power Co., which is negotiating with the group to allow signs along the newly found paths.

"We are happy to help with this historic effort," said Idaho Power spokeswoman Anne Alenskis.

Investigators have concluded that an equipment failure on one of the company's electricity lines ignited the fire.

During his 30-year career with the Bureau of Land Management, Meyer said he marked about 150 miles of migrant-trail remnants on public land in southwest Idaho.

The recent discovery is not a major surprise, given what's known about the Oregon Trail's route through Boise, Meyer said.

"Nobody's ever really looked before," Meyer told The Associated Press. "I've always kind of wondered. But it didn't pay to check these because there was pretty tall sagebrush and growth there. But the Oregon Trail is always easy to find after a fire."

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Amish draw tourists and myths to Lawrence County

NEW WILMINGTON, Lawrence County-- An Elizabethtown College report says the Amish population in the United States has doubled in the past 16 years. Locally, Lawrence County is home to the third-largest old-order Amish population. Assistant Director of the Lawrence County Tourism Agency Janet Fallotico says that's a benefit for the county as the Amish draw in tourists to visit communities such as New Wilmington and Volant. She also says old-order Amish women have unique distinctions which interest tourists. She tells Titan Radio tourists are eager to learn even the smallest details about Amish life.

DEP revokes permit for New Castle tire recycling company

NEW CASTLE, Lawrence County-- The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has yanked the permit for a Lawrence County tire recycling company saying Lion Enterprises 7/11failed went over the limit for tires it could keep. The state also says the company failed to keep proper records. The DEP wants the company to forfeit a $25,000 bond for the violations.

INTERNATIONAL

Smoking riskier to women's hearts than men's

Munich, Germany (AP) - Women typically get heart disease much later than men, but not if they smoke, researchers said Tuesday.

In fact, women who smoke have heart attacks more than a dozen years earlier than women who don't smoke, Norwegian doctors reported in a study presented to the European Society of Cardiology. For men, the gap is not so dramatic; male smokers have heart attacks about six years earlier than men who don't smoke.

"This is not a minor difference," said Dr. Silvia Priori, a cardiologist at the Scientific Institute in Pavia, Italy. "Women need to realize they are losing much more than men when they smoke," she said. Priori was not connected to the research.

Dr. Morten Grundtvig and colleagues from the Innlandet Hospital Trust in Lillehammer, Norway, based their study on data from 1,784 patients admitted for a first heart attack at a hospital in Lillehammer.

Their study found that the men on average had their first heart attack at age 72 if they didn't smoke, and at 64 if they did. Women in the study had their first heart attack at age 81 if they didn't smoke, and at age 66 if they did.

That works out to eight and 15 years, respectively, for men and women. After adjusting for other heart risk factors like blood pressure, cholesterol and diabetes, researchers found that the difference for men was about six years for women about 14 years.

Previous studies looking at a possible gender difference have been inconclusive.

Doctors have long suspected that female hormones protect women against heart disease. Estrogen is thought to raise the levels of good cholesterol as well as enabling blood vessel walls to relax more easily, thus lowering the chances of a blockage.

Grundtvig said that smoking might make women go through menopause earlier, leaving them less protected against a heart attack. With rising rates of smoking in women – compared with falling rates in men – Grundtvig said that doctors expect to see increased heart disease in women.

"Smoking might erase the natural advantage that women have," said Dr. Robert Harrington, a professor of medicine at Duke University and spokesman for the American College of Cardiology.

Doctors aren't yet sure if other cardiac risk factors like cholesterol and obesity also affect women differently.

"The difference in how smoking affects women and men is profound," Harrington said. "Unless women don't smoke or quit, they risk ending up with the same terrible diseases as men, only at a much earlier age."

Police seize alligators in Brazil drug raid

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) _ Brazilian police say they've literally taken a bite out of crime.

Officers raided raided the home of a drug dealer's mother-in-law on Wednesday and found two alligators, one of them about 6 feet (almost 2 meters) long, said police inspector Ronaldo Oliveira.

Police speculated that traffickers used the jacarei alligators to help them dispose of bodies and to torture captured members of rival gangs, though they gave no evidence of anyone being eaten or tortured.

Oliveira said the woman didn't know the animals were in her house and she was not arrested.

The alligators were turned over to the Rio zoo.

Police also arrested three men while seizing several guns and a small quantity of drugs during the operation in the Coreia shantytown, Oliveira said.

Campus News

SGA ready for another school year

By Christina Alducka
News Editor

The Student Government Association is planning activities and solving problems for the 2008-2009 school year.

SGA President Ashley Carnahan and her nine slate members established their positions last semester after creating a platform. This platform lists each slate member's duties and goals for this school year. Many ideas on the platform come from SGA members and from students.

"We really want to try and continue to listen to the students," Carnahan said.

SGA receives student complaints and inputs and then passes them on to the appropriate department. SGA handles issues from parking, to food, to lab hours. One problem the slate hopes to resolve is the computer lab hours of operation.

"They are not open late enough for some students that need somewhere quiet to work," Carnahan said.

One goal SGA achieved this school year is the TUB Smart Market Express. They worked with Jeff Creveling and contributing students to get a cooler of premade sandwiches and wraps for students on the run. This section is located on the opposite side of the main lines in the TUB.

SGA hears students' complaints and concerns at their weekly meetings, through their e-mail and at the Time of the Month. During the Time of the Month, SGA sets up a table in the TUB for students to voice their complaints. SGA is also planning on constructing an online blog for students to access.

"It's important to hear from students, because the 10 of us can't think of everything," Vice President Jenna Cunningham said.

Students also aid in brainstorming ideas for campus events. SGA plans to keep old traditions and create new ones with this year's events and activities. This fall, the organization will hold their traditional SGA Day with free food, prizes and golf cart rides for students.

"It shows our appreciation for the campus and student body," Carnahan said. "Westminster wouldn't be the same without the students."

SGA plans to hold Fall Fest on October 24, to kick off Homecoming weekend. SGA also plans to hold a powder puff game, followed by a drive-in movie and bonfire. SGA wants to conduct a better pep rally this year for the football team.

"It brings more school spirit," Cunningham said. "The goal is to keep new students on campus for the weekend."

Other possible SGA events include a trip to Cedar Point, a Winter Ball, a Pirate's game outing and VolleyRock.

The SGA also assists in granting money to school clubs and organizations. Each spring, SGA holds audits and allocations where each organization's president can ask for money.

This year's slate includes President Ashley Carnahan, Vice President Jenna Cunningham, Secretary Jordan Flaim, Treasurer Ryan Kirk, Financial Chair Ashley Stebor, Academics Chair Cory Mathias, Student Concerns Chair Jacob Shaffer, Public Relations Chair Sarah Geist, Special Events Chair Aimee Gerber and Diversity Chair Kylee Bennett.

Aside from the slate, SGA consists of 12 students from each class, who are voted in by their classmates. Voting for the new SGA freshman members ends on the evening of Friday Sept. 5 in the TUB.

The first SGA meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Sept. 10 in Mueller Theater. Meetings are open for all students to attend. Each evening after the meeting, Jordan Flaim sends an all campus e-mail of the meeting's minutes. This notifies the campus of everything that occurred at the meeting as well as upcoming events.

Students contribute to Obama event in Beaver, Pa.

By Natasha Kassim
Contributing Writer

On Friday, August 29th, seven students volunteered at the Barack Obama event in Beaver, PA.

Alexandra Alfieri, Mariella Volker, Emily Fink, Becky Pappas, Adam Teeple, Tony Gomez, and Natasha Kassim arrived at Irvine Park in Beaver early to help set up the event, usher guests, register voters, and other duties.

The students were able to volunteer and then watched as Joe Biden and Barack Obama, vice presidential and presidential hopefuls, talked to over 6,000 people about their goals for America and outlined their plans to achieve these goals.

The students were excited to take part in such a critical moment in our nation's history and enjoyed the experience.

"The speech was amazing. It provided me with hope for positive change for our country's future," Alfieri said. "The experience of volunteering showed just how important a role the political realm has in affecting my life and others' lives and demonstrated the amount of dedication and manpower necessary to run such a large-scale presidential campaign."

At the event, Obama discussed his goals of reducing America's dependence on foreign oil by investing in new green technology; improving our educational system by providing higher pay for our teachers and making college more affordable; providing middle-class tax cuts that would reduce taxes for 95% of Americans; and ensuring America's reputation in the international realm.

Contributed Photo

Westminster students volunteer at Obama event Firday, August 29. Photographed here are Mariella Volker, Alexandra Alfieri, Becky Pappas, Natasha Kassim, and Emily Fink.

Marching band starts on the right note

By Stephanie Chaffee
Photgraphy Editor

It was a week of early mornings, all-day practices in the sun and cramming to memorize music and drills. These are all characteristic of one thing: band camp.

Marching band members arrived on campus Friday, Aug. 15, to prepare a half-time show for their upcoming season.

"Overall, this year's camp was a great success and progressed very smooth with everyone putting in 110 percent effort everyday from morning until night," field commander and senior Jon Nickel said.

Director Dr. R. Tad Greig, according to students' requests, challenged the band with more complex drills and music. The collection is rhythmically intense, testing the band with unusual marching times. The drills are also full of intricate movements that add a visual component that will engage audiences.

"The drill and music is definitely a bit harder from previous years, but the Titan Band has risen to the challenge and are performing wonderfully each time they take the field," band president and junior Erin Thompson said.

Audiences will also notice a difference in the size of this year's band. This is the largest band since Greig has been the director, with 120 total members, 48 of which are first year students.

First year students often have to adjust to the marching style of the Titan Band.

"It's a more competitive nature. The drill is more complex than what I'm used to," freshman Katie Ellen John said.

However, some first year students feel differently about the difficulty of the music and the drills.

"I came from an extremely competitive band, so it is much more laid back here," freshman Jessica Geiger said.

Regardless of past experience, students pulled through the week while having a good time.

"It's a fun program to be involved in. There are so many different types of people, all with a love for music in common," junior Ali Gerginski said.

Many students are passionate about being involved with the band.

"I can't imagine not being a part of the band," junior Jessica Farrelly said.

"It's been a big part of my time here at Westminster," senior Amber Kunder said. "I'll definitely miss it."

The color guard, like the band, also has more members than in past years. The squad has been working hard this year, especially since it is a young squad in terms of experience. Both the guard and dance line are student-managed and have written, taught and perfected their routines.

The band is largely led by students because Greig values their input and includes the officers in making decisions. The officers include: Erin Thompson, band president; Jennie Smith, vice president; Ali Gerginksi, secretary; Jess Farrelly, treasurer; and Kevin Shields and Jon Nickel, field commanders.

"The officers have done an amazing job with the organization of band camp and the scheduling issues for the fall," Greig said.

Outside of playing at home games, the band will be making appearances at local festivals, including the Lawrence County, Mt. Lebanon and Mercer High School festivals. "Festivals are important because there are a lot of participants that may not know our school," Greig said.

The band, color guard and dance line have worked hard to prepare for the upcoming season. "I hope the school takes pride in our quality band. Not too many schools our size even have a marching band," Greig said..

Photo By Stephanie Chaffee

The Titan marching band practices their drill for upcoming performances.

Drinking Age

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According to the Associated Press, more than 40 percent of college students in the United States have reported at least one symptom of alcohol abuse or addiction. Because most students on campus are under 21 years of age, campus policy states that no students are permitted to consume, possess or serve alcohol, while on campus property. Both students and employees of the college that violate this policy will be disciplined according to the College Code of Conduct.

Depending on the seriousness of infraction, students may be given a warning, fine or expulsion. Alcohol paraphernalia like beer bongs and kegs are not allowed on campus property.

"I don't think lowering the drinking age is a good idea. I think it will increase problems that already exist with excessive or binge drinking. In terms of Westminster's campus, I think it will increase DUIs and alcohol poisoning," senior Reesha Jackson said.

According to USAtoday.com, Congress voted in 1984 to punish states that lowered the legal drinking age by confiscating 10 percent of their federal highway funds. Current law states that an individual must be 21 years old to purchase and consume alcohol in all states. Pennsylvania's legislature has not publicized any plans to lower the legal drinking age, but

South Dakota is planning an initiative that will permit all 18 and 19 year olds to purchase low-alcohol beer. Vermont's legislature has proposed to allow individuals that are 18 years and older to purchase alcohol in bars and restaurants, but not in liquor stores. Kentucky, Wisconsin and South Carolina are considering permitting all military personnel to drink regardless of age.

Photo By Stephanie Chaffee

The colorguard practices in Orr Lobby on a rainy day. Here Freshman, Nicole Schmalstieg, Sara Eliser, and Casey Schmidt, and sophomore Danie Dalsass hold an ending pose.

Fresh Start

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Those students not scared away by the exuberant welcoming committee were treated to two hours of music with the beats of Rudy and the Professionals. Senior Tony Gomez believed it was the most fun he had had on the campus.

"I have never seen so much energy and so many people in the Berlin Lounge before," Gomez said. "It was a blast."

Jeannette Hubbard of the Diversity Department and Kylee Bennett, SGA Diversity Chair, took a risk using a reggae band in place of the standard DJ, and the feedback concerning the switch was positive. Bennett considered the event to be a huge success having received much positive feedback. They are considering doing the event next year.

"I felt it was Jamaican-me crazy," Fresh Start leader Jimmy Cochran said to excitedly summarize the evening.

This is the largest class in recent years and encompasses of a large variety of majors, most notably is the addition of nearly 100 biology students who will quickly become familiar with Hoyt Science Center.

A special thanks...

To Mr. Jim Raykie for all his expert advice and guidance as *The Holcad* advisor for 10 years.

-and-

A warm welcome to Mrs. Dee Natale as the new *Holcad* advisor. We look forward to working with you.

Sports

Burry stadium welcomes Titan turf

By Amanda Miller
Staff Writer

On Sept. 13, the new field and stadium will have an official dedication ceremony to open its doors to football and soccer players and fans, as well as several intramural sports teams. The layout and architecture of the new stadium was a joint venture between the college and Eckles Architecture of New Castle.

"We're excited about the new look to the stadium. We've had a lot of positive comments–about playing on it and the look of it," James Dafler, athletic director, said.

The players themselves have provided much of this positive feedback.

"The new turf is awesome. It made a big difference in how our stadium looks," football player Jordan Blinn said. "It makes practice much more enjoyable and is much more forgiving on our feet and shins."

In contrast to grass, turf presents a more uniform playing surface and is also capable of draining rainwater, allowing players to practice without mud. These advantages allow for greater flexibility in scheduling games and practices. Furthermore, because eight of the nine other schools in our football division also have turf, our players will have the benefit of practicing on the same surface they will mostly be playing on.

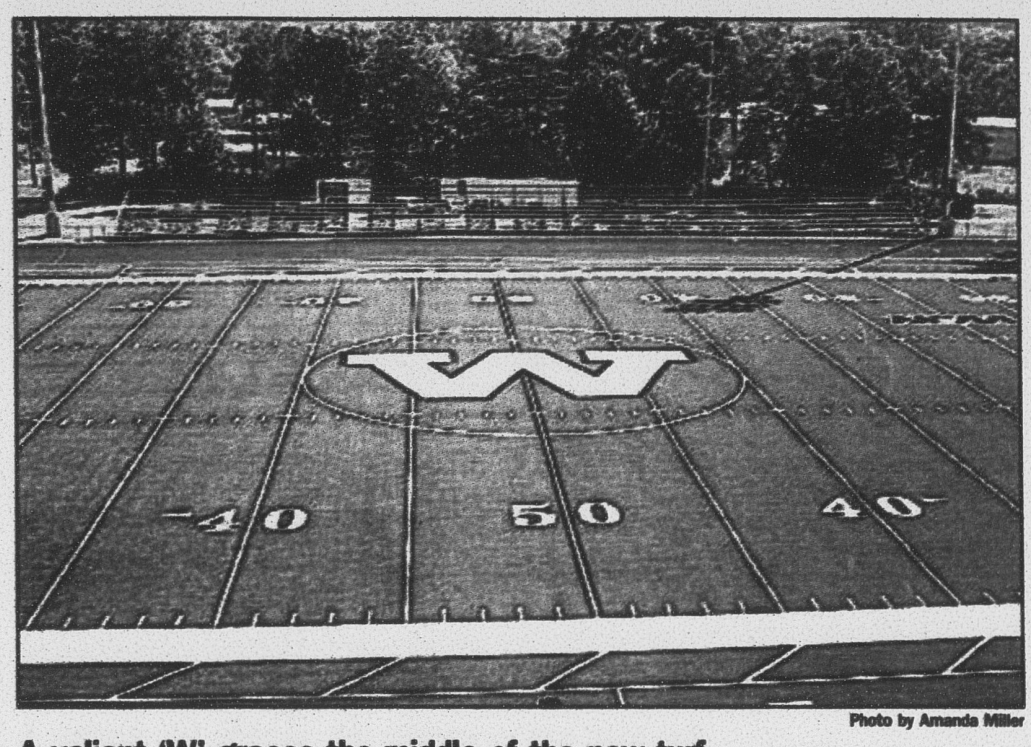

Photo by Amanda Miller

A valiant 'W' graces the middle of the new turf.

"The men are extremely excited to be able to practice on the surface. They feel that the benefit of working on a constant surface will enhance their experience as student athletes," Coach Jeffery Hand said.

One of the few drawbacks to the new stadium is trying to accommodate all of the people who want to use it, a situation player Scott Brucker calls a "good problem," because it means so many want to take advantage of this new facility.

"It is hard to explain, but there is something about playing in those muddy, bad weather, hard-fought football games that myself and others are going to miss," Brucker said.

Although fans and players may miss the more traditional playing field of grass, the turf has ultimately proved advantageous and positive for the players due to its many benefits.

Besides the grass, the stadium also has a new lighting system. These lights will be used for soccer night games, as well as for evening practices. Intramural sports such as ultimate Frisbee will also be able to use the stadium in the evenings with this new lighting system.

One project that could not be covered with this year's budget is renovations to the bleachers. The stadium's seating is not handicap accessible and still needs some other safety precautions installed, such as more handrails. Dafler, however, hopes that these changes will be made in the near future, as the athletic department budget allows.

Overall, players and coaches alike are happy with the new turf and lighting system. Fans can appreciate the new layout and architecture of the stadium as well as the brightly colored field. This will allow for football and soccer players, as well as intramural teams, a better field on which to practice and play. Turf is easy to maintain and can be used by many types of teams.

Men's and Women's soccer season kick-off

By Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

Despite a tough loss in the first round of playoffs last year, the men's soccer team returned this season prepared to work their way back to the top.

The Titans return 12 letter-winners and seven starters, including fifth-year senior Garrett Horvath, seniors Chris Ellwanger and Justin Rivas, juniors Brice Lott and Justin Flowers, and sophomores Aaron Zavora and Mike Codita.

"I believe this year's team has a lot more experience on the playing field compared to last year's team," Flowers said. "We also have a lot of depth on the bench."

Preparation for the season included a trip to St. Augustine, Fla. The team commended the trip as being beneficial for team bonding, in addition to priming them for the season physically.

The Titans hit the field for their first non-conference game Friday, Aug. 29 hosting the Westminster-Grove City Soccer Invitational. Their first game against Mount St. Joseph resulted in a 5-0 victory. Although the Titans had a slow start Saturday against non-conference Point Park, the team walked away with another win, 4-2.

"Two wins are nice to start the season with, however the level of competition was not the best we could have played against," Ellwanger said. "Even despite the struggle we had against Point Park, we were the better teamand should not have had to fight to come back"

The Titans compete with Christopher Newport at the Marietta College Soccer Classic Saturady, September 6.

"Two wins are nice to start the season."
Chris Ellwanger, Senior

Photo By Emily Winn

Steve Armahizer goes up for a header Wednesday September 4 against University of Pittsburgh- Bradford. Westminster won with a score of 8-1.

By Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

The women's soccer team kicked off the season with hopes of upholding the winning tradition that has been associated with the Titans.

Despite the loss of six starters, two of which were first-team all-PAC and all-region selections and the addition of 11 freshmen to the roster, the team is confident that they will have a successful season.

"The freshmen and upperclassmen are all very skilled which brings the level of play up in practice and also instills a great deal of competition within the team," senior Abby Montgomery said. "We are improving as a team and individually. I am excited to show what we can do this season."

Returning starters included seniors Christina Adams, Abby Montgomery and Jessi Losteter, junior Lindsey Mellot, and sophomores Sarah Nee and Emily Fitchwell.

"Other teams see what we have done in the past and expect that out of us again and again every year, and we have to live up to it," Nee said. "We have a winning tradition and we must continue that tradition no matter what it takes."

The preseason preparations included a trip to St. Augustine, Fla. where the team participated in two practices a day and running, in addition to a scrimmage with Flagler College.

When they weren't on the field, the team was able to bond as they enjoyed such activities as a trip to Ripley's Believe It Or Not museum, a trolley tour of St. Augustine, and a visit at Myrtle Beach on the way home.

The first non-conference games were played Friday, Aug. 29 and Saturday, Aug. 30. The first game against Mount St. Joseph resulted in a 0-1 loss. The Titans bounced back in their second game with a 6-2 win over Medaille.

The team travels to compete in the Marietta College Classic where they will play against Brockport Saturday, September 6.

Tennis dominate first matches

By: Corey Kendall
Sports Writer

The Lady Titans got the new season started off right. After two matches, they came out with a starting record of 2-0 by shutting out both teams. Although both opponents are in the PAC, neither match counted for PAC standings.

On Friday, Aug. 29, the Lady Titans kicked off the season with a 9-0 win over Waynesburg. In singles action, Junior April Scudere defeated Laura Garcia 6-3, 6-1. Freshman Andrea Redhair won with a score of 6-4, 6-1 while sophomore Hilary Newman defeated Alexis Horochak with set scores of 6-0 and 6-1. Meanwhile, Freshman Dana Griesmer defeated Jess Mally 6-1, 6-1 and sophomore Natalie Hruska knocked off Jessica Kody 6-3, 6-1. Sophomore Rachel Jack nearly shut out Melissa Faulkner posting two sets of 6-0 and 6-1.

On the doubles side of the match, Redhair and Jack defeated Garcia and Kody 8-3. Scudere and Newman took on Mally and Horochak coming out with a score of 8-3. Senior Beth Erwin and Griesmer posted a score of 8-5 against Carrie Daubert and Faulkner.

After a win against Waynesburg, the Lady Titans had another match just two days later. On Sunday, August 31, the Lady Titans traveled for a matchup against Chatham. They continued on a roll from the previous match by shutting out Chatham with a score of 9-0.

In the singles competition Newman and Hruska both shut out their opponents while April Scudere, Redhair, and Griesmer all came out with wins. Chatham had to forfeit the sixth match giving Rachel Jack time to rest before doubles action in which she and Andrea Redhair were able to post another win. Scudere/Newman and the Erwin/Lauren Latinovich doubles teams were both able to claim a shut out for their doubles matches.

Men's and women's cross country open with home invitational

By Corey Kendall
Sports Writer

As the school year is starting to kick into gear, so are the men's and women's cross country teams. They kicked off the season by hosting the Fisher Invitational, a twenty-four team (11 men's and 13 women's) invitational here on campus.

Both the men's and the women's teams did well for their first meet. The Titan men placed sixth out of 11 teams with 164 points and the Titan ladies placed seventh out of 13 teams with 158 points.

On the ladies' side, junior Rachel Hudson led the Titans with a time of 25:16.5 to take 13th-place in the women's 5-kilometer race. Junior Elizabeth Beardsley was able to claim 27th place with fa time of 26:24.2, while sophomore Jasmine Grady placed 33rd by clocking 26:20.7. Freshman Jennifer Krueger took 41st with a time of 27:16.5 followed by junior Amanda Everett with a 44th place time of 27:41.1.

Leading the Titan men was freshman Morgan Hanes with an eighth place time of 28:34.5 in the men's 8-kilometer course, Junior Jeremiah Patterson took 34th with a time of 30:46.6. Senior Aaron Titus claimed 38th with a time of 31:11.9 while Junior Nate Hunter followed close behind with a 40th place time of 31:27.0. "Fisher was a good race to get our feet wet," Hunter said. "We got a mark, so now we can try to go out and improve on that."

"Coach has a training plan that is focused on PACs in November," Hudson said. "So our goal is for all of us to reach our potential at the end of the semester, grow in our experiences together and stay healthy!"

The Titans are looking forward to a great season and will be back on the course at Penn State-Behrend on Saturday, September 13.

The Facts about Phelps

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

Dissecting the NFL's opening weekend and previewing the college football season are usually my top two choices to write about in my first column of the year. Sure, I love making predictions about the Dallas Cowboys winning the Super Bowl and the Ohio St. Buckeyes beating USC, but this year I could not pass up the opportunity to write about the greatest athletic performance I have witnessed in my entire life.

Watching Michael Phelps dominate the pool, although even that is vastly understated, was the greatest athletic and Olympic performance I have ever seen.

It was not just that Phelps won, but rather how he won. Setting world records in seven of his eight victories answers all questions of whether or not the field Phelps competed against was full of weak competition.

His performance was not singular and individual, but rather diversified and about the team. I may be wrong, but the most excited I saw Phelps throughout the course of the Olympics was not when he blew away the field in world record time en route to gold in the 200m IM. No, Phelps was most excited when teammate Jason Lezak brought home the gold medal for the Phelps-led 4x100m freestyle relay.

Beyond the performance, Phelps is not arrogant, self-centered or flashy; he is humble, poised and a role model for every child who watched the games. In an age where so many superstar athletes are either involved in legal trouble or are poor ambassadors to their sport, Phelps again proves to be extraordinary.

Although Phelps achieved milestones in Beijing, still people argue that he is not the greatest Olympian of all-time. What Phelps did surpasses any performance that someone gave to win an NFL or NBA title because winning a title in any league means that you are the champion of that league in which you won.

While being a league champion is incredible in its own right, Phelps is not just a league champion, he is a world champion. Taking this into consideration, that narrows our field to Olympic athletes and Olympic moments.

There is no doubt that Carl Lewis and Mark Spitz are incredible athletes, or that the 1980 "Miracle on Ice" was an incredible performance. As exciting as the U.S. hockey team defeating Russia was, the final result was a single gold medal; a great feat that seems somewhat minute compared to the eight gold medals garnered by Phelps.

Some experts argue that Phelps must pass Spitz in overall medal count to truly supplant him. Luckily for Spitz, personality is not a factor. If personality counted, Phelps would be a runaway from Spitz. Even so, the argument is for the greatest athletic performance of all-time. The facts are Phelps won eight gold medals in a single games and Spitz's best effort yielded seven. Case closed.

The closest athletic performance to Phelps is the efforts of Lewis. The reason Lewis can be compared to Phelps is the diversity Lewis displayed by dominating in the long jump, as well as the sprints. However, Lewis did not dominate the way Phelps did nor did he win a number of medals even close to Phelps.

While the summer was filled with incredible moments in the world sports, like the extra-inning MLB all-star game, this summer belonged to one man; this was the summer of Michael Phelps.

Arts & Entertainment

Chris Lehberger
A&E Editor

I was aglow. I was aloft. I was eccentric and electric.

To me, Radiohead has always been a band that beckons an understanding deeper than the music they create. Their mystique and idiosyncracies have represented more than blips and bleeps on a widespread musical map. Radiohead represent an intelligent creativity, both mysterious and illuminating.

I wish to preserve the happenings of the night of Aug. 4, 2008 in a glass jar, sealed tight with a small hammer, canned, and placed upon my mantle, or perhaps under my bed to be removed and smelled in the fullness of phenomenon and emotion. Or maybe sealed up in amber, like those ancient mosquitoes.

Blossom Music Center was sold out, packed and brimming, smoking and gently seething on the hill beside and under the trees and pavilion respectively, adorned in wood paneling, stained to a mahogany red, which was beautiful. My seat was dead center under the pavilion, three rows behind the sound board.

When Radiohead took the stage, amid a candelabra of shimmering pipes hanging from the ceiling, there was an eruption of cheering. A goofy smile was plastered on my face as the band struck up "15 Step."

With that, there is much to say about the minimalistic qualities of the band's recordings, but live, everything is magnified and capacious, the atmosphere much richer with resonation as everything blends wonderfully. Equally as engaging was Thom Yorke's vocals which cut succinctly through the layers of sound. And not once did I hear a bad note.

The band worked through a massive 23 songs, playing much of *In Rainbows* with an equal mishmash from their previous releases. Yorke danced and caroused his way through "National Anthem," his eccentric step and swing complemented by the musical kaleidoscope from guitarist/sampler Jonny Greenwood, whose arrangements of delay and electronics echoed brilliantly against the maddening crowd of over 20,000.

Drummer Phil Selway found me with a new appreciation for his drumming, which I've always rendered as simplistic. Live, however, his often a-rhythmic stylings and beats work splendidly. Much can also be said for the fantastic light show which never repeated a color scheme or pattern, supplementing each song independently. Notable performances included "Street Spirit", and the highlight of my night with "Idioteque," convulsing the crowd into one amalgamated mass, and "All I Need" hushing the crowd with an ambience like a thick lavender blanket.

One lacking characteristic was the crowd which seemingly didn't sing along at all; perhaps because everyone was in awe, or perhaps because they didn't want to miss a thing, such as I. However, when the first notes of "Paranoid Android" struck out, the crowd assembled to the ranks, and voices could be heard singing out loudly, "God loves his children, God loves his children."

After two encores and about two hours, the band closed the night with "Everything In Its Right Place," a closer that not only allowed for an appropriately long and filling ending, but also fell along archetypal lines, closing out one of the most important musical landmarks in my life, as each member left the stage with a wave until Colin Greenwood stood up from his pedal board leaving a loop to play out until the house lights came on and everyone started home under the stars with everything in its right place.

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Billy Joel is more than just the piano man

By Ben Portz
A&E Writer

This summer was a momentous time for rock legend Billy Joel. Yes, Billy Joel, the guy that many people think only wrote "Piano Man" and then dropped off the face of the earth.

Truth is, Joel did not become nationally known for his *Piano Man* album when it was first released in 1973, but rather in the summer of 1977 when he came out with the mega hit album *The Stranger*. This record was such a hit that it replaced Simon and Garfunkel's *Bridge Over Troubled Water* album for bestselling record of all time for Columbia Records.

So why was it a momentous summer for Joel? There was celebration for this record by releasing a remastered 30th anniversary edition of *The Stranger* plus a live recording, which had never been released, of Joel playing at the legendary Carnegie Music Hall in New York City in the summer of 1977 prior to the release of the new album. To top off the summer, Joel played two huge shows at Shea Stadium; home of the New York Mets, before it closed down.

In the four albums before *The Stranger*, Joel had trouble finding a producer and musicians that would work well with him. In many cases, he had to produce the records himself, such as his *Turnstiles* album, and use studio musicians. The studio musicians were good, but like any band just thrown together, they didn't gel. By 1977, Joel found his own musicians and was discovered by producer Phil Ramone.

The Stranger starts off with an up-tempo "Movin' Out (Anthony's Song)" about an Italian family where the mother decided it was time for her son to get out and make it on his own. The title track, "The Stranger," is about the different faces that we put on for different people and how frustrated that makes us. "Just The Way You Are" was originally a song that was not supposed to be on the album, until a couple of Joel's girlfriends stopped by the studio during the recording and insisted that they loved the song and it had to be on the record. He actually wrote it because he needed another song to fill up the album. As it turns out, it was the biggest single from the album, and to this day, it is one of the most played wedding songs. Another highlight is the controversial "Only the Good Die Young" about Joel seducing a Catholic girl which led to the song being banned by Seton Hall University. Joel claimed that banning his record actually helped sales because college kids love to hear what they "aren't allowed to hear". My favorite track off the album is called "Vienna". This introspective masterpiece is about life and how it's never too late to get what you want and do something worthy with your life.

So despite not having a new rock album in fifteen years, Joel is still touring, selling out concerts, and playing all the songs that people love to hear. He doesn't need new songs. At this point, he's a walking legend giving the people what they want, and yes, still closing his shows with "Piano Man".

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The sounds of summer: Vampire Weekend's eclectic first album

Levi Sanchez
A&E Writer

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I picked up Vampire Weekend's self-titled debut from a Barnes and Noble store in Fort Collins, Colorado where I spent the summer. Though I heard their single "A-Punk" this winter when the album was released, it wasn't until this June, spurred by a $9.99 CD sale, that I actually bought the album. Rarely departing from an upbeat tempo, Vampire Weekend made a perfect sonic backdrop to the sunny skies of Colo. The members of Vampire Weekend, graduates of the Ivy League Columbia University in NYC, blend contemporary African pop, classical music, and Indie rock into a widely appealing brand of intelligent pop music. Think Paul Simon's *Graceland* album, Mozart, and Devo and you'll get close to their sound.

In addition to the intensely catchy "A-Punk," songs like "Oxford Comma" (the most upbeat song you'll ever hear the "F word" in) stay in your head in the best of ways. I often found myself singing lines like "Blake's got a new face" and "Li'l John, he always tells the truth" in the shower. Ezra Koenig sings about almost anything: sweaters, Mansard roofs (like Westminster's own Thompson-Clark), the Dalai Lama, and, of course, vampires. Yet somehow it seems perfectly natural for Koenig to segue from singing about the haven of exiled Tibetan Buddhists into a declaration of the rapper Li'l John's integrity. In "Campus," the only song that saved my sanity at Hollister where I worked for the summer, Ezra laments the end of his affair with a professor. Musically, the electric organ bops around with the driving drum beat as the guitar ascends a scale and Ezra croons. In "Cape Cod Kwassa Kwass," Koenig paints the picture of the monotony of life in that affluent Massachusetts community. The polyrhythmic percussion in the background compliments the simple, but catchy guitar riff. Songs like "M79" and "Bryn" most obviously reflect the band's classical influences with strings and an electric harpsichord backing the clean guitar.

Overall, despite the band's wildly different influences, they forge it all into a cohesive whole that remains accessible. As a nod to their wide appeal, they've been invited to play SNL and some of the largest festivals in the world this summer and caught the attention of the press. Their wonderfully unique videos even squeeze their way into MTV's rap-saturated video lineup. I suspect that this initial success is only the beginning of a lasting career. For my money, all $9.99 of it, *Vampire Weekend* makes the grade.

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Levi's Rating: ★★★★☆

Norma Jean reinvents itself

By Max Muska
A&E Writer

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Back in high school when I was somewhat of a metalcore fanatic, a band called Norma Jean caught my attention with a monumental album. Six years and many lineup changes later, the band has reinvented itself once again with the release of *The Anti Mother*.

Prior to this record, I have been unsatisfied with this band's work since the departure of vocalist Josh Scogin to form the fellow Solid State Records band, The Chariot. Sure Cory Putman is a great replacement and he brought a new dimension to the vocals of the band's newer material, but the band turned to a more mathcore-oriented style which sounded very repetitive to me.

Then came *The Anti Mother*, which mixes elements from all of the band's previous albums together into a groove-driven metal masterpiece. The songs seem more well-constructed overall than any of the band's prior work. I love every part of this record from beginning to end.

I was worried when the news broke of the departure of original drummer, Daniel Davison. I did not think that any drummer could fit the part. Luckily, to my surprise, newcomer Chris Raines, who also plays for Spitfire, fit in perfectly with the new direction the band has taken. His rhythms and fills are far less technical than Davison's, but his style compliments the rest of the band far better than I ever imagined it would.

The first track, "Vipers, Snakes, and Actors," is by far the most chaotic on the album. Instruments suddenly drop out or return and the tempo changes unexpectedly. Still, a steady groove is present throughout the song, as is the case with most of the other tracks. This, along with Putman's more prominent singing voice, gives the record a catchy sound.

This change in vocal style is most evident on "Robots 3 Humans 0." Putman sings throughout the majority of the track, making it the band's most catchy song to date. Another component of the song that is different for the band is its use of a standard verse, chorus, and verse format.

The album's best track by far is "Surrender Your Sons…" This track is reminiscent of the song "Memphis Will Be Laid to Waste" on Bless the Martyr, Kiss the Child which featured collaboration with Aaron Weiss of mewithoutyou. This time around the band collaborated with Chino Moreno of the Deftones and Cove Reber of Saosin. The guests contributed vocals and aided in the writing process of the track. Putman's vocals are barely heard behind Moreno's and Reber's.

The guest artists also contributed their songwriting skills to some of the album's other tracks, including "Robots 3 Humans 0" and "Murphy Was an Optimist." Page Hamilton of the band Helmet is another guest vocalist on "The Opposite of Left and Wrong." The guests on this album add a great deal to its uniqueness.

I have not listened to anything else since this album came out last week. I just play it over and over on my iTunes and my mp3 player. Norma Jean has truly created a masterpiece that should aid them in getting a new and improved record deal now that their contract with Solid State has ended. I cannot wait to hear what the next step in the band's evolution will be.

Max's Rating: ★★★★★

Concert Calendar:

Rock out with your favorite artists at these upcoming local shows!

September:

6: You The Symphony @ WC: Berlin Lounge: 9:00 pm
7: Three Doors Down @ Post-Gazette: 6:30
20: RC Static CD Release @ Mr. Smalls: 7:00 pm
23: New Found Glory @ Mr. Smalls: 6:30 pm
24: Chiodos w/ Person L @ Mr. Smalls: 6:30 pm
26: My Favorite Highway @ Strummers: 6:30 pm
27: Punchline CD Release @ Diesel: 7:00 pm

October:

4: Emarosa @ Strummers: 6:15 pm
8: Maylene and the Sons of Disaster @ Mr. Smalls: 6:30 pm
10: All Time Low @ Gravity: 7:00 pm
12: Relient K @ Club Zoo: 7:00 pm
14: Once Nothing @ Mr. Smalls: 7:00 pm
15: Family Force 5 @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
16: VersaEmerge w/ Eye Alaska @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
17: A Cursive Memory @ Diesel: 6:00 pm
18. Cali AC CD Release @ Diesel: 6:00 pm
20: Atmosphere @ Mr. Smalls: 8:00 pm
21: NOFX @ Club Zoo: 7:00 pm
21: Clap Your Hands Say Yeah @ Brillobox: 8:00 pm
25: Matisyahu @ Mr. Smalls: 8:00 pm
28: Anberlin w/ Straylight Run @ Mr.Smalls: 7:00 pm
29: Underoath w/ Saosin @ Gravity: 7:00 pm

November:

3: Pierce The Veil @ Strummers: 7:00 pm
5. Ted Leo & The Pharmacists @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
5: Norma Jean w/ Haste The Day @ Mr. Smalls: 7:00 pm
9: 3OH!3 @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
10: Mest @ Strummers: 7:00 pm
13: Senses Fail w/ Dance Gavin Dance @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
21: Cobra Starship @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
22: Hawthorne Heights @ The Rex: 6:30 pm
22: Frank Caliendo @ The Benedum: 8:30 pm

CALENDAR

Friday, September 5, 2008

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM SGA First-Year Elections (MCC TUB)

11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

11:45 AM Alpha Phi Omega Exec. Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Conference Room)

5:00 PM Volleyball @ Baldwin-Wallace

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM SAA Kick-Off Picnic (MCC Club/Lounge)

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM SGA First-Year Elections (MCC TUB)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Forgetting Sarah Marshall (MCC Mueller)

9:00 PM Volleyball @ Case Western Reserve (at Baldwin-Wallace)

10:00 PM - 2:00 AM CPC Presents Gateway Clipper Cruise/Semi-Formal Dance (Pittsburgh – Transportation Provided

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Baby Mama (MCC Mueller Theater)

Saturday, September 6, 2008

TBA Women's Tennis @ Thomas More*

9:00 AM - 1:30 PM Alumni Council Meeting (Various Rooms in McKelvey Campus Center)

9:00 AM Community Shrub Planting at McClure Run (Meet at Softball Field)

1:00 PM Men's Soccer @ Christopher Newport (at Marietta)

1:30 PM Football @ Heidelberg

2:00 PM Volleyball @ Alma (at Baldwin-Wallace)

3:00 PM Women's Soccer @ Brockport (at Marietta)

4:00 PM Volleyball @ Allegheny (at Baldwin-Wallace)

7:00 PM Mass (Wallace Memorial Chapel

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Baby Mama (MCC Mueller Theater)

9:00 PM - 11:00 PM Titan's Tavern (MCC Club/Lounge)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Forgetting Sarah Marshall (MCC Mueller Theater)

Sunday, September 7, 2008

TBA Men's Soccer @ Walsh or Marietta (at Marietta)

TBA Women's Soccer @ Walsh or Marietta (at Marietta)

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Forgetting Sarah Marshall (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:00 PM Vespers (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Baby Mama (MCC Mueller Theater)

Monday, September 8, 2008

11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

12:00 PM Holcad Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Conference Room)

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Auditions for Once Upon a Mattress (Beeghly Theater)

7:30 PM Praise Team Practice (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night at Westminster (MCC Club/Lounge)

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Last Day to DROP a Course (returning and transfer students only)

Last Day to Request an Audit or S/U Grade

12:30 PM Career Center Hosts "Let's Do Lunch" with Ohio Northern Pettit School of Law (MCC Club)

5:00 PM Chapel Staff Meeting (Old Main 213)

8:30 PM Mortar Board Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night at Westminster (MCC Club/Lounge)

9:30 PM Newman Club Meeting (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM College Rings Display/Purchase Day (MCC TUB)

4:00 PM Women's Tennis @ Allegheny

5:15 PM CPC Meeting (MCC Club)

7:00 PM SGA Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship (MCC Berlin Lounge)

Thursday, September 11, 2008-

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM College Rings Display/Purchase Day (MCC TUB)

11:00 AM Support Staff Meeting with President Dorman (MCC Club

12:45 PM IFC Meeting (Memorial Field House)

4:00 PM WOMEN'S TENNIS v. Chatham*

6:00 PM Habitat for Humanity Chapter Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

6:15 PM Japanese Anime Club (Thompson-Clark 210)

7:00 PM Gospel Choir (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

8:00 PM Allies Meeting (Thompson-Clark 314)

8:00 PM Newman Club Exec. Meeting (MCC 352 Wile Conference Room)

8:30 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

9:00 PM Lambda Sigma Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night at Westminster (MCC Club/Lounge)

Friday, September 12, 2008

11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

11:45 AM Alpha Phi Omega Exec. Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Conference Room)

3:30 PM VOLLEYBALL v. Muskingum (Volley Against Violence Tournament)

4:00 PM Men's Soccer @ Pitt-Greensburg

7:00 PM VOLLEYBALL v. Capital (Volley Against Violence Tournament)

8:00 PM CPC Presents Chad Perrone (MCC Club/Lounge)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Get Smart (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Sex and the City (MCC Mueller Theater)

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21-April 19).

You're moving into a favorable cycle for your love life. Even if it's been steady, it's about to get more interesting. Some relationships deepen, and heavy ones get light. So it all works well for you and requires very little effort. The most challenging part will be not to interfere with what's working.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

You are ultra-responsible for the people around you, making sure that they not only get their basic needs met, but that they are also able to pursue what makes them happy. Do the same for yourself. When you dedicate time to your pet project, you're being altruistic, as it helps keep you emotionally strong.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Your tasks are laid out for you. By Thursday you'll feel that you've delivered the hard work, but there's still a mountain more of it to do. Before you continue to hammer away at it, take a breather. There's nothing so pressing that it can't be put off while you attend to what's really important – having some fun.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

You sometimes work like a reliable machine, but that doesn't mean you are one. You need breaks just like everyone else. And more than that, you need to be invested in what you're working toward. Where there is no incentive, except for a paycheck, ask for one. You deserve more and you'll get it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

You'll be entering new arenas, and they are tricky indeed. The interpersonal dynamics are intricate and complicated. You're not shy, but you know when it behooves you to be a silent observer, offering information on a need-to-know basis. Ultimately you'll garner a great deal of amusement out of this situation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

There will be a breakthrough in regards to a relationship struggle. It turns out, the other person doesn't need to change at all in order for you to be happy. You decide to be happy with things as they are, and the change you've wanted will come along in its own time – and more quickly than you thought.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

Details, details … what should you do? If you watch them too closely, your mind gets tight and uncreative. Ignore them, and things are not beautifully specific as they could be, or they just plain fall apart. Luckily, the universe gifts you with perfect balance. You instinctively know the correct degree to magnify your focus.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

It seems like lately there's always someone who thinks he or she knows better than you do about what you should do next. It's unlikely, though not impossible, that this person will give you advice you can actually act on to win the prize. Listen only to the superinformed and your inner guidance system.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

You will definitely be affected by the unspoken rules of your community, as well as the actual written laws and policies governing your part of the world. None of this should be taken personally or given obsessive focus. The thing that has the most impact is your self-talk, which you have complete control over.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

. You're unraveling puzzles just to see how they were put together. You might make a mess doing this -- the kind that's not so easy to put back together. And if the puzzle in question is a human being, you can never take back your prodding questions. So be mindful and sensitive in your quest for knowledge.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

You still have some trepidation about a new relationship, but there's no need to worry. Everything that's happening will be helpful to your development as a human, and some of it will be fun, to boot. Friday brings the ideal moment to open up that big heart of yours and let someone in to a greater degree.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

You're learning when to say "yes." You just have a feeling that it's right, and so you do it. Early in the week, helping others only takes a few minutes. But by Friday there's a whole production involved with your generosity. Doing what you think you should be doing isn't half as productive as doing what you want to do.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Happiness is a matter of taking care of business this year. You're like a dutiful partner to the universe. You're given your weekend list of chores and you fix what needs fixing. Only it doesn't take a weekend – you'll spend much of the fall on this endeavor, and it's actually quite an interesting and often joyful pursuit. What you get in return is an unparalleled sense of peace and belonging. October is about money and choosing wisely where to spend the extra. Family additions come in January.

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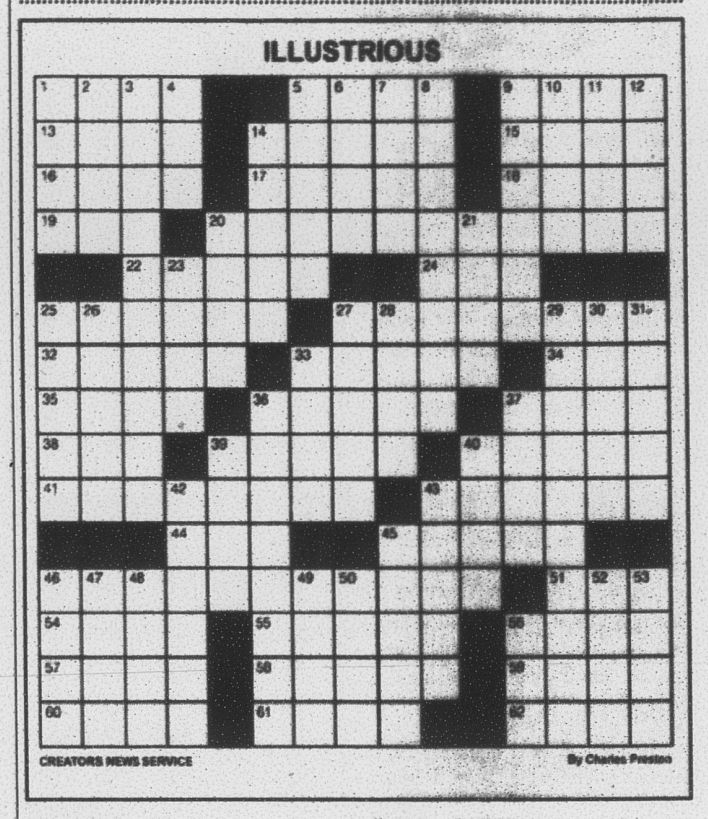

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10 I forsee trouble!
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CROSSWORD ANSWER

McKelvey Weekend Entertainment

Welcome back... Good luck this year!

"Forgetting Sarah Marshall"

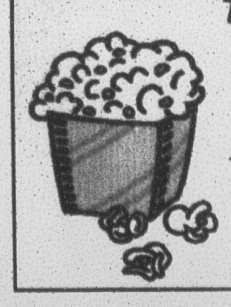
8:00 PM Friday
10:30 PM Saturday
3:00PM Sunday

Movies Playing at Mueller Theater

"Baby Mama"

10:30 PM Friday
8:00 PM Saturday
9:00 PM Sunday

Movies provided by Club Room
Entertainment provided by CPC
Westminster ID's will be checked at all movies.
ID will admit you and one guest.
There is no charge; it's just for a count.



Late Night in the Club Room
Monday - 8 PM to 1 AM
Tuesday and Thursday - 9 PM to 1 AM

Features

It's a fresh start - get involved

Megan Hoffman
Features Editor

Whether you are a freshman, sophomore, junior or even a senior, this semester is the perfect opportunity for a fresh start. The beginning of the year is the best time to try new things, and getting involved is a great way to do just that.

Although it can sometimes be a little stressful, being involved on campus has taught me how to be responsible. I have learned how to juggle multiple activities, meetings, and assignments. Also, it has given me the opportunity to meet a lot of great people on campus.

As a senior and thinking back on my experiences here, I could not imagine what my college career would have been like if I had chosen not to get involved. Currently, I am involved in about ten campus clubs and activities. However, my involvement does not end with just being a member. I have become more involved by holding leadership positions, ranging from PR chair to treasurer, in more than half of these organizations. I did not join all of these groups on the same day or even in the same year, but in order to get involved, you have to start somewhere.

Now, I'm not saying that you need to go out tomorrow and sign-up for every club offered. I am saying that with more than 100 clubs and activities, I'm sure you can find at least one group that has something that might interest you. The key is to find the right balance between academic clubs, social clubs, and sports.

Below are a few tips that will help you get involved and find the right balance between your various activities.

First, look into joining a group related to your major. It is the major you chose, so it should be something you enjoy doing. If you are an elementary education major, consider helping out with tutoring at one of the area schools. If you are a biology major, maybe the Pre-Vet Society is for you.

As a public relations major, the Public Relations Student Society of America was one of the first groups I joined as a freshman. My involvement in the group has since allowed me to further my professional development by listening to speakers, taking field trips to see local PR jobs, and networking with those in my field. I have also had the opportunity to hold a leadership role in the organization, which gave me more of an opportunity to share my thoughts on how the organization should be run. Of course joining a major-specific organization looks good on your resume, but you are also given the opportunity to do things outside of the classroom and gain some hands-on experience.

Second, look into joining a group related to your interests or talents. With the election quickly approaching, the College Democrats or College Republicans might be a good group to join. Or maybe you like playing sports and being active. Several sports such as hockey, Ultimate Frisbee, and archery are clubs that you can join simply for the love of the sport.

Since I have taken dance my entire life, Dance Theatre was one of the first groups that I was really interested in joining. I attended the informational meeting, joined the group, went to the practices and tried out to be in some of the dances. Now, three years later, I have been in a half dozen dances and have even had the chance to choreograph my own dance. Being a member of Dance Theatre has had a huge impact on my college experience and all it took was a little bit of interest and the opportunity to get involved.

A nice thing about the clubs at Westminster is that most of them accept members with a wide range of talent, skill, and ability. Definitely make the best of this opportunity to join a club to do something you enjoy or something that you have always wanted to try. Even if you aren't an expert, you can still have fun! As long as you find something you are interested in you have no excuse not to get involved.

Third, look into joining a group that gives you a chance to make changes here at Westminster. One of the worst things you can do is to sit around complaining about the way things are done. If you are unhappy about something at the college, you have the opportunity to make a difference. The Student Government Association is the perfect example of a group you can join to improve not only yours, but the whole campus' college experience. Joining SGA gets you involved in a wide range of activities from planning campus events, such as Volley Rock and A Shot at Love, to acting as liaisons between the students and the administrators. Another club that allows students to have a say in what happens here is the Campus Programming Council, which helps bring in weekend entertainment. For years I have heard students complain about the lack of activities over the weekends. Instead of complaining, join CPC, SGA, or similar clubs.

By joining activities, you will open up a wide-range of opportunities for yourself. The experiences you will gain, the friends you will make, and the memories you will have by joining organizations at Westminster will last well beyond your college years.

Megan is a senior public relations major who is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority and Dance Theater. When she's not breaking her foot, she can most likely be found in the TUB or creeping on Facebook.

Candid campus: Our favorite scenes from last week

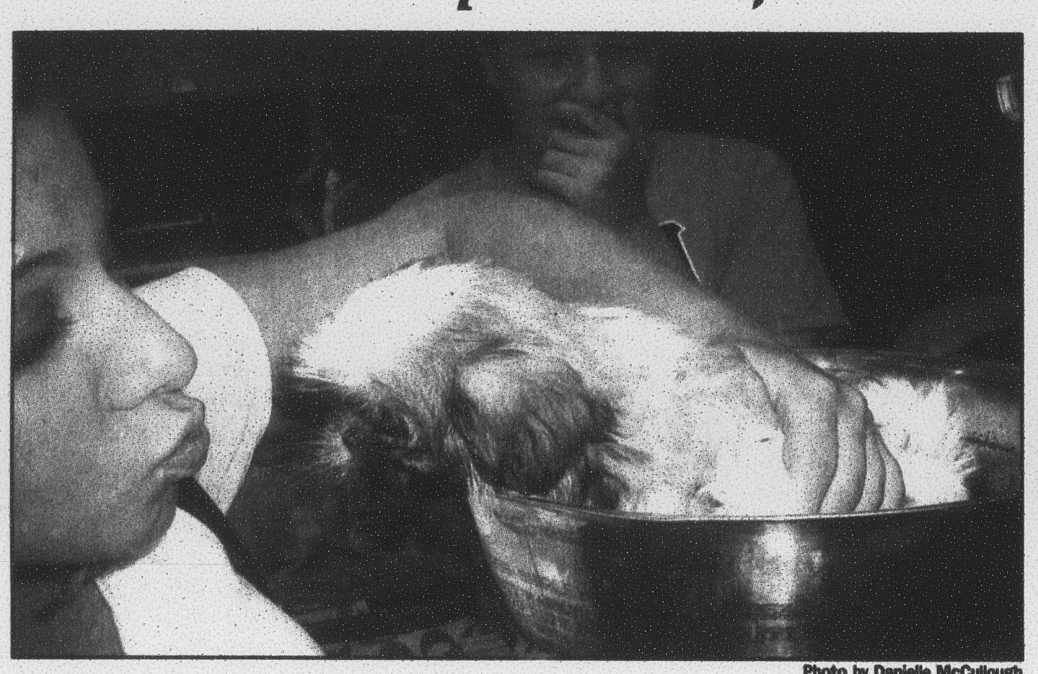


Photo by Danielle McCullough

Senior Liz Suders gives kisses to her new puppy as it sits inside Danielle McCullough's trophy at the activities Fair Thursday Aug. 28.

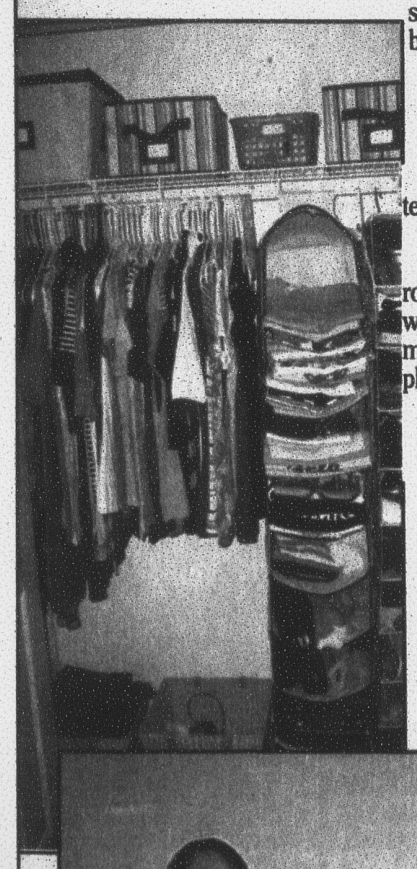
Contributed Photo

Senior Amber Okert stops for a break while moving into her room, good thing she had a place to sit.

WC CRIBS

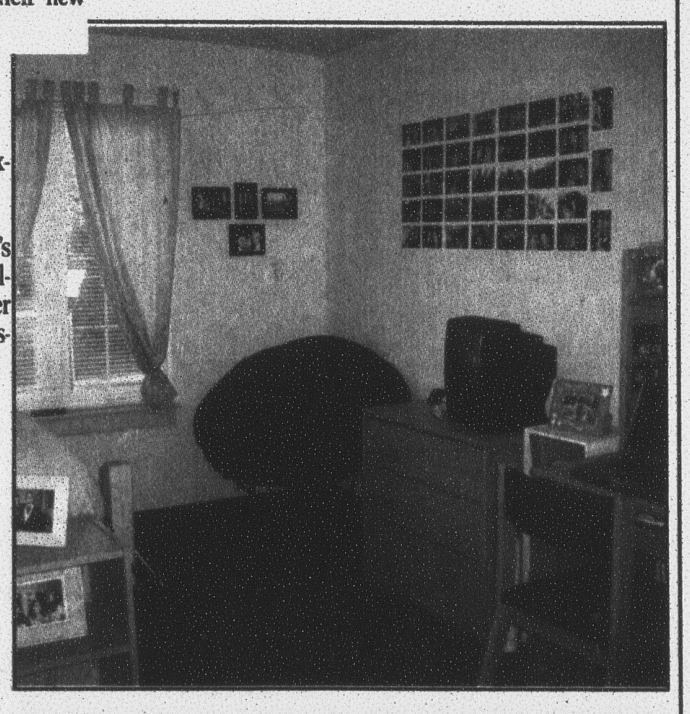
This week features editor Megan Hoffman showcases her own cozy crib, townhouse #5

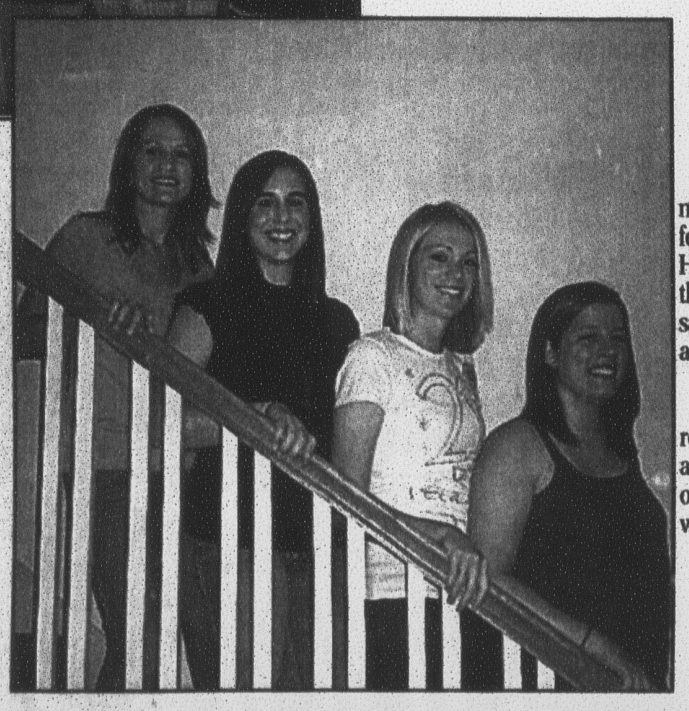
Megan and her roommates love their new townhouse. They have chosen bright colors to accent their new bedrooms.



The closet, on the left, is exteremly well organized.

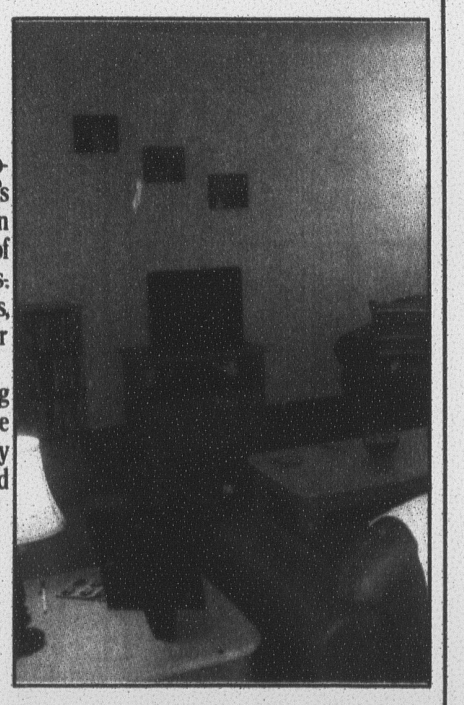
Right: Jenna Rosenbauer's room is very colorful. She is always surrounded pictures of her many friends, which she displays in a perftect grid.





Left: The lovely roommates of *The Holcad*s feature editor, Megan Hoffman, are proud of their townhouse: Larissa Fortna, Jenn Byers, and Jenna Rosenbauer

Right: The living room looks like a nice and cozy place to study or to hang out and watch a movie.



Reasons to stay on campus this weekend

Friday:

Go out to dinner before going to the Clipper Cruise or grab some popcorn shrimp in the TUB

CPC Presents the Gateway Clipper Cruise/Semi-Formal Dance

Movies: *Forgetting Sarah Marshall* and *Baby Mama*

Saturday:

Titan's Tavern, featuring You the Symphony

Movies: Baby Mama and Forgetting Sarah Marshall

Check out the new Stadium/ Football field

Take an afternoon walk around campus

Go to Pizza Joes and try a Wedgie

Sunday:

Movies: *Forgetting Sarah Marshall* and *Baby Mama*

Take an afternoon nap

Visit the Library

Be studious, do your homework

If you know of any weekend activities worthy of staying put and want it to be included in *The Holcad*, please contact Features Editor, Megan Hoffman at Hoffmams@westminster.edu

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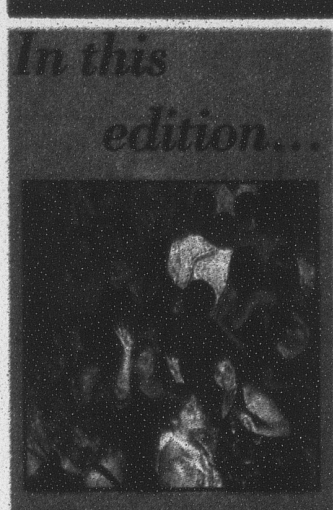

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Something fishy in the stream
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Campus Statistic of the Week

Number of free t-shirts ordered by SGA for the Titans first home football game

Weekend Weather
provided by Weather.com

Friday
T-Showers
72°/61°

Saturday
Scattered T-Storms
72°/65°

Sunday
Few Showers
70°/51°

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Before going out this weekend, know the rules

Freshmen and upperclassmen, alike, must follow proper guidelines while at parties

By Travis Gulling
Staff Writer

If you enjoy going out to a fraternity house on the weekend make sure you know when you can and cannot go to the houses.

There are three basic parties a frat house can have: open parties, closed parties or mixers. An open party is where all of the students are invited to come down to a house. A closed event means just that; the house is closed and students are not permitted to go down to that frat house. Finally there is a mixer, which is when a fraternity and sorority get together at a frat house for a party. They usually, but not always, are before an open party.

Scott "Scooter" Renninger, advisor to the InterFraternal Council, emphasizes that students should only come to a frat house when they are allowed.

"It is extremely unkind if you try to come into a house when you are not invited," Renninger said. "There are certain times that the house will be open to the students and the students need to follow those times. The frat has the right to ask you to leave or refuse your admittance at any time."

When arriving at the house you will be asked for your ID; the houses require you to use your Titan card for two reasons. First, it shows them that you are a current student and second, your Titan card has your birthday on it, which verifies your age. If you are 21, the house will provide you with a wrist band which informs everyone that you are allowed to drink in the house. Ryan Kirk, Theta Chi President, believes it is very important to sign into the house.

"We need to have an accurate record of who is in attendance," Kirk said. "In case there was any damage to the property we may be able to track down who is responsible."

According to Kirk, if students try to sneak into a house without signing in and the house finds out the house will take immediate action. If the student deliberately did not sign in, the frat will kick that individual out of their house.

Do not expect to always be allowed to go down to any house during the weekend. After Guy's Pick Up in the spring, where the frats "pick up" new members, independent males are not allowed to go to the houses when there is an open party. There are certain weekends that the houses will be open to the entire campus during the spring; this is mainly for recruiting purposes.

"The IFC made this rule three years ago," Kirk said. "The reason is because the IFC did not want the houses to be misused by those males not interested in joining a fraternity."

The IFC is the governing body of the fraternities on campus and coordinates all of their activities. The IFC President Charlie Bigelow believes that their first priority is to the safety of the students.

"When we have open parties at our houses, we open our doors to not only the whole campus, but Campus Security as well," Bigelow said. "If you are under 21 and caught drinking by Public Safety in the fraternity house you will be written up by the fraternity and given a fine via campus mail."

According to Bigelow, all fraternities reserve the right to remove an individual from their house at any time. Students can help fraternities by making smart decisions; alleviating students from getting in trouble with Public Safety and from the New Wilmington Police.

Photo by Stephanie Chaffee

This party-goer enthusiastically provides his Titan Card to the door watcher for student status and age verification.

Open – Parties open to all students

Closed – The Frat House is closed

Mixers – The party is for members of the sorority or fraternity involved.

Why so Many Freshmen?

By Amanda Miller
Staff Writer

The number of incoming freshmen this year has soared to a record 460 students, a feat which Dean of Admissions Brad Tokar attributes to "a campus-wide effort, from the Admissions Office to the Communications and Marketing Departments, from faculty to the Athletic Department."

There are several attributing causes which have created this record number of freshmen. Tokar explains that there was not only an increase in the number of mailings, but also the new use of the internet has attracted students and informed them about our school. Through the internet, information about this campus is able to reach a wider audience, as students are made aware of some of the things this school offers, and interested students are able to learn more about specific programs they are seeking.

Besides this increase in contacting more prospective students via mailings and email, Tokar said that our school also visited over 200 more high schools than in the past. In visiting more schools, the college has widened its visiting range to places including Philadelphia and Harrisburg.

From the perspective of the Admissions Office, this large incoming class is a positive result of their hard work. Tokar said that the freshmen class is a "good one, and academically strong." Furthermore, due to the large numbers of applicants, our school also had a waiting list this year.

"The waiting list shows that a lot of great things are happening at Westminster," Tokar said.

Not every student may be as happy about the large number of new students, as this creates more people in the dorms, cafeterias, and classrooms. However, this increase is ultimately a good thing for our school because it reflects the number of people interested in our programs and invites a larger pool of prospective students from which we can chose the best and brightest.

Although the members of SWAT did not alter their methods of giving campus tours last year, President Alyson Kieffer said that there will be some changes made this year.

"We did have a speaker come to our training [this year], and he gave us lots of good ideas," Kieffer said. We learned how to make tours more personalized and how to make better connections with the families so they could picture themselves at Westminster."

Through these new methods of SWAT, along with the continuing efforts of the Admissions Office, the numbers of incoming freshmen will most likely remain at these record high numbers.

Lady Pesed takes a vacation

By Jessica Davis
Staff Writer

The college's 2,300-year-old mummy was transferred from the Mack Science Library to the Lawrence County Historical Society on Tuesday, Sept. 2 for an educational exhibit.

Lady Pesed, the mummy that has been on campus since 1885, was moved to the Lawrence County Historical Society. The "Ancient Journeys: A Study of Ancient Burial Practices" exhibit will take place during the month of September. Lady Pesed is one of a dozen Egyptian artifacts that are on display at the exhibit.

"The reason we're doing this exhibit is to provide a significant educational outreach for the college and for the larger community," Dr. Sam Farmerie said.

Donated to the college in 1885 by Rev. John Giffen, an 1871 graduate, after he worked as a missionary in Egypt, Lady Pesed has resided in Old Main, Thompson Clark Hall, McGill Library and Mack Science Library. The mummy was not appropriately displayed until 1985 when an undergraduate, Susan Grandy Graff, raised enough money for the restoration and display case.

There are more than 100 other ancient artifacts that have been donated to the college. Mummified cats, falcons, a crocodile and tools used during the process of mummification are displayed with the mummy.

"The mummy makes Westminster a unique place," senior Amber Okert said. "Not many schools can say that they have a real mummy on display for their students to observe."

According to the college website, in the early 1900s students would play practical jokes with the mummy and would place her in students' beds.

A rarity at college campuses, the mummy was originally thought to be a teenager at the time of her death; however, scientific tests proved that she lived to be middle-aged. During a trip to Harrisburg, Lady Pesed underwent radio-carbon dating, x-rays, CT scans and reconstructive modeling.

After studying the hieroglyphics on her casket, Lady Pesed is thought to be the sibling of a mummy in a Buffalo, New York museum. In 2006, a bust of Lady Pesed was created by forensic sculptor Frank Bender, which is also on display. Other artifacts owned by the college are located in the McKelvey Campus Center and McGill Library.

Contributed Photo

Campus administrators load the mummy, Pesed, into her chariot for her trip off campus.

Campus Programming Council hosts Gateway Clipper Cruise

By Jessica Davis
Staff Writer

More than 400 students boarded the Gateway Clipper in Pittsburgh on Sept. 5 to attend a cruise and dance hosted by the Campus Programming Council.

The Gateway Clipper Cruise has become an annual tradition on campus. Every fall semester, students are invited by the CPC to attend a cruise and a semi-formal dance on the Gateway Clipper river boat. This year, a record breaking 432 students boarded buses on Friday, leaving campus for Pittsburgh. With approximately 40 members, the CPC plans and organizes events costing little or nothing to students.

"We wanted to provide activities for students that are here on the weekends and entice students to stay here on the weekends," CPC adviser Camille Hawthorne said.

The CPC plans and organizes campus activities including musical performances, comedic acts and off-campus events. The council hosts Lil' Sibs Weekend, the Gateway Clipper Cruise, Night Owl Bowling and Titan's Tavern. Aiming to provide weekend activities and events for students, members of the CPC attend a national conference where performers display their talent.

Members then choose and schedule performers they believe students will enjoy. The CPC has scheduled musicians, comedians and local bands for this year's entertainment. All events are free to students or require a minimal fee.

"The Gateway Clipper cruise was amazing," senior Rachel Webb said. "Everybody seemed to have a great time getting all dressed up and dancing the night away, and it seemed to me that there were no problems at all."

The Gateway Clipper cruise and semi-formal dance is an annual off-campus event hosted by the CPC.

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Opinion

RANT & RAVE

I am a sacred vessel.

Purple's Pretty.

His Name is WHAT?

Hummus is yummus

Wow. I think you history majors are awesome!

Those pieces of tape are hanging in effigy

I think I'll wear that costume...

Guns don't kill people.

I Kill people

Shiny new pom-poms, crappy old pom-poms

First football game on the new turf! I can't wait!

why do non-licking envelopes never stick?

Apple grilled cheese... AWESOME!

Why does he sound like Borat?

Hike it here!

Let's go play in the Orb!

I got sucked into the TUB vortex again...

I want people to stop eating their nachos and looking for their children to watch you.

I'll text it to you later

Chuch Noris always knows where Carmen San Diego is.

"Say what you want I still say that Dracula one and Dracula two are creep-tacular"

McCain, Palin '08! WOOT!

Knots are hard...

I'm still offended by the fact he thought that I was a Democrat.

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We will never forget

My eye-opening visit to Ground Zero

Lindsey Nuzzo
Editor-in-Chief

This summer I was lucky enough to take a day trip to Lower Manhattan. As a first-timer to the Big Apple, I was ecstatic to see the sites, the people, and, of course, the skyscrapers.

Although I was thrilled to be in the city, my trip quickly turned somber when I visited Ground Zero, the former site of the World Trade Center towers.

Remembering the video footage I saw on CNN Sept. 11, 2001, I half- expected to see the streets covered in ash, and remnants of the building still standing. Then I remembered - it happened seven years ago.

They always say when a catastrophic event happens, "you remember where you were." I definitely do.

I was a freshman in high school. It was a pretty average day except that we had a school- wide assembly featuring a motivational speaker. Sadly, I don't remember the guy's name or a single thing he said that was supposed to somehow motivate me, but I do remember him mentioning the attack at the end of his speech, commenting on how tragic it was.

Being the first time many of us had heard of the attack, we were anxious to find out what had happened. We spent the rest of the day, eyes glued to the TV, ignoring our schoolwork.

Watching the events unfold, I remember seeing the same gripping scenes that everyone saw that day – smoke billowing from the buildings, firefighters, ambulances, people running down the street in fear (most in business suits.) It was impossible not to replay those scenes in my head as I toured the ground zero vicinity.

Reality took its toll as I approached the site and realized it was not a TV screen. Most of the area is closed off for public view, a small, closed-in walkway is available for those who want to view the site, and a small area outside is open to observe the construction, but only through several layers of fencing. The viewing area is entirely makeshift, making me wonder if it's even civil of us to want to gawk at the site where such a tragedy occurred.

At first, I questioned whether or not I wanted to take any pictures out of respect, but then I glanced toward the ground and saw a small, American flag erected atop one of the construction trailers. The humbleness of the flag amid such a vast and desolate construction site prompted me to poke my camera lens through one layer of fence to snap a picture.

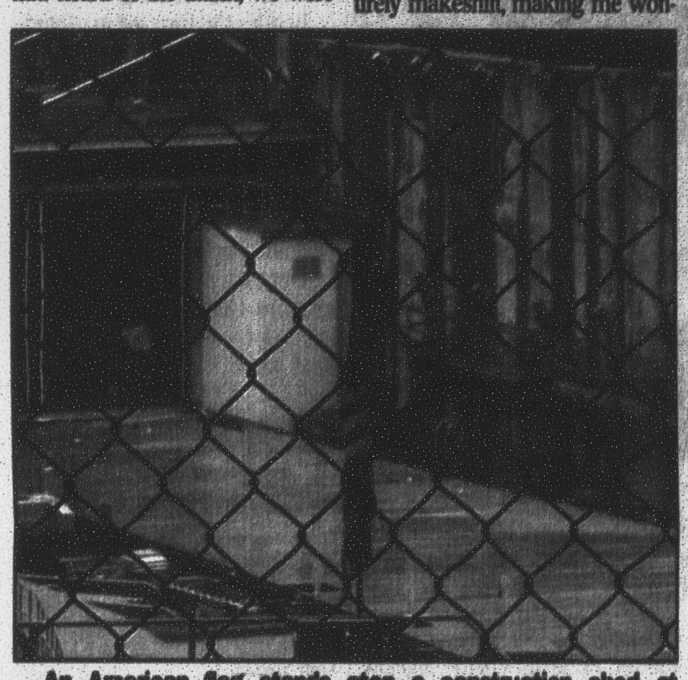
It was 8 years from yesterday that the skyscrapers fell. Nearly 3,000 people died from the cowardice of Middle Eastern religious extremists. That would wipe out the student body of this campus three times.

Viewing the former World Trade Center site was truly humbling and thought provoking. It's easy to gripe about today's economic woes, and point fingers as to whose fault it is, but we shouldn't forget that the event that ultimately sparked the economic turndown wasn't anyone's fault. And more importantly, thousands of people tragically lost their lives. Those people have families who are still suffering today for reasons beyond the price of gas, groceries and airline fees. Like the site itself, the 9-11 tragedy is a scar on the people of Lower Manhattan that will never heal.

When the event happened, I remember a full- page printout of an American flag that was available in my local newspaper for people to hang in their windows, which many did. In huge, 110 point font the words "We will never forget" were on the top of the page.

Before visiting the site, I'll admit there were days that I forgot, and I'm sure others have to. But let's not; let's stick to our word.

Lindsey is a senior public relations major, writing minor. She is a member of Sigma Kappa Sorority and the track team, and she is packing her lunch for the rest of the year since she now has to wait in line for hummus and carrot sticks.



An American flag stands atop a construction shed at Ground Zero as a humble reminder of the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

Something fishy in the McClure stream

Andrew Brown
Columnist

Last Friday marked the beginning of something terrible. While biology professor Dr. Katherine L. Robertson was enjoying her evening walk, she encountered an unpleasant smell that traversed throughout the community. Being a resident of the borough, there was simply no escape.

"The smell was everywhere," Dr. Robertson said.

The situation did not improve the next day, but the stench seemed particularly strong near the overpass on Market Street that bridges over McClure River. After one more day of suffering, Dr. Robertson decided to collect a water sample since the smell persisted.

The sample of water was turned over to Dr. Helen Boylan of the chemistry department, and students in the CHE230/ES160 environmental cluster course soon found themselves obtaining some hands- on experience that connected with their studies. The class returned to the McClure stream and gathered more water and sediment samples.

The class also discovered dead fish and even a dead newt. The water samples were run through a Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometer (GCMS) in the chemistry department, and preliminary results did show something fishy is in the water. An unknown peak was evident in the GCMS spectra, but it was small enough that no conclusions could be made on the contents of the filthy water.

With the cause still unknown and the smell still evident, a new detective came to the crime scene. The EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) paid a visit and determined that the cause of the dead fish and smell was attributed to a sewage leak that contaminated the stream. Both Dr. Robertson and Dr. Boylan found this analysis to be quite the load of sewage and are not convinced.

The plan to test the EPA's solution is to cultivate the contaminated water and see if any bacteria, which would be found in normal sewage, will grow. What is expected by both professors is that some type of organic compound is present in the water, causing this perfume of death. Future testing on the fish and water will hopefully solve this riddle.

A popular theory that exists on campus is the mysterious amount of fruit that is present in the stream. After a filling lunch, it would appear that students have trouble finishing their daily fruit consumption and decide to take an orange or two on the go. Following the food pyramid for daily nutritional value is quickly discarded, however, as the thrill of rifling an orange at a drainage pipe captures any feeble minded soul walking from McGinness dining hall down the hill toward Russell, Eichenauer or Berlin Village.

Known as the "orange toss" to some and "fruit ball" to others, the popularity of this game is overwhelming as the visible number of oranges in the stream would even baffle a garbage man. While the origin of this game is ambiguous, the acidity from all the oranges is probably not the cause of the dead fish. The site of the orange toss is downstream from the sampling location.

The problem at McClure stream is far from over and more severe than one would think. I took a field trip under the overpass to smell for myself what caused all this commotion. One whiff under that tunnel and I about had it. The odor was so violent that it left remnants in my mouth hours after exposure. I suggest those walking to class from Hillside or Jeffers take clothespins along with them to class the next few weeks until this issue is resolved.

Andrew is a senior chemistry major, marketing minor who loves running so much that he is a member of the Cross Country team. He is also in Chemistry Club and enjoys eating corn on the cob in his free time.

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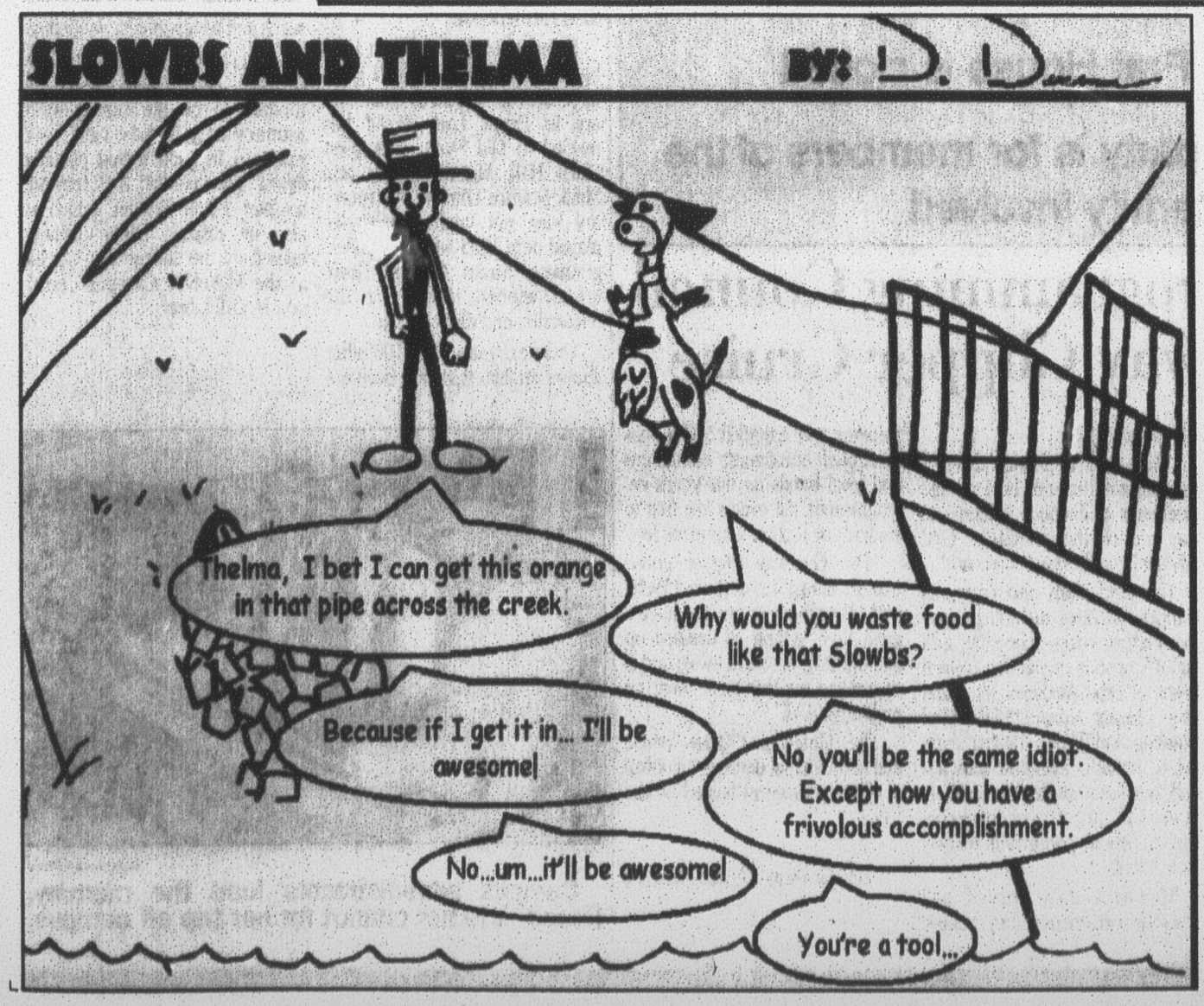

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Outside the Bubble

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REGIONAL

Pa. town where Flight 93 crashed looks to tourism

SHANKSVILLE, Pa. (AP) _ Searching for an economic boost and home to perhaps the most compelling story of 9/11, rural Somerset County is trying to pull off a balancing act: Remembering the victims of United Airlines Flight 93 in a way that encourages development and job growth without devolving into tackiness and disrespect.

Three years before the anticipated opening of a memorial that the National Park Service expects will bring in 250,000 visitors a year, officials say they are working to make this area of western Pennsylvania more hospitable to tourists.

By necessity, they say, this would bring more inns, restaurants and other new businesses and jobs to a region where the traditional industries – steel, coalmining, manufacturing and farming – have declined over the decades.

The buildup has already begun, accomodating the 1 million people the Park Service estimates have visited a temporary Flight 93 memorial since it opened about six months after the plane plummeted into a reclaimed minefield in Shanksville on Sept. 11, 2001.

The work is creating opportunities in a county of just under 80,000 with a median family income $15,000 below the national average. At the same time, officials say they are determined to find ways to prevent development that could be seen as exploiting the events of Sept. 11, including tacky gift shops on the narrow roads leading to the memorial.

"We really don't market, we allow it to do its own thing," said Ron Aldom, executive director of the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce. He said no one wants to do anything to offend the families of the 40 passengers and crew who perished.

"But there is a commitment from this county to make sure that, as people come to this, that the facilities are in place, that we're looking at the traffic patterns, that we're looking at the safety issues," he said.

The $58 million memorial to the victims is scheduled to open in Shanksville, a town of about 250 about 70 miles southeast of Pittsburgh, on the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks.

Flight 93 plummeted out of a crystal clear sky at nearly 600 mph, missing nearby homes and the area's only school by barely a mile on either side.

Investigators believe terrorists crashed the plane as passengers rushed the cockpit, making it the only one of the four airliners hijacked that day that did not reach its intended target, believed to be Washington.

Today, a fence decorated with flags, hats and other memorabilia left by visitors stands close to the site of the actual crash. A small National Park Service hut, rows of marble plaques and benches with the names of those who died tell the story.

In the past three years, at least a dozen small inns and bed and breakfasts have opened in a 15-mile radius of the crash site, Aldom said. At least a dozen restaurants have also opened.

"It's sparked investment, no doubt," Aldom said.

There are other projects where visitors to the memorial may have played a factor, such as the impending reopening of a ski resort that had been closed in recent years, and the renovation of one of the two other ski resorts in the area.

Linda Musser, owner of Saddle Ridge Bed and Breakfast, opened her three-room, country-style inn in the spring of 2005. Under "local attractions" on her Web site, the first listing is the Flight 93 temporary memorial, just a mile away.

For no more than $95 a night, Musser's guests can enjoy the rural lifestyle, her pet goats, s'mores on a campfire and the front porch. Since opening, occupancy has risen each year, peaking this past summer, she said.

"We thought with the crash site being here, we'd be able to offer a place to stay in a rural area if someone wanted to spend a few days," Musser said.

County officials are focusing on both zoning and traffic issues along an 18-mile corridor from the county seat of Somerset to Shanksville, hoping to build up the area while also preserving the dignity of the approach to the memorial.

They want to be able to direct people to other attractions in the region – like the Great Allegheny Passage, a bike trail along an abandoned railroad corridor – but keep gift shops off the main route.

Pamela Tokar-Ickes, chairwoman of the Somerset County Commissioners, said the county is working with municipalities surrounding the crash site to prevent inappropriate development. Because of the aversion of towns to zoning laws, she said, they are trying to do so without passing ordinances.

"We have time to develop the corridor in a way that will be respectful and sensitive to all the people," Tokar-Ickes said. "Development is not bad if done in the proper way."

Already, visitors who go to the Flight 93 crash site are encouraged to do "the loop."

After visiting the temporary memorial, they can drive about 15 miles to the Quecreek rescue center, the site of the dramatic 2002 rescue of nine trapped miners that returned this rural area into the international spotlight just 10 months after the attacks.

Visitors also can travel 27 miles north from Shanksville to Johnstown to visit a museum dedicated to the flood that killed 2,209 people there in 1889.

The remote crash site has been particularly popular among motorcyclists, with the first organized ride to the site taking place less than two months after the crash, said Bob Leverknight, a photojournalist for the Somerset Daily American who lives barely a mile from the site.

"The drone of open-piped motorcycles is almost eternal now from sunup to sundown," he said.

Debby Borza of San Diego, whose daughter, Deora Bodley, died in the crash, said skiers, hikers and bikers are encouraged to visit the memorial when in Somerset.

"They're very charming, warm. Visitors come, they're very accommodating," Borza said of the county's residents. "It's an honor for the county and they take pride in being that place so that people can come and be a part of history."

NATIONAL

Police charge man in Philly subway hammer attack

PHILADELPHIA (AP) _ Police have arrested a man suspected of brutally attacking a dozing subway passenger with a hammer while other riders did nothing to stop the assault, the city's police commissioner said Wednesday.

Thomas Scantling, 26, of Philadelphia, was charged with attempted murder, aggravated assault and related charges, police said.

Scantling, who was taken into custody in a mental institution late Tuesday, has a lengthy record of rape and other convictions, Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey said on NBC's "Today."

The victim was treated and released from a hospital.

Ramsey criticized other riders for standing by when the assailant entered the train with his 5-year-old son, directed the boy to a seat, calmly pulled a hammer from a backpack and attacked a man dozing in a nearby seat.

At least 10 other riders were in the car, yet no one interfered as the attacker repeatedly struck the victim in the train car and later out on a platform, Ramsey said on "Today."

"They better pray they're never a victim, because if someone was attacking them that way they would certainly hope someone would step forward and help, and it starts with stepping forward and doing something yourself," Ramsey said.

Police trying to generate tips released surveillance video Monday showing the early Sept. 4 assault that was played repeatedly on Philadelphia television stations.

Authorities said Scantling was apprehended after family members called police. It was not immediately clear if he had an attorney.

"He has a long criminal history including rape, robbery, assault, narcotics violations," Ramsey said.

Scantling apparently had tried to hurt himself with the hammer following the attack on the subway. Family members said they were not initially aware of the attack, but had Scantling committed to the mental institution where he was taken into custody.

The victim, 20-year-old Dewayne Taylor, made his own way to a hospital and was treated for head and neck injuries. Taylor, who has been released from the hospital, said Tuesday he has no idea who the attacker is or why he was targeted.

Hurricane Ike gets stronger on a path to Texas

HOUSTON (AP) _ Hurricane Ike strengthened in the Gulf's warm waters Wednesday and churned toward the Texas coast, and officials started to evacuate the first of millions of residents who could be in the storm's path.

Ike bloomed to a Category 2 storm and was likely to grow even stronger before its predicted strike on the Texas coast early Saturday.

Officials in Matagorda County, about halfway between Houston and Corpus Christi, began a mandatory evacuation for residents in its coastal portions. County Judge Nate McDonald said his region expected to be the epicenter of the storm.

If more Texas officials order a mandatory exodus, it would be the first large-scale evacuation in South Texas history. State and county officials let people decide for themselves whether to leave a hurricane area until just before Hurricane Rita struck the Gulf Coast in 2005. Now county officials can order people out of harm's way.

Texas emergency officials were taking no chances with the lives of its medically fragile citizens. Residents with special needs in the Corpus Christi area were set to start leaving by bus for San Antonio, and the state opened a northbound shoulder lane on Interstate 37 to accommodate the heavier traffic created by people who wished to leave.

"For people designated as special medical needs who have a health condition that will require them to be out of harm's way ... we will assist them in boarding state-furnished transportation and we'll assist them in getting to San Antonio," said Nueces County Judge Loyd Neal.

The evacuation would affect the impoverished Rio Grande Valley, home to many immigrants who have traditionally been fearful of evacuating out of concern they could be deported if stopped by authorities. Hidalgo County Judge J.D. Salinas said if an evacuation is ordered, county officials will visit immigrant neighborhoods and forcefully urge people to clear out.

After Hurricanes Katrina and Gustav, "there were a lot of immigrants who said, 'I'm not going to go,'" said Salinas, the county's top elected official. "It's going to be hard."

Gov. Rick Perry has already declared 88 coastal counties disaster areas to start the flow of state aid, activated 7,500 National Guard troops and began preparing for an evacuation, lining up "buses rather than body bags." Schools in the Corpus Christi area called off classes for Thursday and Friday, as well as weekend sports events.

Texas officials were encouraging residents in the path of Hurricane Ike to do three things – listen to what local officials say, monitor weather reports and gas up, now.

"We have a fuel team that is part of the state operation system in Austin," said Allison Castle, spokeswoman for Perry. "They are helping to push fuel to hurricane areas. One of the lessons we learned from past hurricanes is we need to have fuel ready."

Ike has already killed at least 80 people in the Caribbean and ravaged homes in Cuba. As it left Cuba Tuesday, the storm delivered a punishing blow to towns such as Los Palacios, which already suffered a direct hit from Category 4 Hurricane Gustav on Aug. 30.

At 2 p.m. EDT, the storm was about 255 miles west of Key West, Fla., and was moving toward the northwest at about 13 mph, according to the National Hurricane Center in Miami. It had top sustained winds of around 100 mph. Category 2 storms have winds between 96 mph and 110 mph.

Federal authorities gave assurances they would not check people's immigration status at evacuation loading zones or inland checkpoints. But residents were skeptical, and there were worries that many illegal immigrants would refuse to board buses and go to shelters for fear of getting arrested and deported.

"People are nervous," said the Rev. Michael Seifert, a Roman Catholic priest and immigrant advocate. "The message that was given to me was that it's going to be a real problem."

One reason for the skepticism: Back in May, Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff said the Border Patrol would do nothing to impede an evacuation in the event of a hurricane. But when Hurricane Dolly struck the Rio Grande Valley in late July, no mandatory evacuation was ordered, and as a result the Border Patrol kept its checkpoints open. Agents soon caught a van load of illegal immigrants.

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

The case of the missing dentures

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, Lawrence County– State troopers in Lawrence County responded to an unusual case this week as a Grove City man reported someone had stolen his false teeth on Wednesday. According to police reports, the teeth were stolen from the man's vehicle. He later found the false teeth in a nearby dumpster.

74 year old man sues police for using a Taser on him

NEW CASTLE, Lawrence County– Court papers have now been served to local police departments named in a lawsuit filed by a 74-year old Lawrence County man claiming officers used a Taser on him without justification. Edward Brown claims officers from Shenango Township and New Castle used the Taser on him outside the Lawrence Village Plaza in 2007.

Brown claims he refused to talk to police when they approached him. The police reports indicate officers were called because Brown was out of control outside a shop where he was involved in a dispute. They say he struggled with them and tried to leave the scene in his car. The police account says they ordered him out of the vehicle, Brown tried to drive away. Officers claim Brown's behavior and his resisting arrest prompted them to used a Taser to bring him under control. Brown claims police used excessive force.

INTERNATIONAL

South Korea says Kim is on the road to recovery

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) _ North Korea's Kim Jong Il is on the road to recovery from a stroke and still in control of his isolated country's communist regime, South Korea suggested Wednesday, disputing reports that the leader is gravely ill.

President Lee Myung-bak convened a meeting of top security ministers, who were briefed on intelligence that indicates Kim was recovering, said Lee Dong-kwan, the president's chief spokesman.

The North Korean leader was currently "not seen to be in a serious condition," the spokesman said in a statement after the meeting late Wednesday, citing the contents of the briefing.

Earlier, South Korea's spy agency told a closed door meeting of lawmakers it had intelligence showing the 66-year-old Kim's condition had much improved, an agency official said on condition of anonymity, citing official policy.

South Korea's optimistic view of Kim's health came as North Korea moved to try and dispel fears about his health after he failed to appear for a key national ceremony Tuesday.

"There are no problems," Kim Yong Nam, Pyongyang's No. 2 leader and ceremonial head of state, told Japan's Kyodo News agency.

Song Il Ho, a senior North Korean diplomat, called reports of Kim's illness "worthless" and a "conspiracy plot," adding that Western media "have reported falsehoods before," according to Kyodo's dispatch from Pyongyang, the North Korean capital.

Despite the willingness of the North Korean officials to speak through a foreign news agency, their own state media apparatus remained mum on Kim's condition.

South Korea's Yonhap news agency, citing lawmakers briefed by the spy agency, reported that Kim suffered a cerebral hemorrhage, but he remains conscious and "is able to control the situation."

The report did not say when he suffered the stroke. South Korea's Chosun Ilbo newspaper reported Tuesday that Kim collapsed on Aug. 22.

The spy agency also reported to lawmakers that Kim is in a "recoverable and manageable condition," and that the North is not in a "power vacuum," Yonhap said.

Intelligence agency officials said they could not confirm the Yonhap report.

Despite the reassurances, little was publicly known about Kim, whose health has been a focus of intense interest because his fate is believed to be closely tied to that of the totalitarian state.

"If he had surgery, it means it's serious," Kim Jong-sung, a neurology professor at Seoul's Asan Medical Center, said regarding a cerebral hemorrhage.

The condition can result in death, paralysis, difficulty in speaking and other disabilities, although if it is minor, recovery is possible without long-term affects. Surgery is generally only considered in the most serious cases, he said.

Still, the professor said that if North Korea's leader underwent surgery and has no paralysis, he could have suffered a cerebral aneurysm – a kind of cerebral hemorrhage that accounts for about 6 percent of all cases.

"If it's cerebral aneurysm and surgery is done well and quickly, there can be recovery without any disabilities," he said.

Speculation that Kim Jong Il may have become ill intensified after he missed a parade Tuesday commemorating the communist state's founding 60 years ago. That followed weeks of being absent from public view and rumors that foreign doctors were brought in to treat him.

South Korea's president instructed his top security ministers and aides to "carefully and thoroughly" prepare for any possible situation that can occur regarding Kim's health, said Lee Dong-kwan, the presidential spokesman.

Seoul's Defense Ministry said there had been no unusual North Korean military movement and the heavily armed border between the two sides remained quiet.

Kim, who has been rumored to be in varying degrees of ill health for years, took over North Korea upon the death of his father in 1994.

North Korea has been locked in a standoff with the United States since 2002 over its nuclear ambitions. The country carried out its first nuclear test in 2006, but agreed last year to disable its nuclear facilities in exchange for economic aid and political concessions.

The negotiations hit a snag again recently with the two sides at odds over how to verify North Korea's accounting of its nuclear programs. Washington has delayed its promised removal of Pyongyang from the U.S. terrorism blacklist.

Kim Yong Nam, the North's No. 2 leader, mentioned the dispute in his talk with Kyodo.

"The United States was supposed to take us off the list of state sponsors of terrorism ... but it is delaying that," he said.

He also expressed optimism for a positive conclusion.

"Once time passes and we continue to try to find a way, I believe we can solve this," he said.

Campus News

Meet and greet with the new faculty

President Dorman

Hometown: Northern New Jersey

Education: Attended Susquehanna University (undergrad.) and Penn State (Ph.D.)

Goals for Westminster: Increase desirability to prospective students, continue to strengthen academic reputation, grow endowment, and bring distinction

Favorite thing about the campus: The people, strong sense of collegiality and dedication to an outstanding student experience

Interests: Sports and news. He considers himself a 'newsaholic' ... and is a BIG Steelers fan!

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Krista A. Birnbaum, assistant professor of art

Hometown: Akron, OH

Education: Attended Miami (Ohio) University's School of Fine Arts (ceramics major) and the College of Visual and Performing Arts at Syracuse University (master's art video) where she was an instructor and teaching assistant.

Courses taught: Media Art courses that use digital technologies as the medium. This semester, Digital Photography and Computer Graphic Design.

Advice: "Making art is hard work, but it is incredibly rewarding. Anyone can be creative. My classes include a lot of technical learning - how to use software and hardware, but they are also about seeing the world with new eyes everyday."

Interests: "I am a practicing, exhibiting artist. I make work that explores the human relationship to nature and the desire to own and control nature. I created a series of works with mice, including a weight-loss system for overweight mice. I will be exhibiting prints in the KY7 Biennial at the Lexington Art League this fall."

Dr. Pertti Viskari, visiting assistant professor of chemistry

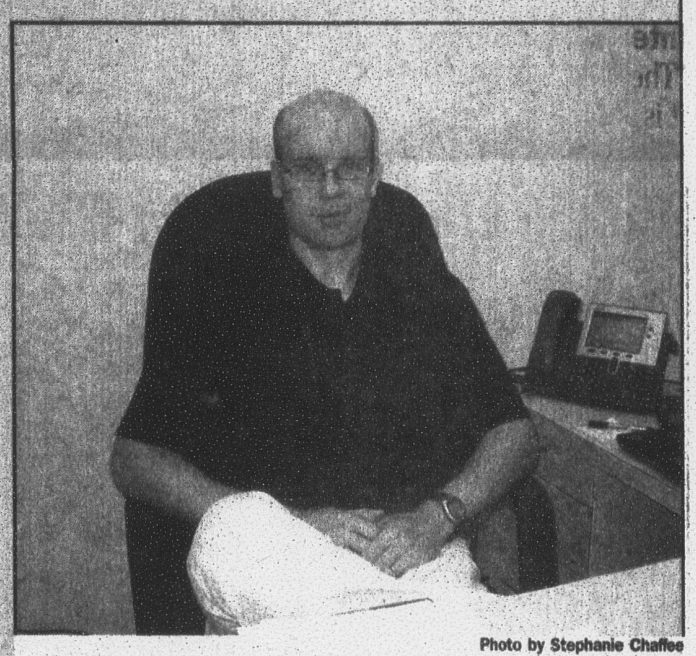
Hometown: Hemeenlinna, Finland

Courses taught: Foundations of Chemistry

Education: Attended Averett University (undergrad.) and Wake Forest University (Ph.D.)

Hobbies: digital photography and his 2-year old son

Fun Fact: He participated in a cross country marathon this past April



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Jesse R. Ligo, associate professor of accounting

Hometown: Grove City, PA

Education: Undergraduate degree from Westminster College and M.B.A. from Bowling Green State University.

Accounting Experience: He is a licensed certified public accountant. He returns to Westminster after 23 years at Thiel College and has teaching experience at Grove City College and as a graduate teaching assistant at Bowling Green.

Courses taught: Accounting 201- Principles of Accounting, Cost Accounting, Auditing and accounting capstone in the spring.

Advice: "I have seen what a Westminster education can do for someone when they leave."

Interests: He is the owner/operator of Drove Pasture Farm in Mercer, a 300-acre crop and beef farm that hosts student and adult groups for agricultural education and awareness programs.

Dr. Susan Parker, assistant professor of education

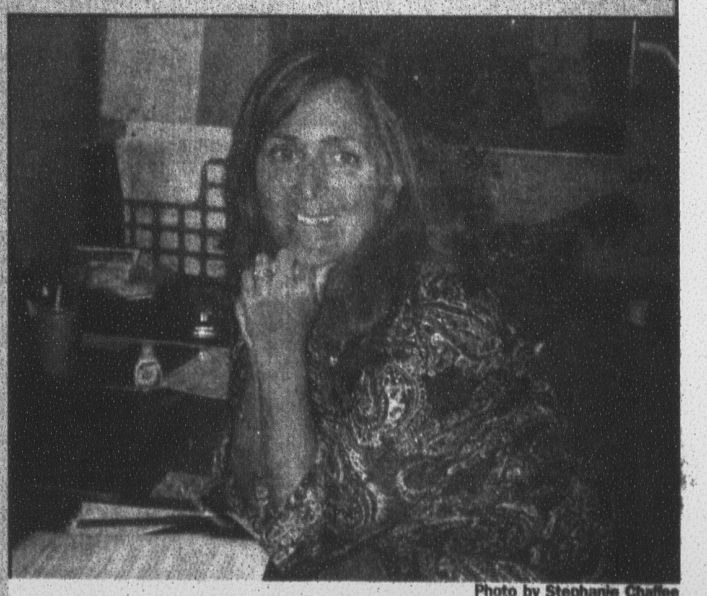
Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA

Courses taught: Inquiry, Foundations of Special Education, and Instructing Strategies for Special Education

Education: Attended Penn State University (undergrad.) and University of Pittsburgh (Ph.D.)

Interests: reading and traveling

Fun fact: She has been to Istanbul, Turkey



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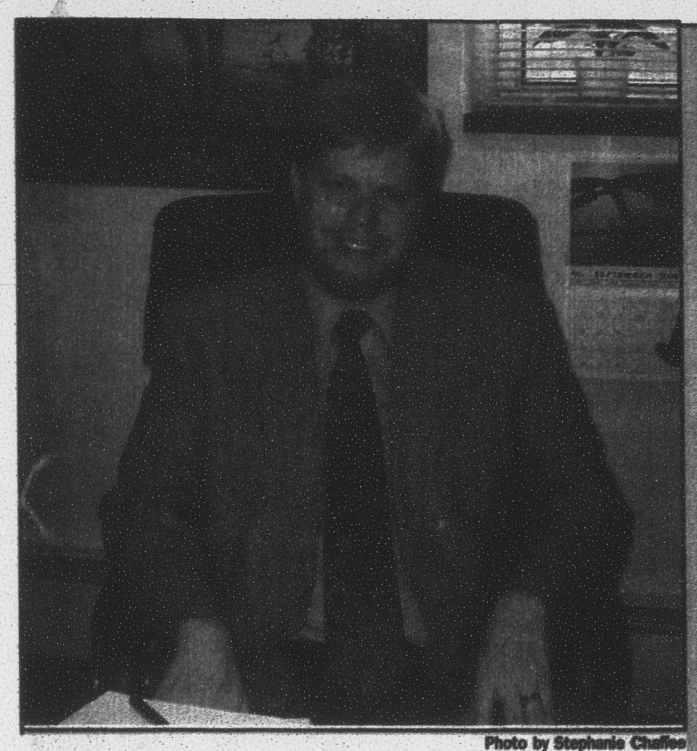

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Dr. Daniel Perttu, assistant professor of music

Hometown: Brecksville, OH

Courses taught: Music Theory I and III and Music Composition

Education: Attended Kent State University (undergrad.) and Ohio State University (Ph.D.)

Hobbies: Genealogy, can trace his ancestors to about 500 A.D.

Fun Fact: Has visited 48 states

Paula R. Ferguson, visiting lecturer of theatre

Hometown: Canton, OH

Education: Attended Youngstown State University (Undergrad.)

Theater Experience: Carousel Dinner Theater: assistant to the master electrician and The Youngstown Playhouse: assistant to the technical director and assistant to the master carpenter.

Courses taught: Theater 111, practicum for theater majors and does student work studies in the theater.

Advice: "Character and integrity are the most important things you can have."

Goals: If she helps one student in any way, it will have made her life worthwhile. She wants students to have "a good solid overview of what it takes to put a show on."

Interests: She is a big fan of theater and was recently the director of a nearby production. She will direct "The Uneasy Chair" with The Victorian Playhouse in Youngstown. She "doesn't do the productions for myself, it is for the people that come and watch."

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Dr. Kristianne Kalata Vaccaro, visiting lecturer of English

Hometown: New Castle, PA

Courses taught: Women Writers, Fantasy, Fairy Tales, & Folklore and Writing 111

Education: Attended Westminster College (undergrad.) and Duquesne University (Ph.D.)

Interests: Women's Studies, dance, music (especially classic rock)

Fun Fact: Came to Westminster as a psychology major, changed to English in the second semester of her sophomore year. She is known as "Miss Kalata" to some faculty and seniors.

Thomas E. Oberst, instructor of physics

Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA

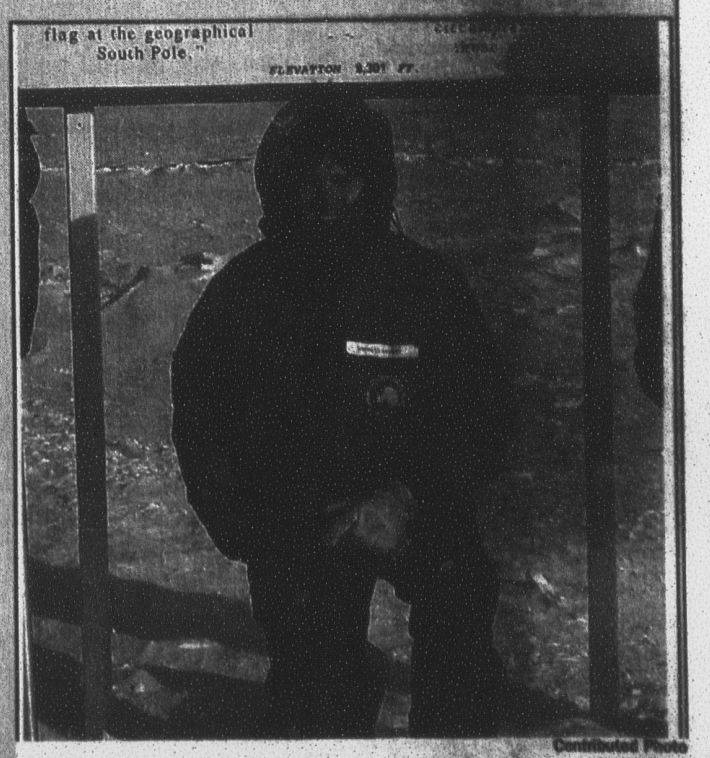
Education: Undergraduate degrees in physics and mathematics from Duquesne University, where he was an instructor and tutor and his master's at Cornell University.

Courses taught: Physics 141, Foundations of Physics, Physics 403 Electricity and Magnetism

Westminster favorites: He likes that at Westminster the emphasis is on teaching, not research. Everyone is very welcoming here.

Hobbies: painting/basketball

Interests: Before coming here, did research on the world's largest telescopes: The Mauna Kea and one in the South Pole. Plans to do research with the microscope on Hoyt and revamp and upgrade it. He hopes to encourage more use of it and invite the community for public star gazing. He wants to search for extra-solar planets (planets outside our own solar system).



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Dr. Larry S. Miller, visiting assistant professor of chemistry

Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA

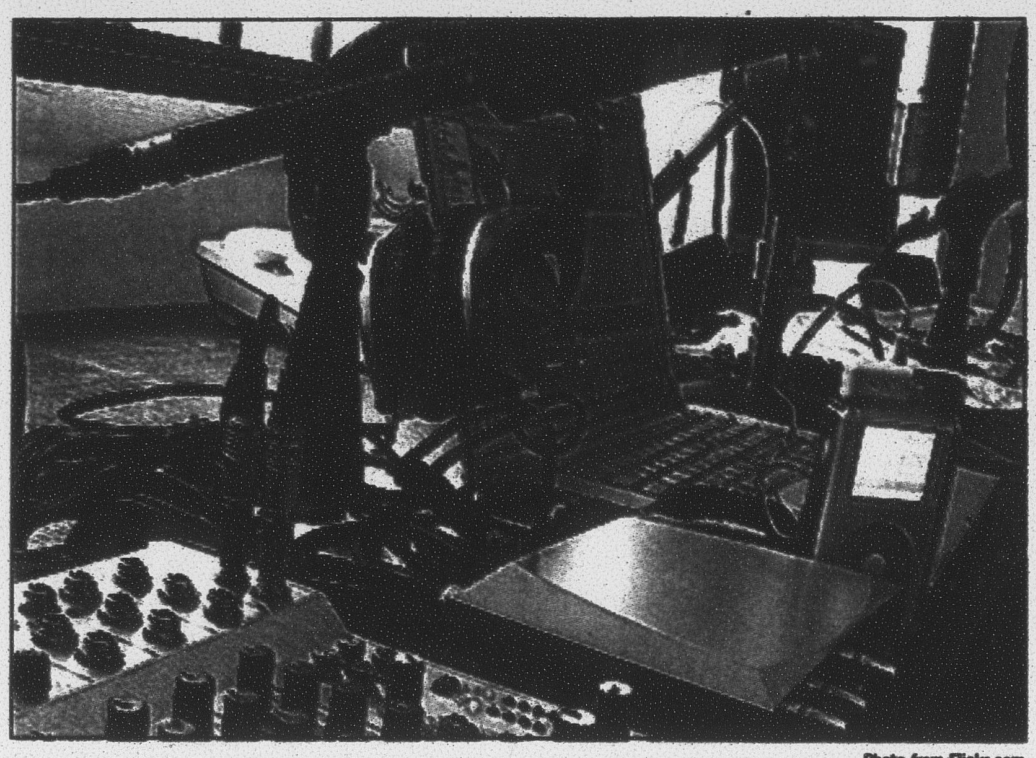
Education: Undergraduate degrees in chemistry and music theory from Case Western Reserve University, Doctorate in chemistry and a graduate certificate in applied statistics from Purdue University, where he was an instructor and course supervisor.

Campus News

Subscribe to the 21st century with Podcasting

Communications department offers class to familiarize students with the latest technological tools

By Laura Henry
Staff Writer



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Students in Advanced Topics: Podcasting are learning how easy it is produce and upload their own podcasts. The electronic broadcasts can cover virtually any topic.

As the instructor of the new podcasting course, Keith Corso intends to educate his students on the many aspects of podcasting as it becomes a commonly used medium.

Podcasting refers to an audio or video program that can subscribe, receive, and download information automatically. Audio and video content has been available on the Internet for years, but before podcasting, content had to be found and downloaded manually. In 2004, software was developed. This software automatically found wanted media content, downloaded the content, and then synced it to iPods, MP3 players and iPhones, enabling people to listen to or watch casts at their leisure. Podcasting is also much like a radio or television program, but faster and less expensive.

Corso explained that the lines between traditional media are blurred, and the new podcasting course will allow students to get involved in social media.

"Today with the technology of making content easy to find and download, we have 'citizen' media producers, everyday people, who are using high quality audio and video equipment to produce original content that they are posting to the Web" Corso said. "This class is designed to show students how easy it is to produce regular audio and video content on a budget and distribute it in podcast form."

During the semester Corso will teach his students to use the equipment and technology, create and distribute a podcast, and show students how to use the skill of podcasting in their individual fields of study.

Senior public relations major Mandie Zoller is taking podcasting to fulfill part of her minor in media art.

"It will be nice to learn something completely different and new," Zoller said. "This class is a trial run for everyone, but Professor Corso seems to be a very knowledgeable teacher. He knows a lot about media and has a lot of insight on podcasting."

Senior communications studies major Leah Hast wants to learn how to make a podcast and become an active podcast listener.

"I hope to gain fuller knowledge of what exactly podcasting is and understand how I can use it in my future career," Hast said. "I want to be able to know the difference between a good and bad cast and also learn to produce one myself."

Senior public relations major Melissa Murphy admits she did not know what podcasting was prior to taking the course and is excited to become further educated on the subject.

"I hope to learn more about broadcasting and enhance my communication skills," Murphy said. "Podcasting is definitely a new form of communication and learning the skill will help with my future job. What job doesn't use communication?"

At the completion of the course Corso expects his students to be able to understand that media content can be distributed easily and inexpensively, but can still be produced in good quality. Podcasting grows by the minute and is becoming a popular way to distribute information.

"The more people who know about podcasting the bigger it will become," Zoller said.

Gateway Clipper

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The first Gateway Clipper cruise planned by a campus organization occurred during senior week and has continued every year since then. This event is scheduled in the fall so that students have the opportunity to get to know each other. Last year, only 200 students attended the cruise, but more than 400 students attended this year. A cash bar is available for students of legal drinking age, and a dance floor with disc jockey is available to all students.

"What we do is bring professional and local entertainment to campus on the weekends mostly, and our main goal is to provide an alternative to going to frats and partying," CPC Chair Alissa Cochenour said.

The CPC welcomes all students to join the council. They meet on Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m. in the Club Room and have recently created a Facebook account. Their screen name is Titan WC.

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SGA MINUTES

September 10, 2008

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jordan Flaim, Secretary

I. Prayer- John Marlowe, Chaplain

II. Roll was called and all senators were present and accounted for except for the following: Zach Marsh

III. Approval of minutes

The minutes from the last meeting were approved without objection.

IV. The first year senators were sworn in.

V. Executive Officers Report

President-Ashley Carnahan

- If anyone has received an email from Bethany South concerning civic engagement please e-mail her back as soon as possible
- SGA will be involved with upcoming voter drives.
- The slate met with President Dorman to discuss campus issues and student concerns, he will be attending a meeting in November to answer student questions.
- This Saturday at 10:30 a.m. there will be a dedication for the field, entranceway and plaza, all students are encouraged to attend.
- October 25th is the presidential inauguration for president Dorman, all students are encouraged to attend, its begins at 10:30 a.m.

Vice-President-Jenna Cunningham

- Remember that every student is invited to attend SGA meetings and senators are encouraged to bring a guest.
- Senators will earn a point for every guest they bring, the senator with the most points will be recognized.
- Will be placing senators into committees.
- October 23rd and 24th is Fall Fest which includes a Powderpuff tournament and bonfire.

Secretary-Jordan Flaim

- There are 43 Senators in attendance.

Treasurer-Ryan Kirk

- Voting on the budget in new business.

Finance- Ashley Stebor

- No Report.

Student Concerns- Jake Shaffer

- This Saturday is a home football game at 1:30 p.m. against rival Allegheny, it's a white out game and we will be distributing free t-shirts to every student from 11-1 and 5-7 in the TUB. Every student is encouraged to come to the game wearing your shirt and sit in the student cheering section.
- Please come to the dedication on Saturday to show your support for Westminster College.
- Thanks to all senators who helped with the themed dinner in the café.
- Electing two Food Committee chairs in new business.
- The "Time of the Month" will be October 2nd.

Academics- Cory Mathias

- PBIRC met and discussed a strategic plan for the next 10 years, Middle States Review and the strengths of Westminster College.
- RLC met and wanted to remind every organization that nothing can be scheduled during Vespers, Mass or Chapel.
- Electing senators for the academic committees in new business.

Public Relations- Sarah Geist

- SGA Day will be September 26th.
- Golf Cart sign-ups will be at the meeting on September 17th.
- Owen Wagner will discuss golf cart safety at the September 24th meeting.

Special Events-Aimee Gerber

- Pirates Game will be on September 19th and for $15 you get transportation, t-shirt, food voucher and game tickets. You can purchase the tickets in the TUB during lunch and dinner.
- Cedar Point trip will be October 10-12th, the cost is $60 per student.
- Spirit Squad meeting at 9 p.m. on September 11th in the SGA office.
- October 16th is the Homecoming pep rally.

Diversity- Kylee Bennett

- Thanks to everyone who attended the reggae dance because it was a huge success, if you have any feedback let Kylee know.
- The diversity presentation for Fresh Start went well.
- If anyone has any suggestions for Kylee, please let her know.
- Looking into various holiday decorations.
- Look for Kylee's article in *The Holcad* this week.

V. Old Business

- No Old Business.

VI. New Business

- Andrew Anthony is the Tub Committee chair.
- Kayla Olson is the McGinness Committee chair.
- The budget for 2008-2009 year was approved without objection.
- Kayla Olson will remain the RLC representative.
- Erica Conoscuito and Travis Gulling will remain the PBIRC representatives.
- John Marlowe will be the CDC representative.
- Jeff Downey will be the COC representative.
- Lurene McDonald will be the EMC representative.
- Diana Peet will be the SLAC representative.
- Miltadis Constantine, Amanda Gayetskly, Chelsea Dean and Melissa Murphy will be Judicial Board representatives.
- Steve Fawcett, Chelsea Cannon, and Ben O' Keefe College will be the College Appeals Board representatives.
- Jamie Spisak will be the representative for the Facilities and Grounds Review Board.
- Kayla Zoeller will be the OAAC representative.

VII. Open Floor

- Issues with the TUB prices, computer, food preparation and seating were discussed.
- Suggestions of pre-printed planners with set dates.
- Computer lab hours and printer issues were discussed.
- It was requested to keep the football lights in the evening for student use.
- There was a request for soap and paper towels in the bathrooms of Russell.
- There was a request for additional athletic trainers.
- Issues with the Browne Hall rear entrance were discussed.

VIII. Announcements

- Tomorrow at 2 p.m. in ORR there will be a concert for September 11th.

IX. Adjournment

* A motion to adjourn was made by Travis Gulling and was passed.

Library Renovations: Costly but necessary

By Travis Gulling
Staff Writer

Some students believe the library renovation is "pointless," or it doesn't make sense that money was spent on a new entrance instead of new books.

While those students who have these opinions do have reasons for their beliefs, Head Librarian Molly Spinney also has justifications for her plan.

Many students seem to be confused about some of the renovations done to the library. First, and probably the most confusing part to students, is the new entrance at McGill. The main question that comes to most people's mind is: "Why was money spent to move the entrance?" Senior Nicole Roberts is one of those students with this question.

"It seems pointless to me to build a new entrance," Roberts said. "There may be a reason I don't know about, but right now it seems pretty pointless."

Roberts is right. There are reasons that the students may not know about in regard to this project. According to Spinney, there are two main reasons why the new entrance was a must.

The first reason is that handicap accessibility in the old entrance was very out of date. The old lift was not big enough to hold modern wheel chairs or mobilized scooters. There was also not enough room to put a new lift in the old entrance. A ramp would not have worked there either.

"The old entrance was not a good place to put a ramp," Spinney said. "A ramp would have been put in place at the old entrance and would have been rather long. This would not have been very attractive."

The second reason for the new entrance was to create more space inside of the library. Since the library added air conditioning, a lot of space was lost for mechanical reasons. The old entrance has been leveled off to become a seminar room that can be used for multiple purposes.

The room will be known as the Robinson Room and can be used for studying, college committee meetings, student organization meetings or for professors who need to have class in the library.

Some students are also confused by the addition of compact shelving. Why is it there? Why don't we just have regular shelves? How do you use it?

Junior Ryan Hitchcock wonders why money was spent on the compact shelving instead of other important aspects of the library.

"Why didn't they use this money for books?" Hitchcock asked. "Instead of using money to potentially save space, we need to worry about the content of the books in our library. I've never seen any other library have these shelves."

According to Spinney, compact shelving has been around for years and was bought to increase capacity in the library. With more books coming into circulation at McGill, more space is needed to house these books. The only efficient way to do so is to use the compact shelving.

Hitchcock hopes that by saving more space in the library that updated books will be purchased.

"What's the point of saving space?" Hitchcock asked. "The books we have don't help students when researching so it seems pointless to do this."

This $6 million renovation is scheduled to be done for the library's rededication on October 17.

"There are reasons students may not know about in regard to this project."

Sports

Victory for Lady Titans soccer

By Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

The women's soccer team participated in the Marietta College Classic Saturday, Sept. 6 and Sunday, Sept. 7. The Titans first game ended in a tie against SUNY-Brockport, 2-2.

The teams faced off in a penalty kick battle to determine who would move on to the championship game. The Golden Eagles won 4-3 and the Titans went on to defeat Marietta, 3-1, in a consolation game Sunday.

"We were really proud of ourselves for coming back and sending the game on Saturday into overtime when we were down by two goals and we used those feelings for our game on Sunday," senior Jessi Losteter said. "We worked so hard the day before but didn't get the results we wanted so we worked extra hard as a team to get the win against Marietta."

Natale Gregorski led the Golden Eagles with two goals in the first half. The Titans responded with goals by sophomore Sarah Nee and freshman Samantha Killmeyer in the 44th and 71st minutes, respectively.

The Titans out-shot the Golden Eagles 18-8 and junior Lindsey Mellott made one save during the game.

Marietta led early on in the consolation game Sunday, but the Titans answered with three goals. Freshman Eliza Gibbs, senior Christina Adams and sophomore Emily Fitchwell netted goals for the Titans.

Overall, the Titans out-shot the Pioneers 24-13 and Mellott made two saves.

The Titans return to action at Penn-State Behrend Saturday, Sept. 13.

"In the past two years, we have not won against Behrend, so I'm expecting this to be a very good game," Mellott said. "Hopefully our play over the past weekend will show up again so we can come out with a win."

Womens' tennis still going strong

By Corey Kendall
Sports Writer

While the rest of us have been hard at work this past week, Westminster's Tennis Team has been doubling it up in both work and play. The Lady Titans played 3 games this past week, posting shutouts for two before losing their first game of the season leaving them with an overall record of 4-1 and a PAC record of 1-0

On Thursday, Sept. 4, the Lady Titans hosted Frostburg State for a non PAC match-up. The Lady Titans came out hard shutting out Frostburg State with a score of 9-0. In singles play April Scudere, Andrea Redhair, Hilary Newman, Dana Griesmer, Natalie Hruska, and Rachel Jack all defeated their opponents.

On the double side the Lady Titans played equally as well. Teams made up of Redhair/Lauren Latinovich, Scudere/Newman, and RaJack/Beth Erwin all came out victorious.

After three shutouts earlier in the week, the Lady Titans were ready to play their first PAC match against Thomas More. After the long trip to Kentucky, the Lady Titans didn't seem to be worn out at all as they were able to pull off another shutout defeating Thomas More 9-0.

Again, in singles play, Scudere, Redhair, Newman, Griesmer, Hruska, and Jack all defeated their opponents. Jack was able to post a shutout against her opponents while the others came close to doing the same. Likewise in doubles, teams made up of Redhair/Latinovich, Scudere/Newman, and Jack/Erwin all came out victorious, while Jack and Erwin were able to bring home a shutout in their doubles match.

After four straight shutouts the Lady Titans lost their first match of the season. On Wednesday, September 10, the Titans played a home match against non-conference team, Allegheny. The Titans unfortunately fell 7-2 with the only two wins coming from Newman and Griesmer.

The Lady Titans will return to action again on Tuesday, Sept. 16, against Clarion.

"The Lady Titans came out hard shutting out Frostburg State with a score of 9-0."

Photo By Stephanie Chafeo

Senior Beth Erwin warms up before the Lady Titans' match against Chatham on Thursday, Sept. 11.

Titans compete in soccer classic

Ellwanger and Horvath make all - tournament team

By Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

The men's soccer team traveled to Marietta College Saturday, Sept. 6 to compete in the Marietta College Soccer Classic. The Titans suffered a loss against the Christopher Newport Captains, 3-1.

The team then played a consolation game on Sunday against Marietta and lost 2-0 bringing their overall record to 3-2. Seniors Chris Ellwanger and Garrett Horvath made the all-tournament team.

"While the offense was not able to put the goals away given the number of chances we had, the defense also made some critical mistakes leading to the conceding of goals," Ellwanger said. "It was a combined effort of the entire team not capitalizing on opportunities and making mistakes in the back that led to our losses."

The Titans game against Christopher Newport started with the Captains' Winston Mattheisen scoring in the 10th minute. The Titans evened the score in the 14th minute after a penalty kick by Horvath.

The Captains scored two more goals in the first half before a scoreless second half. Overall, the Captains out-shot the Titans 18-12.

Although the Titans out-shot Marietta 16-12 in the consolation game, Kyle Muth led the Pioneers to their win with two goals, one in each half.

The Titans travel to Pitt-Greensburg Friday, Sept. 12 and then face Penn State Behrend Saturday, Sept. 13.

"We will hopefully be able to go out there, play our game and finish our chances," sophomore Aaron Zavora said. "Our goal is to put away Pitt-Greensburg early and then get ready for a tough game at Penn State Behrend."

Titan athletic honors

PAC Athletes of the week

Adams

The Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) this week honored senior forward Christina Adams (Hubbard, Ohio/Hubbard) with PAC Offensive Player of the Week .

Adams posted three goals and three assists for nine points in three games as the Titans posted a 2-0-1 record during the week including the game-winning goals in a 3-0 win over Pitt-Bradford on Wednesday and a 3-1 triumph over Marietta on Sunday.

The win over Marietta was in the consolation game of the Marietta Soccer Classic as Adams was also named to the all-tournament team.

Losteter

The Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) today honored senior defender Jessi Losteter (Jefferson Hills, Pa./Thomas Jefferson) with PAC Defensive/Goalkeeper of the Week.

Losteter led the Westminster back line which limited opponents to just 21 shots in three games including no shots vs. Pitt-Bradford.

Losteter is athree-year starter and letter-winner. She made 19 starts in 20 matches played as a junior and earned an all-PAC honorable mention. She also scored four goals with one assist on 23 shots.

Lady Titans volleyball gets fired up

Ladies win 4 out of 6 matches

By Corey Kendall
Sports Writer

As the summer ends and cool weather sets in, the Lady Titans are just starting to warm up. The Lady Titan Volleyball team recently competed in two invitationals winning four out of the six total matches played.

On Saturday, Aug. 30, the Lady Titans travelled to Columbus, OH for the Capital Invitational. The Titans unfortunately lost their first match against DePauw, three games to none, with extremely close scores of 25-18, 25-23, and 25-21. But the Lady Titans didn't let defeat get in their way as they were able to come out victorious in a consolation game against Hanover with game scores of 25-21, 25-10, and 25-15.

Sam Botzum was able to lead the Titans in kills attributing 8 against DePauw and 7 against Hanover while Traci Hassell put up 28 assists in the fist game and 22 in the second. Hassell also had two solo blocks in each match as well as 13 digs against Depauw. Overall the Lady Titans took fifth place. "Overall for our team's first tournament we played well and began improving as the games went on," freshman Lindsay Speidel said.

After the ladies first Invitational, they traveled to Baldwin Wallace for the 11th Annual Marcia French Invitational which took place on Friday, September 5, and Saturday, September 6. The lady Titans played two matches on each of the two days.

The Lady Titans came out on top with a score of 3-2 in their first match against the host team, Baldwin Wallace. They won the first two games with scores of 25-19 and 28-26 after which they lost two games 24-26 and 23-25. They were able to take the deciding game, 15-13. Although they put up a hard fought battle, the Titans were unable to win in their second match of the day against Case Western Reserve with game scores of 25-8, 25-18, and 25-20.

The following day the Lady Titans were able to claim two victories over Wooster and Allegheny. The Titans shutout both teams with scores of 25-21, 25-18, and 25-18 against Wooster and scores of 25-21, 25-22, and 25-20. "We experienced some real ups and downs," states junior Sam Botzum, "But at this point in the season we are looking to establish chemistry on the court."

The Lady Titans are looking to keep on improving as the season continues. They will have that chance as they host the Volley Against Violence Tournament this Friday and Saturday.

"Overall for our team's first tournament we played well and began improving as the games went on."

Freshman, Lindsay Speidel

Upcoming Athletic Events

Friday:
Volleyball: Volley Against Violence Tournament in the Field House

Saturday:
Volleyball: Volley Against Violence Tournament in the Field House
Men's and Women's Cross Country @ PennState-Behrend Invitational
Men's and Women's Soccer at Penn State- Behrend

Tuesday:
Women's Tennis v. Clarion
Women's soccer at Allegheny

Wednesday:
Volleyball at Washington and Jefferson

Thursday:
Men's Golf @ Penn State-Behrend Invitational
Women's Soccer @ Pitt-Greensburg

Friday:
Women's Tennis v. Washington and Jefferson

Rivalry: The act of competing for profit or a prize.

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

Although this is what the dictionary defines rivalry to be, any Western Pennsylvania sports fan's definition of rivalry is Pittsburgh Steelers versus Cleveland Browns. Arguably the fiercest rivalry in all of sports takes center stage in week two of the NFL season.

Before the NFL season got underway, most analysts' trendy pick to win the AFC North was the Cleveland Browns. However, opening week in the Nothing For-Sure League displayed that the Steelers appeared far superior to the Browns.

Pittsburgh exerted its will on a helpless and hopeless Houston Texan team. Willie Parker, who tallied only two touchdowns all of last season, hit pay dirt three times while running behind a highly motivated offensive line. The state of the offensive line from last season to present was like the McCain campaign before and after Sarah Palin. Ben Roethlisberger also looked sharp as he completed 13 of his 14 pass attempts. Defensively, the Steelers blitz was highly effective as Houston quarterback Matt Schaub spent as much time on his back as he did on his feet.

Worlds away, or just a turnpike trip away, Cleveland's capacity home crowd was witnessing a throttling of the hometown Browns courtesy of the Dallas Cowboys. Dallas went through the Cleveland defense like they were breaking out of a wet paper bag. What's more though is the way Dallas exposed the weakness of the Cleveland Browns, the secondary.

As bad as the defense was, the offense was not much better. What is supposed to be one of the NFL's most potent and highest scoring offenses was held to a mere 10 points. Braylon Edwards, who is one of the NFL's premiere receivers, was credited with four dropped passes. Four dropped passes is what a top tier receiver's stat line should read at the end of the season.

With all of these alarming differences this game is sure to be a blow out, right? While most experts are picking Pittsburgh to beat Cleveland, there are several reasons why Cleveland has a great chance to win. First, this is a rivalry game. When two teams are rivals, everything leading up to the game can be discounted.

Second, Cleveland will return several players from injury. Return specialist Joshua Cribbs and wide receiver Donte Stallworth, who both sat out last week, are expected to be in the lineup against Pittsburgh. Also, Jamal Lewis, Braylon Edwards, and Derek Anderson will have practice time together. Leading up to the Dallas game all three were hampered by minor injuries.

Third, the Browns are playing in the "dawg pound." Cleveland will be motivated to give its home crowd a much better showing than it did in the opening week. Coach Romeo Crennel, a product of the Bill Belichick coaching tree, will find a way to pressure Roethlisberger and alleviate some pressure from his young and inexperienced secondary.

Taking all of this into consideration and recalling that the NFL really is the Nothing For-Sure League, I like the Cleveland Browns at home to beat the Pittsburgh Steelers in a game with the kind of excitement only a rivalry game can produce.

Arts & Entertainment

Good God; can you still get us home?

Chris Lehberger
A&E Editor

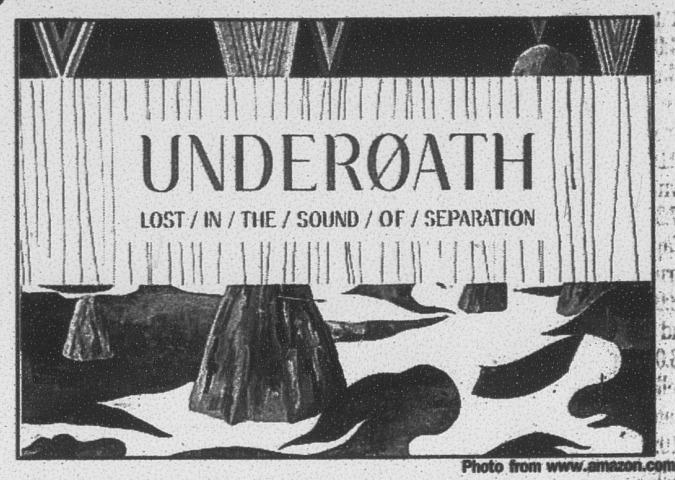
Success has its own weird way of trying to nip at your heels. One succeeds and accomplishes many times with accolades and awards, sometimes with ceremonies and speeches. But unless one is retiring from his or her field of expertise, whether it is astronomy or public relations, one's success during the rest of his or her career may fall solely on what that person has accomplished in the past. With that being said, if you're any type of Underoath fan, I'm sure one of the thoughts that has been streaming through your consciousness has been if the band's newest full-length album, *Lost In The Sound of Separation* is good; or more appropriately, if it is as good as the band's last effort, *Define The Great Line*.

If an opening song is any indicator of what is about to happen on an album, "Breathing In A New Mentality" will scream "don't thump your head against the wall." Indeed, the song breathes heavily with gargantuan guitars and fierce vocals, amid a sound thrashing of the drums by Sir Aaron Gillespie. The song seamlessly incorporates breakdown after breakdown and never quite settles into anything straightforward, a characteristic which drove much of *Define The Great Line*. The song ebbs into "Anyone Can Dig A Hole But It Takes A Real Man To Call It Home," which hosts more ferocious vocals and the atonal riffing in the vein of Botch and Refused. The song is more spacious, proffering some overdriven bass and an ending which is orchestrated grandly with Gillespie manning the lead vocal position; "I'm the one who's wrong."

"A Fault Line, A Fault of Mine" adds eeriness to the mix with increasing delayed guitar and effects, the vocals less forgiving and deeper, a moving improvement upon Define The Great Line. Gillespie's parts are also arranged better, often taking the lead for several measures. Indeed, *Lost In The Sound of Separation* takes the best of *Define The Great Line* and improves upon it, such as in "Emergency Broadcast: The End Is Near," stylistically similar to "To Whom It May Concern," but much more eerie and ambient, sometimes taking steps into the experimental realm, most notably in Gillespie's drumming, which is not only produced near perfectly, but also explores superb new rhythms and patterns.

The album moves as one strong idea, with everything sounding much heavier and bigger, such as "The Only Survivor Was Miraculously Unharmed," a song riddled with bludgeoning intensity and some of the band's best lyrics to date; "I can't keep clawing at the jaws of Hell." However, the songs sometimes do get lost in the broader idea and begin to lose their identity ("We Are The Involuntary," "The Created Void"), one characteristic that wasn't present on *Define The Great Line*. The album's first single "Desperate Times, Desperate Measures" is also stylistically the most similar to *Define The Great Line* and remains one of my least favorite songs on the record.

"Too Bright To See, Too Loud To Hear," however, is the Michael Jordan of this record. It marks a new standard for the band in mood and tonal qualities. We hear Chamberlain sing (which he can do quite well), and with the marching thump of a bass drum with accompanying handclaps, the song breaks down with composure behind Gillespie, vanquishing all any doubt that this is his most forward-thinking drumming to date, all the while singing "Good God, can you still get us home?"



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Lost In The Sound of Separation is a record made to break some boundaries and a record aimed to be as a huge sounding as possible. It's fair to say that there isn't a bad song on this record, and it's fair to say that some of the band's best music is contained somewhere between the first track and the last. Although at times a song may get lost in the bigger, pounding idea of the record, the positive outweighs the negative like a mismatched scale of ivory and feathers, for even though this all may be one big idea, it's certainly the band's best one to date.

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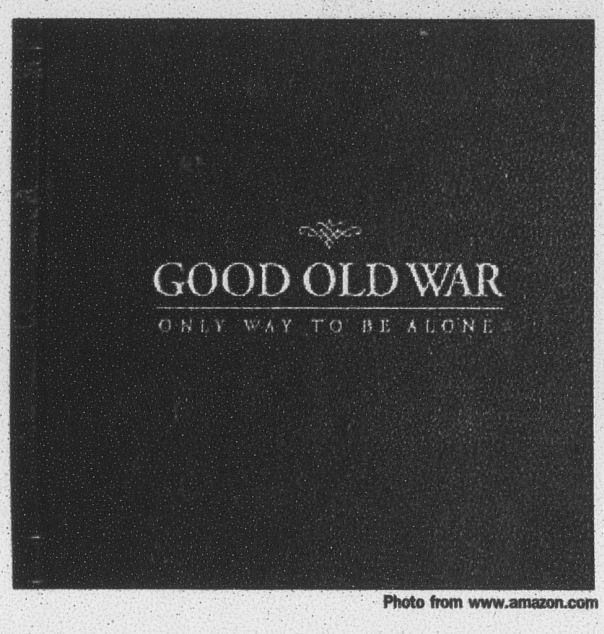
Chris' Rating: ★★★★★

Good Old War's good old album



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By Levi Sanchez
A&E Writer

It's always been my opinion that fall is the best time to listen to folk music. The mellow, intimate sounds of folk fit the days when summer winds down, the leaves start changing, and the cold starts creeping into the air. Good Old War, harking from the city of brotherly love, create a pleasing blend of sometimes folk, sometimes folk rock music (there is a distinction) on their newly released, debut album *Only Way to be Alone*.

Formed from members of two other bands, Good Old War hit the studio after pleasing crowds at this year's South by Southwest festival in Austin, TX. It's no surprise that the crowds liked what they heard; GOW's use of three part vocal harmony, a rarity these days, aptly fits their thoughtful lyrics and mellow instrumentation. The album title is apt, as most of the songs are about love lost or being alone. That's not to say that *Only Way to be Alone* will put you to sleep or make you depressed. Even when the subject is heartbreak or loneliness, the songs remain up tempo, if not lyrically upbeat. The album has its folk rock/pop moments on songs like "Weak Man," "Just another Day," and "Coney Island." The last of these three, also one of the band's singles, tells the story of the singer's love-hate relationship with a city that gives and takes.

The twelve string acoustic guitar part on "No Time" shows the band's musical versatility and ability. The lyrics tell the story of a lover that's had enough of his significant other's complete lack of commitment to the relationship. On "That's What's Wrong," the band imitates the sounds of a pop-country band with a twangy lead guitar part meandering in the background. The lyrics paint the portrait of a heart-sick lover that can't forget his ex. He admits that he's stayed the same, and "that's what's wrong." Songs like "Stay by My Side" show Good Old War's range as artists. The song adopts the sound of a Motown love song with the help of a couple soulful female vocalists singing oo's in the background. Opening a cappella, the track has the lead singer Keith Goodwin trading verses with one of the female vocalists. The two talented singers lament that they ever have to be apart. It is a welcome departure from the folk-infused album, and easily my favorite track.

Overall, *Only Way to Be Alone* is a strong start for Good Old War. The bright, yet mellow tracks on this album would go well with a walk on a Sunday afternoon around Lake Britain once the leaves start turning shades of orange and yellow. Try to get over the fact that they come from "the other city in Pennsylvania" and pick up the album.

Beatdown is a letdown

By Max Muska
A&E Writer

I am a pretty big fan of old school video games. So when I discovered that Dragonforce is named after the Sega game of the same title, I was anxious to hear the new album *Ultra Beatdown*.

The game was for Sega Saturn and later found its way to the Playstation 2. It was a real-time strategy game in which the player is a general controlling troops in a mythical battle. This is not my kind of game at all. It involves too much thinking and planning due to the large number of customizable options, battle formations, attacks, etc. Although the vast array of options is impressive, I prefer first-person shooters where the biggest decision you have to make is which gun to wield.

The band Dragonforce is much like the Sega game: complex and impressive, but unsatisfying overall. I found it hard to even listen through the entire album. I enjoy my share of technical guitar-work, but when half of nearly every seven minute song is composed of guitar solos that sound like they have been sped up to inhuman speeds, I get bored by the third track. It all sounds the same after awhile.

The same can be said about every other aspect of this band. The vocals, especially, suffer from a lack of variation. ZP Theart's voice is powerful and full of emotion, and his ability to hold out high notes is impressive, but all of the vocal melodies sound nearly identical.

The percussion parts are every bit as technical as those of the guitars. They rarely leave room for grooves or fills to give the music any sort of emotional quality.

These same problems are present throughout the band's entire catalogue, but *Ultra Beatdown* has some brief moments of departure from the monotony. A few of the tracks, such as "A Flame for Freedom" and "The Warrior Inside," include slower sections reminiscent of 80s power-ballads. In fact, most tracks have catchy chorus melodies stuck in the midst of the mind-numbing solo guitar sections. This album would be far more successful if the technicality and robotic tempo were less prominent while the ballad qualities were further expanded.

I do enjoy the keyboard parts on this album. The band takes a great deal of influence from video game music, and the keyboard often plays parts that sound like some of my favorite old Nintendo games.

The best aspect of this record is its victorious feel. The guitar and keyboard parts sound triumphant and the lyrics often speak of victory and dominance. It is good to hear something positive in the midst of all of the depressed and defeated sound and theme of most current metal acts. Dragonforce would create the perfect soundtrack for the old Sega Saturn game.

Max's Rating: ★★☆☆☆

Real music from *Reign of Kindo*

By Ben Portz
A&E Writer

Here's what I wish. I wish actual music was at the top of the charts. Every week when I check the top singles, it's just the same old stuff: just a pretty face singing lame words written by a panel of union writers. My hope for the band this week is that they get discovered and for the right reasons. The Reign of Kindo's debut album entitled Rhythm, Chord & Melody uses a mix of styles, from jazz to rock to alternative, to create a catchy sound.

Although this may be a stretch, you could call this band based out of Buffalo, NY a more musical "John Butler Trio", and a less guitar heavy version of "The Afters". The element of surprise within the band is phenomenal. During one song, you'll hear a trumpet ripping some classical arpeggios alongside an electric guitar doing power chords. During another, it will sound like its being sung by *NSYNC…sort of. The lead singer and guitarist Joseph Secchiaroli's voice is quite powerful and one of the best voices I've heard from a band recently. At times, he sounds like a Jon Foreman from Switchfoot, and other times he goes into a Chris Martin-esque falsetto. It just seems to glide over the instruments almost effortlessly. Secchiaroli is quite eclectic when it comes to his guitar skills. When he wants to, he can do a Stevie Ray Vaughn-like bluesy riff, and at other times he can play in an acoustic style. The rest of the band contains Mike Carroll on guitar, Kelly Sciandra on piano, Jeff Jarvis on bass/vocals, and Steve Padin on drums/vocals.

Normally, their songs follow the formula of verse/chorus/verse/chorus, but at times they'll break out of that and feature each of these musically talented band members. Sometimes there will be a piano solo showing off their classical chops, or they will just jam over a vamp for minutes at a time.

"The Reign of Kindo" is definitely an acquired taste of music. If you like very musical bands with jazz drumming and an element of unexpectedness, you should listen to them. Some favorite tracks of mine would include "Morning Cloud" and "Til We Make Our Ascent". The intro to "Morning Cloud" is unlike anything I've ever heard, and it's beautiful. I suspect great things to happen for them in the future.

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Pineapple Express: it's dope

By Brett Gerthoffer
A&E Writer

Pineapple Express definitely succeeds in being one of the most hilarious stoner films I have seen to date. Even compared with the greats of the rising-to-fame genre like *Half Baked* and the *Harold and Kumar* movies, Pineapple Express still hits the top of my charts. Seth Rogen and James Franco perform like a dynamic duo as they embark on a ridiculous journey after Dale Denton (Rogen) witnesses a murder. They meet various bizarre characters and see some pretty messed up stuff.

Denton is a process server who, after visiting his dealer Saul (James Franco), stops to smoke a joint right outside of the house belonging to the man to whiich he is about to deliver a subpoena. Denton witnesses his subject and a cop splatter some Asian guy's brains all over the giant transparent windows. Maybe because of some odd influence affecting Denton's better judgment, or maybe because he just witnessed a murder, he freaks out like it's his job and crashes into two cars (including a cop car) about five times before he can get away. The two murderers see him and run outside, but they are too late; Dale is gone. The man Denton saw kill the Asian just so happens to be the biggest drug lord in the city. Ted (Gary Cole), the murderer, identifies the weed Denton threw on the ground as Pineapple Express. Denton got the Pineapple Express, which happens to be the rarest and best weed in town, from Saul. The always baked drug dealer Saul is one of two people in town who sells it besides Ted. This induces a huge problem when Denton rushes back to Saul's house and they realize (even though it takes awhile…go figure) that they are going to be killed if they don't run. So the two embark on the most ridiculous adventure of their lives filled with guns, pot, mercenaries, corrupt cops and fun times despite all the bad.

Pineapple Express has a lot of unreal occurrences; for instance, Franco and Rogen steal a cop car and proceed to drive it with a foot sticking through the windshield, their friend breaks his neck and gets shot multiple times in the stomach but manages to live through the entire movie and three guys manage to take down a whole drug pushing organization by themselves while surviving a massive explosion. Although so many events tend to be a bit ridiculous and unreal, it is still very entertaining and full of laughs.

Franco pretty much steals the stage but is complemented by great writing and funny dialogue by Rogen. Since the two are always smoking and a bit influenced, they are freaked out when stuff happens and say some off-the-wall things. Dialogue was well developed for all the characters, especially to their friend Red who has a lot of the funny lines and takes a horrific beating from various people. The relationship that builds between Rogen and Franco during the movie is comical, for it is filled with drama and betrayal, but the predicament they are in and the feelings of kindness and worry always bring them back together.

Rogen is a fantastic writer and captures the comedy people our age enjoy. He always enlists a terrific cast to better portray the hilarity that ensues and ridiculousness that occurs. *Pineapple Express* was thoughtfully put together and flows very nicely, and the abundant laughs are not something to miss.

CALENDAR

Friday, September 12, 2008

11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

11:45 AM Alpha Phi Omega Exec. Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Conference Room)

4:00 PM Men's Soccer @ Pitt-Greensburg

4:00 PM VOLLEYBALL v. Muskingum (Volley Against Violence Tournament)

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM W.H.I.G. Cookout (Berlin Village Townhouse #6)

7:30 PM VOLLEYBALL v. Capital (Volley Against Violence Tournament)

8:00 PM CPC Presents Chad Perrone (MCC Club/Lounge)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Get Smart (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Sex and the City (MCC Mueller Theater)

Saturday, September 13, 2008

PRAXIS Exams

TBA Men's Cross Country @ Penn State-Behrend Invitational

TBA Women's Cross Country @ Penn State-Behrend Invitational

9:00 AM VOLLEYBALL v. Mount Union (Volley Against Violence Tournament)

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Athletics/Football Visitation Day (MCC MUeller Theater)

10:30 AM Dedication Ceremony for the Joseph B. Fusco Plaza and Jerry C. Neff Entranceway (Plaza Adjacent to Burry Stadium)

12:00 PM VOLLEYBALL v. Georgian (Volley Against Violence Tournament)

1:00 PM Women's Soccer @ Penn State-Behrend

1:30 PM FOOTBALL v. Allegheny

3:00 PM Men's Soccer @ Penn State-Behrend

7:00 PM Mass (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Sex and the City (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Get Smart (MCC Mueller Theater)

Sunday, September 14, 2008

Deadline to Submit Rosters for Intramural Teams at IM Web Site

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Get Smart (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:00 PM Vespers (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Sex and the City (MCC Mueller Theater)

Monday, September 15, 2008

11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

12:00 PM Holcad Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Conference Room)

7:00 PM Scrawl Informational Meeting (MCC Club/Lounge)

7:30 PM Praise Team Practice (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night at Westminster (MCC Club/Lounge)

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

4:00 PM WOMEN'S TENNIS v. Clarion

4:30 PM Women's Soccer @ Allegheny

5:30 PM Summit I (Rev. Mohr's Home)

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Climbing Wall Open (Memorial Field Houe)

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM YPS Discussion Group (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night at Westminster (MCC Club/Lounge)

9:30 PM Newman Club Meeting (MCC WItherspoon Maple)

Wednesday, September 17, 2008

11:40 AM Student Pre-Law Association Meeting (Patterson 215)

4:00 PM Volleyball @ Washington & Jefferson*

4:30 PM Children's Literature Group: The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick (Mugsies)

5:15 PM CPC Meeting (MCC Club)

6:00 PM Volleyball @ Geneva (at Wash. & Jeff.)

7:00 PM International Cultures Club Meeting (MCC Berlin Lounge)

7:00 PM SGA Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:00 PM The Next Chapter Speaker Series-- Speaker and Topic: Dr. Alice Dreger, Professor of Clinical Medical Humanities and Bioethics at Northwestern University, "Fiction and Non-Fiction, Conjoined: Stories from Real Life and Imagined Lives" (Orr Auditorium)

9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship (MCC Berlin Lounge)

Thursday, September 18, 2008

TBA Men's Golf @ Penn State-Behrend Invitational

12:40 PM - 1:50 PM GET REAL! Series: The Emotional Quotient (EQ) (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

12:45 PM IFC Meeting (Memorial Field House)

4:00 PM Women's Soccer @ Pitt-Greensburg

4:00 PM ARGO Photography Workshop (MCC 255 Wile Conference Room)

6:15 PM Japanese Anime Club (Thompson-Clark 210)

7:00 PM Bleasby Colloquium: Kristianne Kalata Vaccaro (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:00 PM Gospel Choir (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

8:00 PM Allies Meeting (Thompson-Clark 314)

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Climbing Wall Open (Memorial Field Houe)

8:00 PM Newman Club Exec. Meeting (MCC 352 Wile Conference Room)

8:30 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night at Westminster (MCC Club/Lounge)

10:00 PM Titan Traverse Student Meeting (MCC Witherspoon Maple

Friday, September 19, 2008

10:00 AM Campus MInistry Team Meeting (MCC 352 Wile Conference Room)

11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

11:45 AM Alpha Phi Omega Exec. Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Conference Room)

12:00 PM Constitution Day (MCC Mueller Theater)

4:00 PM WOMEN'S TENNIS v. Washington & Jefferson*

5:45 PM College Democrats Meeting (MCC 255 Wesiel Conference Room)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Incredible Hulk (MCC Mueller Theater)

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Your impulses may rage against your sense of reason. If living in a prescribed way is so correct for you, why is it so difficult to get yourself to do it? Falling in line with the dictates of your higher mind takes great discipline. If you falter, keep trying. You will eventually get hold of your habits and create your desired destiny.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

Though many of your plans have come to fruition, life is not looking entirely the way you thought it would at this juncture in the road. There were a few areas you forgot to think about, and this week gives you the chance to do just that. Fill in the details and tweak key points. By Friday the scene has already improved some.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

There are immediate benefits to enlarging your circle. The ways to expand that most interest you, like joining a club or organization, involve money. Strongly consider other means of meeting new people. Bottom line, the world needs to hear about your work and your causes. An intelligent man helps on Wednesday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

Your good financial habits are starting to pay off. It turns out that a lot of the things you used to buy you can either get cheaper or don't need at all. Thursday features a juicy situation. The one you love loves you right back. This weekend, there's nothing more valuable than quality time with your people.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

Oh, it's tough running after an elusive goal. Who needs the thrill of the chase? You've got the thrill of the "pur"-chase. Yes, there's something shiny and new that's caught your eye, and you feel you need a treat. With a little finagling you'll figure out how to get what you want and be back on track to the big goal next week.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Work you are already proud of can escalate to an even higher level if you are willing to risk your ego. Ask around. Find out how you are being received. You'll still, in the end, be wise to disregard most of the opinions you gather. But there will be some gems in the group worth taking into consideration.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

You feel you could have gotten more from a situation or handled it better. The planets encourage you to try again. Make a new goal. Losing one battle does not mean you have lost the war. Eventually, victory will be yours. This weekend, designate responsibility to a youngster who needs to feel included.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

When you don't want someone to know how you feel about them, they won't. You're a master at hiding your emotions. You can even be so friendly and casual with the person you're in love with that this person will never guess the depth of your feelings. By the end of the week there's a decision to be made.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

You wisely realize that you can't trust people to do what you think they should do, but you can trust them to be true to their own nature. This week is about paying attention to the various tendencies of the people around you so that you can correctly tailor and qualify the trust you give each individual.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

If you wanted to move mountains, you could. But chances are, you're content to climb them instead. You'll be deepening your appreciation for the way things currently are. There's much that is already working perfectly. Your respect for the status quo will, ironically, allow you to change whatever needs changing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

As fantastic as you are at doing your own thing and keeping yourself entertained, the bottom line is that humans are an interdependent species. To belong to something is a basic need. Your involvement in a group effort will fortify your soul. There's strength and beauty in numbers. Add your voice to the choir.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

You're no stranger to the role of "protector." In the past, you've saved people and they've saved you. Now you're honing your awareness of what you have that's worth fighting for, though you'd obviously rather avoid the drama whenever possible. The boundaries you set on Wednesday will be respected.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS:

You march on even if you don't see results. You have faith that your way is the right way, and when it's not, that you'll be given a sign. You'll be rewarded for your belief. By the start of November you'll have beat the odds, made a large sum of money or been promoted to the position you've been wanting for years. January shines a light on family matters, and ailing situations are healed. Someone shares your romantic feelings in March. A stellar vacation is featured in May.

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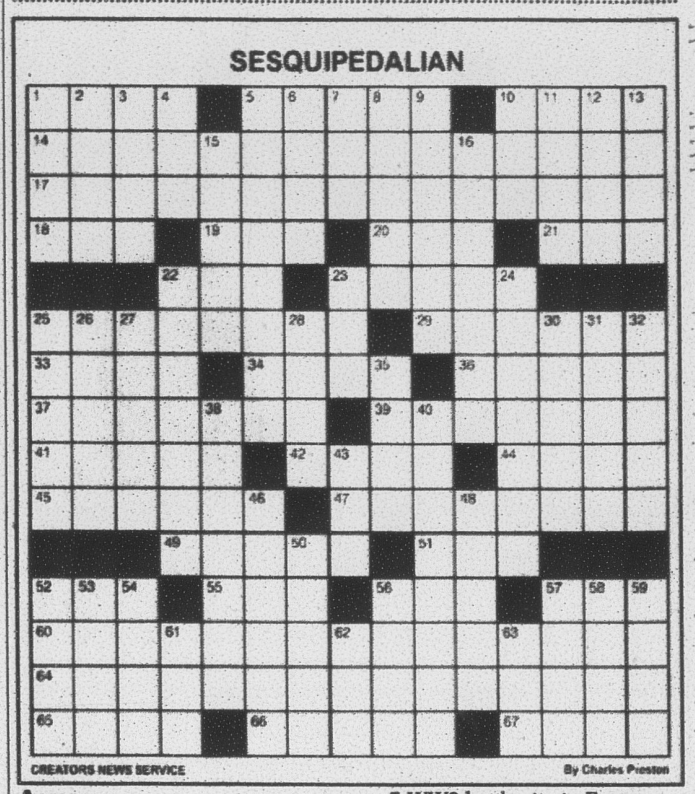

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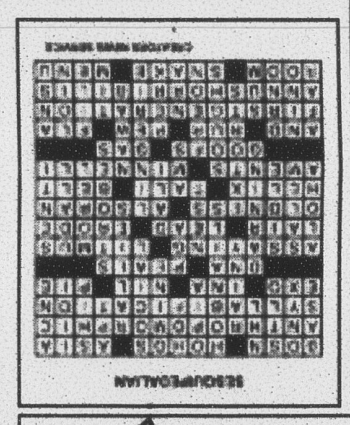

McKelvey Weekend Entertainment

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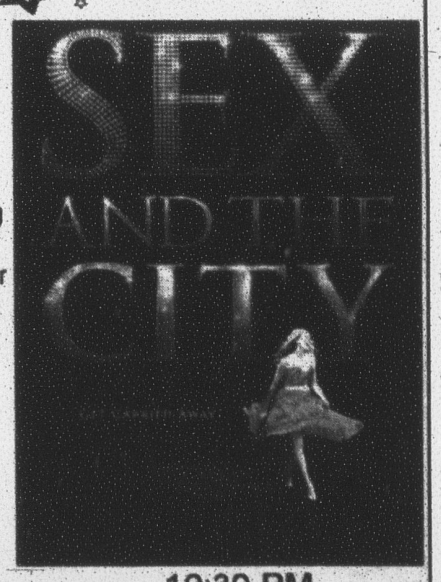

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10:30 PM Saturday 8:00 PM
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Entertainment provided by CPC
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Show your Titan Football Team Spirit at the FIRST HOME GAME by wearing white!
1:30 pm Saturday

Features

Summer internships

Megan Hoffman
Features Editor

Whether or not it is required for your major, an internship is something that everyone should consider about. Internships provide real work experience and allow you many great networking opportunities.

Last summer I completed a public relations internship with the Butler Radio Network. The Butler Radio Network is home to three local Butler stations including the talk radio station WISR 680 AM, the country station WBUT 1050 AM, and the best of the '80s, '90s, and today ALL Hitz 97.7 FM. Throughout the internship I had opportunities to use the skills I had acquired over the past three years of PR classes.

Going into my internship I knew that I wanted to work in the media. I looked into working at places such as Y108 and WPXI, however since most internships are unpaid and I live about an hour outside of Pittsburgh, I quickly realized that I would need to look more locally for my internship, which is how I ended up at the Butler Radio Network.

Overall, the internship was a positive experience, especially since I had ample opportunities to use the PR skills that I had learned. I helped plan and implement numerous events including a Steelers Charity Basketball Game, Relay for Life, and the Colgate Country Showdown. Getting to see what goes into an event from the early planning stages through the post-event follow-up period was one of the highlights of my internship. Another highlight was getting to use my PR writing skills by writing press releases and newsletters that were sent out to the stations' clients and public.

On the other hand, being an intern also meant that I got stuck doing things that were not really related to furthering my knowledge of public relations. I am sure most of you have gone to a concert or driven by a store celebrating their grand opening and have seen a radio station's van parked outside. The radio station was probably giving away free T-shirts and CDs.

Well, did you ever stop to consider who had to fold all those T-shirts. On those days when I would come into the office and be asked to fold up to 400 T-shirts, it felt more like I was working at the GAP than my internship. However, I never had to make coffee so I guess I shouldn't complain. Basically with internships you have to take the good with the bad and it all goes back to the fact that you are on the bottom and have to put in your time before you can move up the ladder.

Since I am not the only student here who completed an internship over the summer I asked around to see how other students faired with their internships. Here is what these students had to say when asked what they liked and disliked about their internship:

Allyson Koerner, Senior English Major

"I worked at Pittsburgh Quarterly Magazine based on writing for its Web site and an article in the magazine. I really enjoyed having this experience because it definitely opened my eyes to what journalism is all about and will help me in the future for my career. One thing I didn't like is that I wished I could have had more experience in going out into the field and interviewing people and getting hands-on experience in the magazine industry."

Doug Kunst, Senior Broadcast Communications Major

"My internship with WTAE was an amazing experience for me. It gave me a real realistic perspective of what broadcast communications is like in the real world. Also, everyone made me feel like part of the team and they were all very professional about it, so I never felt like I was just an intern. The only thing I didn't like about my internship was that it was unpaid, so I was juggling working at a full-time summer job during the day and then going to my internship and staying late into the night."

Vicki Boggess, Junior Public Relations Major

"My internship was with the Harrisburg City Islanders. I really enjoyed working with a professional soccer team and seeing everything that went into managing the game days. However, I disliked how they expected that as a student I wasn't qualified or prepared to do actual public relations work."

Bethany Olson, Senior Religion Major

"My internship was at a camp with the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's Summer Youth Institute (SYI). My main role was to be support staff to the counselors, lead recreation activities, promote Bible study and Christian fellowship. I loved working with the students as they dealt with what it means to be called into any form of ministry and the challenges that each individual life brought. What I didn't like about my internship is that I was "on call" 24/7 because I was working with minors. I was physically exhausted for the three weeks, but it was all worth it!"

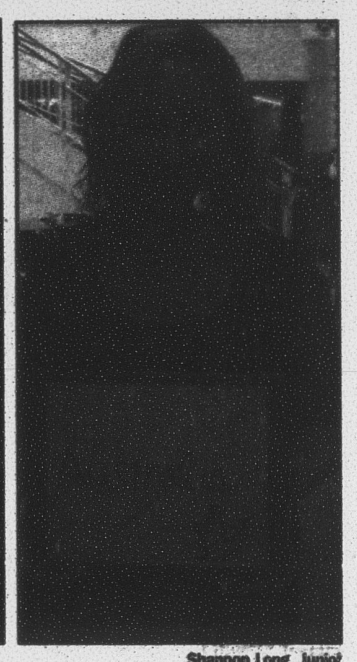
From these accounts it definitely seems like the good outweighed the bad. Therefore, an internship is probably something everyone should be thinking about. It's never too early to start looking into internships and even doing two or three. Even if your internship is not for credit, the experience you will gain can help you in your classes and as you enter into the real world.

Megan is a senior public relations major who is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority and Dance Theater. When she's not breaking her foot, she can most likely be found in the TUB or creeping on Facebook.

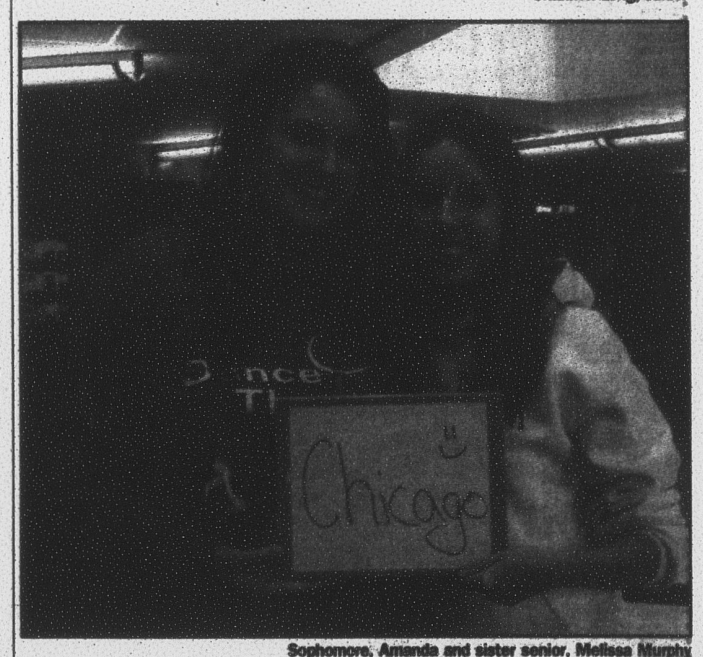
Question of the week

Where did you vacation this summer?

Eric Berdis, Freshman



Shannon Long, Junior



Sophomore, Amanda and sister senior, Melissa Murphy

Let us celebrate our differences

Kylee Bennett
Diversity Columnist

Why is supporting and promoting diversity an important thing for Westminster College to do? I'm sure most of you new students recognize this question as one that was asked during the Diversity Information section of Fresh Start. However, this is such a vital and an important question that everyone should ask themselves what diversity means to them and ponder his or her answer very carefully.

Here is my answer to that question: In order to create a working environment which is comfortable and allows all to succeed, we must learn to accept people of all different backgrounds and tolerate (hopefully celebrate) the ways in which they differ from us.

At the college level, it is important that we prepare ourselves for what may come in our future career. As unpredictable and daunting as the future seems, how can we accomplish this? We must explore and accept as many new experiences as we possibly can. The world is a much richer place if we embrace, rather than deny, these differences, and we benefit from this knowledge of the new and dissimilar. Diversity amongst our fellow students is a terrific way to accomplish this.

Each student here is diverse. Despite coming from various walks of life, we have all come to one common place to learn and develop as individuals. While we may share certain similarities, we have all experienced life with different perspectives and reactions to the world.

Diversity is about what you have experienced, and how those experiences have taught you to be a stronger individual. One who is open to new possibilities and can accept people for who they are and not where they come from or what color of hair they have. There is so much more to you than the color of your skin, or the religion you follow, or whether you are German, Italian, Hispanic or otherwise. The same is true for every person you meet, pass in the hall, sit behind in class, curse for stealing your parking space, and thank for holding the door open for you. We are a community of diverse and unique individuals.

Don't turn your nose up to new possibilities. It is extremely valuable to us that we learn fresh and exciting things while in college. If we promote the diversity that is around us, we heighten our chances of learning. It is my hope that we can all take a chance to look around us and see what is out there, especially on this campus. It's there, I promise. Just look.

Kylee Bennett is a Junior Communications major who is a member of Sigma Kappa Sorority and S.W.A.T. She is this year's SGA Diversity Chair, and thinks its strange that spicy food gives her hiccups.

Steve Fawcett, Freshman

WC CRIBS

Meighan Pallone and Katie Laufer let Megan Hoffman explore their awesome room in Shaw

Life is always good when you have a roommate that you get along with.

Here the two roommates pose in front of the new windows put into Shaw last summer. These two will have no trouble opening and closing their windows.

Shelf space in a freshmen dorm is precious. These girls used the space effectively by displaying pictures of friends and family while storing food and notebooks.

Reasons to stay on campus this weekend:

Friday:

Pick up your Free T-shirt for the White Out Game this saturday. T-shirts will be given out by SGA in the TUB from 11am -1pm and 5-7pm

W.H.I.G. cookout at Townhouse 8 at 6:30pm

CPC presents Chad Perrone at 8pm in the club room

Movies: *Get Smart* and *Sex and the City*

Saturday:

Dedication ceremony for the Joseph B. Fusco Plaza and Jerry C. Neff entranceway at 10:30am

Titan Traverse sponsors Canoe Wars on Lake Brittain from 11am to 1pm

Football v. Allegheny at 1:30 pm

Mass in Wallace Memorial Chapel at 7:00pm

Movies: *Sex and the City* and *Get Smart*

Sunday:

Vespers in Wallace Memorial Chapel at 7:00pm

Movies: *Get Smart* and *Sex and the City*

If you know of any weekend activities worthy of staying put and want it to be included in *The Holcad*, please contact Features Editor, Megan Hoffman at Hoffmams@westminster.edu

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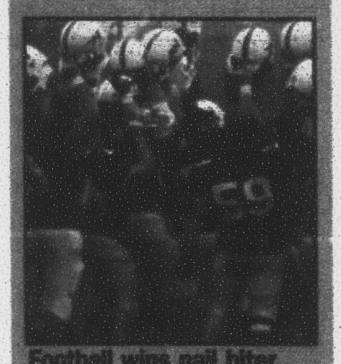

Football wins nail biter

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Professor Alice Dreger discusses "The Girls"

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No Facebook for a week

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Habitat for Humanity kicks off a new semester

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Campus Statistic of the Week

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Number of bands attending the Mercer County Band Festival held on campus this Saturday

Weekend Weather
provided by Weather.com

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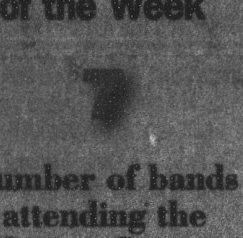
Sunny
73°/47°

Saturday
Partly Cloudy
75°/51°

Sunday
Partly Cloudy
74°/51°



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Winds cause major damage

Hurricane Ike remnants down trees and leave one student without a car

By Laura Henry
Staff Writer

On Sunday Sept. 14, an extremely strong storm, with wind gusts of 79 mph made its way through campus, leaving a path of destruction.

As the wind strengthened and progressed, it sent trees and limbs crashing to the ground on and around campus. Residing at the Sig Nu fraternity house, senior international politics major Kiel Wolf experienced the wind destruction first hand.

During the storm, a massive tree fell on Wolf's silver Aurora Oldsmobile, causing significant damages. The tree trunk landed on the top of Wolf's car, taking power lines down with it, caused large cracks to the front windshield, and completely shattered the back windshield.

"I heard the wind blowing and a loud snap," Wolf said. "So I looked out my window and saw this huge tree coming straight at me. I ran out of the room and heard a loud crash. Then I ran outside and saw my car was completely smashed."

Shocked by the event Wolf stood staring at his car in wonderment for several moments. Then ran back inside the house, but no residents were available.

Wolf has liability insurance on his car and explained that it will not cover most of the damages. Wolf is waiting for an estimated cost, and has looked into the house's insurance coverage. He contacted Sig Nu national headquarters to see if there is anything they can do, but he has not heard any good news.

When Wolf's father heard about the incident he replied "boy, you have bad luck." Shockingly, this is not the first occurrence of car damages Wolf has experienced here. His car was also badly damaged his freshman year.

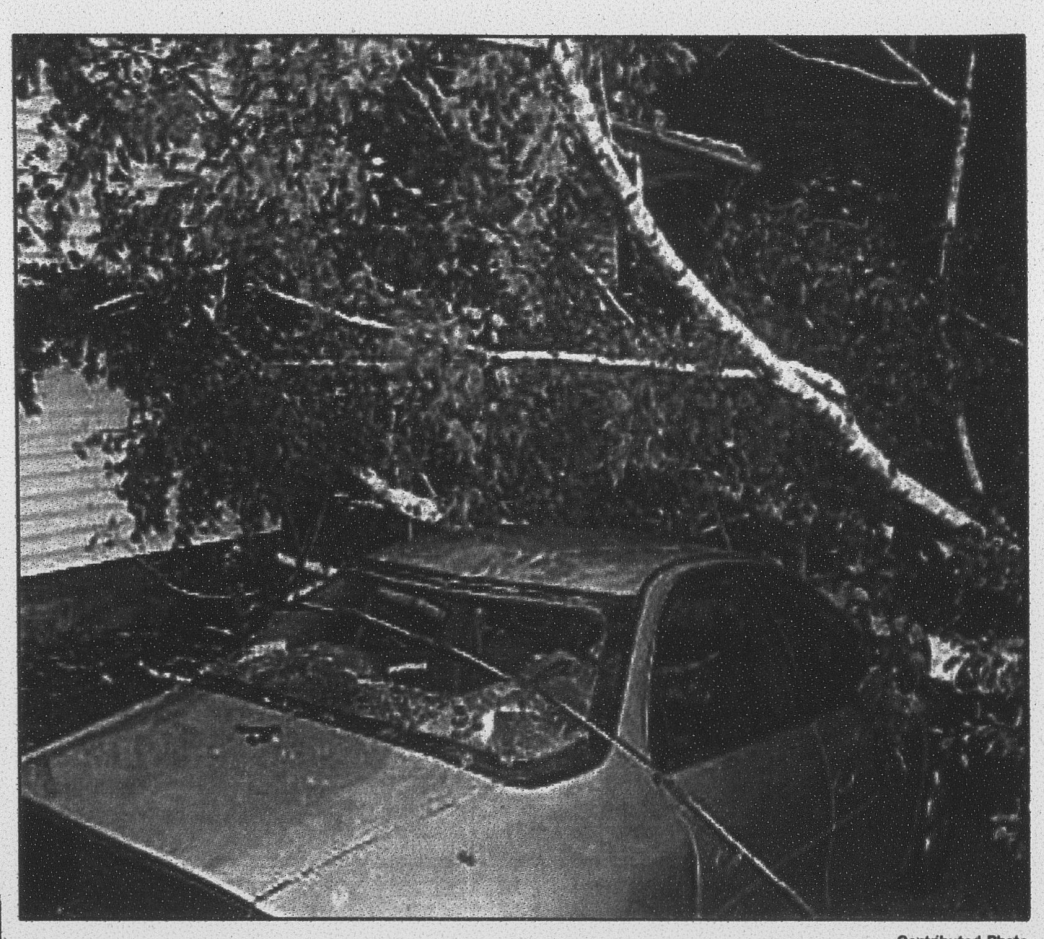
In 2005 Wolf's car was parked in field house parking lot, while a maintenance vehicle was parked at the top of a hill by Russell Hall. The maintenance vehicle did not have the emergency break on, which sent it careening down the hill where it smashed into Wolf's car.

Unlike Wolf, the fraternity was lucky, as the house only suffered minor damages.

"The tree dented part of a pole and caused a few scrapes on the side of the house, but other than that there was no major damage," Wolf said.

The strong winds caused other damages to campus as well. According to titanradio.net, work crews used chain saws to remove a 50 foot portion of one of the decade's oldest evergreen trees near Old Main. The top half of that tree crashed into the building blocking sidewalks and breaking windows.

Sunday's wind storm also brought down trees and limbs across other parts of campus including at the President's house, Wiley Alumni House, and Eichenauer Hall.



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Was it a ficus?

Wind gusts of nearly 80 mph left senior Sigma Nu, Keil Wolf, carless and hapless after a large tree near his driveway came crashing down on his Aurora Oldsmobile during the Saturday, Sept. 14 wind storm. Leftovers from former Hurricane Ike swept through the western half of the state, leaving a path of damage including downed trees and power lines.

> **"I heard the wind blowing and a loud snap, so I looked out my window and saw this huge tree coming straight at me."**
>
> *Senior Keil Wolf*

Photo By Stephanie Chaffee

Cleaning the mess

Physical plant workers had a busy week of gathering, sawing and removing branches and trees from various campus locations following a damaging wind storm on Saturday, Sept. 14. The winds caused damage on campus and throughout Western, Pa.

Pick a card, any card

Now, throw an equation into the trick and math comes into play

By Lee Biermeyer
Campus Writer

Dr. John Bonomo, associate professor of computer science, kicked off the Faires Faculty Forum on Wednesday, September 10 in Mueller Theatre with a card trick.

Delivering a presentation entitled "You Too Can Be a ~~Mathematician~~ Magician," he analyzed how math can play a large part in the outcome of a card trick.

The trick began as usual; the lucky volunteer picked a card, looked at it, did not show it, and inserted it back into the deck. Then, the cards were dealt into three piles, face up. The volunteer said which pile his or her card was in, and the cards were picked up and dealt again into three piles. Again, the volunteer told which pile, and again the cards were picked up and put into three piles.

After this, the volunteer told which pile his or her card is in and the performer found the card. The key is that the card the volunteer picked ended up in the middle pile on the last turn.

Bonomo presented this trick in a series of equations after doing the trick to explain how it works mathematically. By putting the cards into rows and columns, the cards can be numbered and complex mathematics explain how this trick unfolds. Then, Bonomo showed the mathematics to the trick if the card would happen to be put into any position or any location other than the one planned for it from the beginning.

Bonomo took a well known trick, figured out how it works first, then modeled it mathematically. He saw how the model looked, how it changed and saw how it happened.

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The "von Timms" sing at PNC Park

Oh say, did you see... Leah Timm sing at the Pirates' game?

By Christina Alducka
News Editor

Leah Timm, junior, along with her parents, Robert and Sheri, brother, David, and sisters, Sarah and Hannah, sang "The National Anthem" at the Pirates' game on Sept. 16 at PNC Park in Pittsburgh.

Robert, Sheri and Hannah auditioned to sing in April, despite the absence of their other three children. The performance impressed the judges, and the Timms received a congratulatory letter for the entire family to sing at the game.

"It's natural to sing as a family," Leah said. "We've been singing the 'National Anthem' forever." With their parts already learned, they rehearsed only a few times before singing their four-part harmony on live television.

They arrived an hour and a half before the start of the game and got free Pirates' shirts and guest stickers that read "No autographs, please." Leah said that she laughed at the sight of the sticker and would have signed an autograph if someone had asked.

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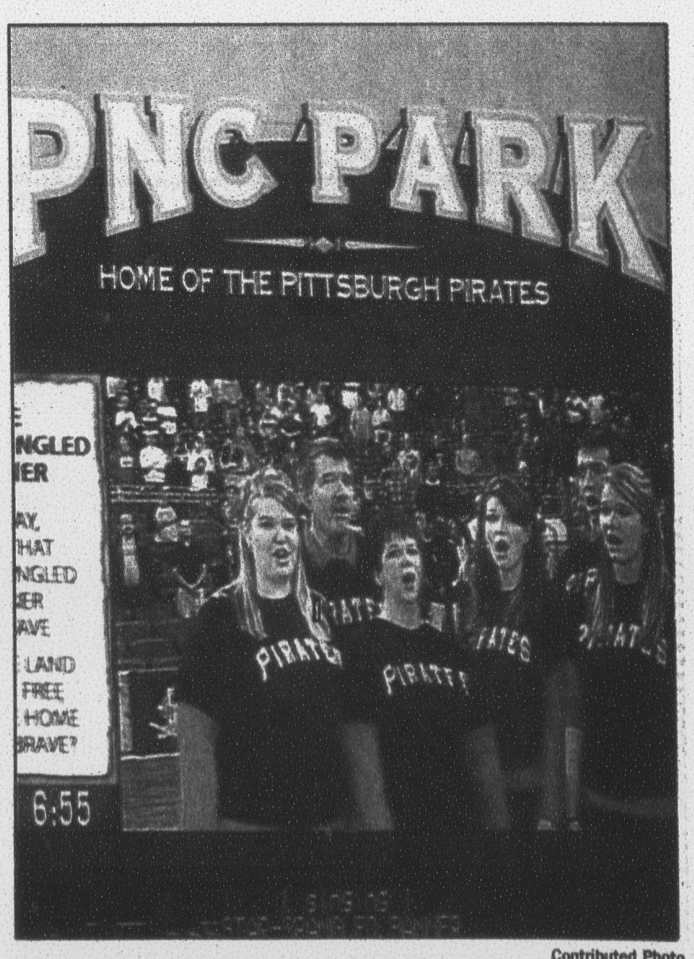

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A star spangled family

Leah Timm and family make it to the big screen as singing sensations at the Sept. 16 Pirates' game.

Opinion

RANT & RAVE

Bag of Sketchiness

You gotta know the game before you come to the game!

I think I love him... Maybe just when he isn't wearing a shirt...

So Many freshman in the library!

I put the panic in hispanic!

Just a little too riduculous.

RIBS!

These tongs are amazing

Doug!

Will you marry me? Because your hands are soft.

Sudan Abstains.

Man that German Shepherd is well trained. That's because it's stuffed!

It's going to be amazing!

Band Festival! Heck Yes!

Wider sidewalk? Mad Dash to the Library!

Man I'm hungry, good thing I have 20 minutes to wait for this hamburger.

Ich bin ein Berliner! (No, I'm not from Berlin. However, I am a jelly donut!)

Nothing happens in Wyoming.

I'm so incredibly -----!

That just happened. . . . again!

You'll have to follow through.

I hate that you sing band songs all day long because then they get stuck in my head!

YES any day. Any time.

Mother Nature will be like SLOW DOWN...

You should probably watch out for that door

This friendship is over! I want my tongs back!

Want to Rant & Rave? Email *The Holcad* with RNR as the subject.

Someone please drain the TUB

Overflow causing lunch and dinnertime stress

Lindsey Nuzzo
Editor-in-Chief

I walked in to my PR experiential class and sat down next to a friend and fellow PR major, expecting the same kind hello as every day.

Instead, she grinned mischievously and told me that she'd just purposely left her tote bag in a TUB booth, an hour before lunch, as a plot to reserve a seat. Instead of thinking this was a bizarre move, I identified with her by showing her my lunch I'd packed the night before, my own ploy to beat the TUB rush.

Anyone can see that the TUB is overflowing this year. The influx of freshmen is the obvious cause of the overload, though it's not eaxctly their fault – they have to eat too. Still, most are looking to point fingers.

Is it the TUB workers' fault? No. Most have been here longer than me and have their jobs mastered by now; Jerry usually has my order totaled and is reaching for my Titan Card before I even put place my food on the counter.

Then it's the TUB's fault; it's just too small. Sorry, kids. The TUB won't be expanding to deluxe Jacuzzi size anytime soon. McKelvey was only constructed a few years ago and the TUB is partially underground.

So since we can't starve the freshman, we can't put Jerry on fast-forward and we can't supersize the TUB, all hope is lost, right?

Not exactly. Here are a few simple tips that might help ease the overflow.

If possible, try avoiding the TUB during rush hours (typically 11:30-12:30 and 5:00-6:00) by eating later or earlier. For some with busy schedules, these are the only times they have to grab some grub between classes and meetings. For those with a little wiggle room, though, make it easier for the busy kids by staying clear of the TUB during those times. If you're worried about hunger, bring a snack from your room to keep your hunder at bay. It will save you from the crowds and even help keep your metabolism moving.

You could follow my lead and pack your lunch. This will not only save you precious moments standing in line but also equally as precious dine dollars which will run out quicker than you think. A home-made turkey sandwich tends to be healthier than most TUB food, anyway.

If you must dine during the busier hours, keep the following in mind to help make the process seamless.

Have your Titan Card ready when you pay to aviod a line accumulation behind you. I know I'm guilty of this. My card always seems to find its way to the bottom of my bag, and I stand there digging through my binders and extra pencils for 10 minutes. Don't be like me. Have it out and ready.

It's also helpful to know what you want ahead of time. Dining Services posts both TUB and cafeteria meal options for the day on a website that can be accessed from the main campus page. http://www.westminster.edu/student/dining/weekly_menu.cfm. Scope out your options so you can dive into the TUB with a plan.

If all you crave is a water and a P.B.J., try the new TUB express line. It's quicker, as the name suggests, it's closer to the seating area, and Life Water from any cooler tates the same.

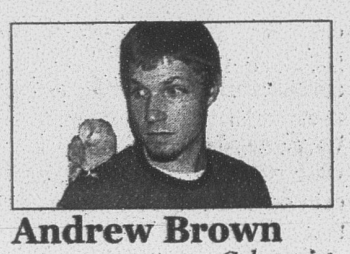
To free up TUB seating, try the cafeteria if you plan to sit and mingle with friends for awhile. More food choices, shorter lines and quicker service make "The Caf" your best sit-down option.

Also remember you can get your food to go. If it's a nice day, eat outside on the Quad, at the outdoor tables, or while you relax in your dorm room.

It only takes a small deviation from the norm to drain the TUB. Let's do ourselves a favor and pull the plug. If we don't, it is going to be a very long year.

Lindsey is a senior public relations major, writing minor. She is a member of Sigma Kappa Sorority and the track team, and she is packing her lunch for the rest of the year since she now has to wait in line for hummus and carrot sticks.

The Stench Unmasked



Andrew Brown
Columnist

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) solved the case for the tragedy at McClure stream this past week. What was once theorized to be just a leaky toilet is now thought to be a mixture of sewage and a harmless chemical, propylene glycol. Although this mixture did kill numerous fish by removing oxygen from the water, the chemical, propylene glycol, is a necessity, as humanity would become far smellier without it. The chemical is an ingredient in deodorant sticks, moisturizers, hand sanitizers, cosmetics, foods, personal lubricants, and even safer formulas of antifreeze. This leaves many possible pathways for the chemical to enter the water, but only one such origin could provide enough dead minnows to keep the felines of New Wilmington happy.

Wine, crackers, and pepperoni would be a useless combination in the absence of cheese. In a cheese factory, part of the cheese making synthesis requires an ice slurry, which is a mixture of cooled water and propylene glycol. Conveniently, there happens to be such a factory located upstream from campus. Apparently a mistake was made, and propylene glycol leaked into the stream causing the live minnow count to plummet drastically. After final testing, the DEP decided that no further planning was necessary to fix the problem and they presume that the smell should vanish in time.

Thus ends the problem.

The clothespins can now be used once again for clothes instead of the nose.

From the first whiff to the last, the problem at McClure stream was a memorable event. Dr. David Swerdlow, instructor of the ENV101 half of the environmental cluster, was very happy with his students' work.

"It was very enlightening to have a real life impact on the community using education in an effective way," Swerdlow said.

He learned that, to be a responsible citizen, one must always persist at seeing a project through and follow up on every issue to find the solutions. Perhaps the most important lesson Swerdlow learned during this experience, however, dealt with the Amish. More than happy to interact with students, an Amish gentleman helped out the environmental cluster with his expertise. He claimed foul play at the cheese plant before the DEP arrived. Surely, raising barns on Tuesday and churning lots of butter must give one plenty of time to analyze what comes out of a cow's udder.

A contaminated river may be drab and uninteresting news (after covering this story for two issues, I'd have to agree), but may the death of the minnows teach all of us an important lesson. Their death has left behind not just a smell, but a warning. Pollution must be stopped. According to statistics calculated by Grinning Planet, an environmental website, in 2005 one hundred thousand marine mammals, one million seabirds, and an uncountable number of fish all died due to plastic waste pollution. Over one trillion gallons of untreated sewage, storm water, and industrial waste oozed into US waters. What will this world look like in one hundred years? The answer to that question will depend on the answer to this final question: who cares?

Andrew is a senior chemistry major, marketing minor who loves running so much that he is a member of the Cross Country team. He is also in Chemistry Club and enjoys eating corn on the cob in his free time.

Something you want to rant or rave about?

Want to share your catchy one-liners with the campus?

You're in luck!

The Rant & Rave box is back

Look for it at the Info Desk, second floor of McKelvey.

You may contribute as many rants and/or raves as you wish. They can be anonymous. Lines deemed offensive will not be published. Rants & Raves can also be contributed via e-mail: holcad@westminster.edu with RNR in the subject line.

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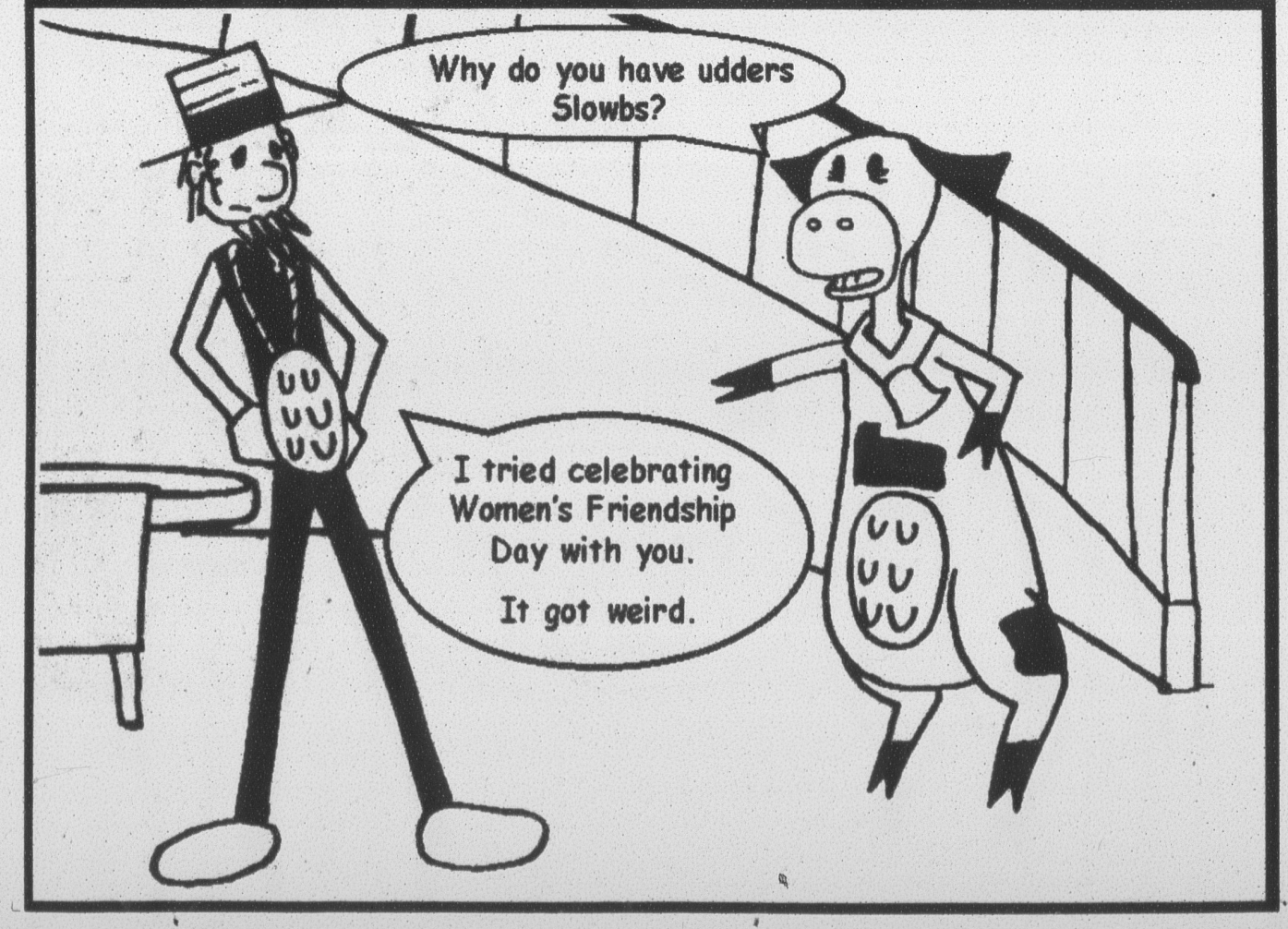

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Outside the Bubble

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REGIONAL

W. Pa. county declares state of emergency after Ike

SAXONBURG, Pa. (AP) _ One county was under a state of emergency and about 64,000 electric customers across western Pennsylvania remained without power Wednesday, three days after gusty winds from the remnants of Hurricane Ike downed power lines and trees.

Utilities serving the region said some customers would not get their power restored until Friday or later.

The emergency declaration in Butler County, north of Pittsburgh, allowed the Red Cross to open two shelters, said Frank Matis, the county's emergency services director. As of Wednesday morning, 25,000 customers in the county had no power and Tuesday's declaration also allowed the county, which has a population of about 180,000, to make emergency purchases of supplies.

Wind gusts of more than 70 mph were reported Sunday and were blamed for the death of a man struck by a falling branch.

Another man, Robert Lempke, 43, of Columbia, N.J., was electrocuted about 2:20 p.m. Tuesday when he stepped on a live wire in Delaware Township, Mercer County, according to state police. He was a New Jersey Central Power & Light employee working to repair power lines.

At a Red Cross shelter set up at Knoch Middle School, people trickled in throughout the day to eat pizza and salad or take showers. The school is about 20 miles north of Pittsburgh in an area of farmland and housing developments.

"This doesn't fall into our normal Red Cross response as a disaster, but falls into a community need we could respond to," said Jody Knights, executive director of the Butler County chapter of the American Red Cross.

The Red Cross set up the shelters because it was getting about a dozen calls an hour, Knights said. Another dozen people stopped at a shelter at Slippery Rock Area High School, in the county's northern end.

"The biggest problem was people who didn't have drinking water," Knights said, or people needing help with electrically powered medical equipment. In such cases, she said, equipment vendors were contacted.

Two volunteer fire stations and three water stations provided drinking water.

The Red Cross planned to keep the shelters open until 8 a.m. Wednesday, close them for school and reopen at 4 p.m.

FirstEnergy hoped to restore service to a majority of its customers by Friday, but some might not have electricity into the weekend, spokeswoman Ellen Raines said. That utility, which does business as Penn Power in the area, reported about 23,000 customers were still without power Wednesday.

Another utility, Duquesne Light, said it expected electricity to be restored in eastern Allegheny County by late Thursday and other Pittsburgh suburbs and Beaver County by late Friday. It reported about 18,000 customers still without power Wednesday.

Allegheny Power had about 23,000 people without power in southwestern Pennsylvania by Wednesday morning and hoped to have power back on by Friday or Saturday, a spokeswoman said.

"This was a very extensive storm with significant damages to our facilities and equipment," Raines said.

Most of the damage was from limbs falling on power lines.

Southern parts of Butler County and the county's northwest corner were hardest hit by the outages, Matis said.

Philadelphia-based Peco Energy sent about 30 workers to help Duquesne Light restore power.

Duquesne Light spokesman Joseph Vallarian said it had sent 14 workers to assist in Texas because of Ike, but called them back because of the problems here.

US swimmer Hansen reunited with lost gold medal

PHILADELPHIA (AP) _ Olympic swimmer Brendan Hansen does better in pools than planes.

He lost his gold medal from the Beijing Games during a flight from Philadelphia to Texas, but got it back a day later.

"For about 18 hours, I was sweating bricks," the American breaststroke specialist said Tuesday. "What a roller coaster of emotions the last few days have been."

Hansen was returning to Austin on Sunday night after visiting his hometown in suburban Philadelphia for a bachelor party, said his mother, Miriam Hansen. He was carrying the medal he won for the 400-meter medley relay, the race that gave Michael Phelps his record eighth gold.

The medal disappeared from a side pocket of Hansen's backpack, which he kept between his legs during the flight. He thinks it may have fallen out when he moved up a few rows during a stopover in Nashville, Tenn.

He realized the medal was gone when he was getting off in Texas, his mother told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

"I don't have my medal," the 27-year-old swimmer told his mother by phone. "It's not in my bag."

Hansen informed Southwest Airlines, Philadelphia police and USA Swimming. A woman who found the medal on the floor in the back of the plane saw that it was from the relay event and contacted police, Miriam Hansen said.

The woman, a college student, said she wanted to get it to its owner. Police advised her to contact the University of Texas, Hansen's alma mater, on the belief that any swimming medalist in the area probably was affiliated with the school.

Hansen got a call from the university's athletic department and was asked: "Brendan, are you missing something shiny?"

Hansen finally met the woman who found the medal. He gave her a check and said she promised to donate the money to charity.

Miriam Hansen said she wants to know everything that happened, but that didn't interest her son.

"All he thought was, 'I have my medal back, what difference does it make?'" she said

NATIONAL

Trian engineer didn't brake before collision

LOS ANGELES (AP) _ The engineer of a commuter train ran through a red light and never hit his brakes in the final moments before last week's fatal collision with an oncoming freight train, authorities said.

As they sort through the many possible reasons why, investigators also said Tuesday that engineer Robert Sanchez was working an 11½-hour split shift at the time of the crash.

"Split schedules are something of great concern to us," said Kitty Higgins, a member of the National Transportation Safety Board, which is investigating the crash. "But whether that played a role in the accident is much too early to say."

Sanchez, who was killed in the crash, began his shift at 6 a.m. Friday, took a nap during a 3½-hour break and resumed duty at 2 p.m., officials said. His train crashed about 2½ hours later. Twenty-five people were killed and more than 135 others injured.

The findings followed tests by the National Transportation Safety Board that showed the two trains were only in each other's view four to five seconds before the collision. Investigators said the engineer from the Union Pacific freight train used his brakes about two seconds before the collision but was still going nearly as fast at the commuter train.

The NTSB has found the signals and tracks were working properly, and has narrowed its investigation to human error. The agency has subpoenaed Sanchez's cell phone records to determine whether he was text messaging before the crash.

On Tuesday, investigators interviewed the Metrolink conductor about Sanchez. The conductor said Sanchez told him he took a two-hour nap during his break but was not aware of any other factors that could have caused him to overlook the red light, Higgins said.

"He was not aware of any physical ailment that the engineer had," Higgins said. "He had no issues in his time of working with the engineer on the way he operated the train."

Higgins said the conductor confirmed that he and Sanchez did not call out and confirm the last two signals before the crash. She also said Sanchez routinely worked split shifts from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. with 3½ hours of break.

"It's a long day," Higgins said. "What the rules are and how this engineer or any crew member uses the time play a role into the accident."

Hours before regular rail service resumed on the stretch of track Tuesday, investigators conducted a visibility test to determine when the engineers in the crash would have been able to see each other in the moments before the collision.

A Metrolink train and a Union Pacific locomotive were brought nose to nose on the tracks where the crash occurred. Investigators then backed the stand-in trains away from each other.

In the moments before the collision, the freight train was coming out of a tunnel, while the commuter train was rounding a bend. The test found the engineers had only seconds to react.

One test observer was Lilly Varghese, a friend of 57-year-old victim Beverly Mosley.

"I came here to pay respect to where I lost her," Varghese said. "She lost her soul here."

In Washington, Sen. Dianne Feinstein introduced legislation Tuesday requiring the installation of technology to prevent train crashes and warned that there would be more disasters without it.

The California Democrat hopes to nudge Congress to pass her requirement for so-called positive train control before recessing at the end of next week. The House and Senate have already passed separate legislation to implement the technology but the differing versions have not been reconciled.

The technology can engage the brakes if a train misses a signal or gets off track. It has been installed on a fraction of U.S. rail tracks.

Feinstein blamed "a resistance in the railroad community in America" to the price tag of installing the systems.

Failure to act now, she said, amounts to "negligence, and I'll even go as far to say I believe it's criminal negligence not to do so."

In July 2007, Metrolink Chief Executive David Solow warned Congress that requiring the safety devices would involve "substantial cost," according to the Los Angeles Times. A Metrolink spokesman declined comment when called by The Associated Press.

The Association of American Railroads, the lobbying arm for the freight railroads, has said it does not oppose the legislation but is concerned that the technology has not been perfected.

Fla. judge rules saggy pants law unconstitutional

RIVIERA BEACH, Fla. (AP) _ A judge has decided a law banning sagging pants in this town is unconstitutional after a teenager spent a night in jail on accusations he exposed too much underwear.

Julius Hart, 17, was charged last week after an officer said he spotted the teenager riding his bicycle with 4 to 5 inches of blue-and-black boxer shorts revealed.

Hart's public defender, Carol Bickerstaff, urged a judge Monday to strike down the sagging pants law, telling him: "Your honor, we now have the fashion police."

Circuit Judge Paul Moyle ruled that the law was unconstitutional based on "the limited facts" of the case. Technically, however, the charge hasn't been dropped yet: a new arraignment awaits Hart on Oct. 5.

Voters in Riviera Beach approved the law in March. A first offense for sagging pants carries a $150 fine or community service, and habitual offenders face the possibility of jail time.

Bickerstaff said she wants the city to drop the law – regardless of whether anyone dislikes low-riding pants.

"The first time I saw this particular fashion, I disliked it," she told the judge. "And then I realized I'm getting old."

Truck crash scatters nickels all over I-95 in Fla.

MIMS, Fla. (AP) _ The Florida Highway Patrol has closed part of Interstate 95 after a truck carrying $187,000 worth of nickels crashed and scattered coins across the road, killing one person.

The highway patrol says the tractor-trailer was carrying the nickels from Philadelphia to Miami when it apparently rear-ended another truck early Wednesday. Authorities say a passenger in the truck with the coins was killed and both drivers were hospitalized.

Authorities say so many nickels spilled out that the highway is sparkling in the Florida sun.

Florida Trooper Kim Miller says the nickels also were littering the grass – and that shovels might be needed to pick them up. Secret Service and Treasury agents went to the area to make sure no one tries to grab the coins.

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Runaway truck reveals driver is wanted in two counties

NEW WILMINGTON– A runaway truck at Westminster lead police to arrest the pickup's owner on Monday. According to New Wilmington police, 26-year old Gregory Toner, Jr., of Butler came to their attention after his parked trucked drifted out of a parking space into a building at the college's physical plant. Officers investigating the accident discovered Toner was wanted on two outstanding traffic warrants. He's currently one of the workers on the McGill Library construction project.

Police say Toner had a suspended driver's license and was wanted on a traffic warrant in Edinboro dating back to 2006 as well as a separated traffic warrant in Beaver County in 2005. New Wilmington officers arrested him for driving with a suspended license, third offense and took before a district magistrate where he paid nearly $1000 in fines. He now faces a hearing in Lawrence County on the new traffic violation charges and faces additional fines and even a possible six month sentence in jail.

Lawrence County Band Festival

ELLWOOD CITY– Ellwood City will host the 29th Annual Lawrence County Band at Helling Stadium on Wednesday, September 17. The show features eight area high school marching bands along with the Titan Marching Band and kicks off at 7 p.m. The festival will also broadcast live on television with the WCN debut on Armstrong Cable Channel 10. The program will air on tape delay on Comcast's Lawrence County systems as well as New Wilmington Cable 9.

INTERNATIONAL

'Post-Olympic era' off to a rocky start in China

BEIJING (AP) _ The Olympic flame is out, the smog is back, and traffic again clogs the roads.

Welcome to what commentators are calling China's "post-Olympic era," in which euphoria over the Beijing Games is slowly giving way to economic worries, new safety crises and a future both brimming with confidence and tinged with uncertainty.

So far, it's off to a rocky start.

China received widespread praise for organizing the games, which formally ended Wednesday with the Paralympics' closing ceremony.

Even before then, however, reality reasserted itself with the collapse earlier this month at an illegal mine waste dump that killed at least 259 people and forced the resignation of a provincial governor. Since then, a product safety scandal has roiled the nation, with contaminated milk powder causing the death of three infants and sickening more than 6,200 others.

Both crises point to underlying systemic weaknesses that the Olympics did little to eliminate, despite a massive effort to clean up Beijing's polluted air, boost security and ensure smooth logistics. China's mines remain the world's deadliest and creaky infrastructure a constant threat, while an overhaul of the product safety system has proved only partially effective.

A further post-Olympics worry is the state of the weakening economy, raising the prospect of unemployment and higher inflation in what remains a poor nation. Chinese shares fell Wednesday to a 22-month low and the communist leadership, ever mindful of threats to its authority, is on alert for possible unrest.

"The top priority will be responding to the grievances generated by economic problems," said Joseph Cheng, chairman of the Contemporary China Research Center at City University of Hong Kong.

"The broad direction of enhanced international status remains, but most people are more concerned with immediate problems," he said.

China's leaders appear bolstered by a wave of national pride, although questions linger over the prospects for social progress and whether the games will yield hoped for international prestige and acceptance.

The games' most tangible impact was the new subways and ultramodern venues built at a cost of more than $40 billion. That legacy will continue to provide an economic driver: Developers envision a major entertainment district rising around the Olympic basketball arena in the city's underdeveloped west, with shops, restaurants and apartments sprouting where temporary sports fields stand.

Yet the games were always about far more than stadiums and parks, embodying China's craving for acceptance and international respect. Some too saw them as a potential catalyst for political and social change, as a confident regime grows more accepting of criticism.

There's little sign of that happening, though. Authorities tightly controlled dissent during the games, refusing protest permits and deporting foreign pro-Tibet activists who staged brief demonstrations. Chinese press restrictions are as tight as ever, sensitive Internet sites remain blocked, and Web editors reportedly were told to delete worrisome comments about the state of the economy.

Liberalized rules for overseas media enacted for the Olympic period are to expire Oct. 17, the Foreign Ministry has said, posing the likelihood that restrictions on travel and reporting will be restored.

Following the games, authorities will continue stifling calls for greater political freedoms while seeking to fine-tune the government's ability to resolve conflicts and guide public opinion, said Andrew Nathan, a China expert who heads the political science department at New York's Columbia University.

"The regime has shown what it can accomplish and has gained both domestic legitimacy and international respect," Nathan said.

Officials have cast the games as a triumph for understanding between China and the outside world. Chinese are now "more relaxed about different opinions about their homeland," Fu Ying, China's ambassador to Britain, wrote in The Guardian newspaper this month.

Others have suggested the praise China won for hosting the games could allow it to begin abandoning a deep-seated national resentment against the West and Japan for past indignities.

"Having realized the 'dream of the century,' perhaps it is time to relegate the 'century of humiliation' to history where it belongs," commentator Hong Liang wrote in the official English-language China Daily newspaper.

With the games over, some of the pressure on China from overseas critics should subside, according to Cheng and others.

Yet, staging a successful Olympics has done little to improve China's political reputation in the long-run, according to Yan Xuetong, director of the Institute of International Studies at Beijing's prestigious Tsinghua University

"This implies that the international political troubles our nation faces exceeds our ability to respond," Yan wrote in the Global Times, a tabloid published by the Communist Party's official People's Daily newspaper.

Campus News

Habitat for Humanity continues to serve

Students build houses and friendships as part of their efforts to improve lives in local communities

By Sarah Cook
Campus Writer

Students on campus are getting involved in the community by donating their time and energy to help those in need. They are giving up their Saturdays to build houses for an organization called Habitat for Humanity.

Habitat is a nonprofit Christian housing ministry that is directed at eliminating poverty and homelessness around the world. The organization has built more than 250,000 houses that provide shelter to more than 1 million people who would otherwise not be able to afford it.

Habitat for Humanity is run at a community level by affiliates where each is independently responsible for its own building and fundraising. Our campus organization is an affiliate of Mahoning County, OH. They hold numerous work days each year where students are invited to help build and restore houses. These days also provide the opportunity to meet new people and build friendships as there are groups from all across the region present at the work site.

"Not only is it fun, but it looks great on my resume," Mike Codita, a member of Habitat, said. The organization's next work day is scheduled for Sept. 27.

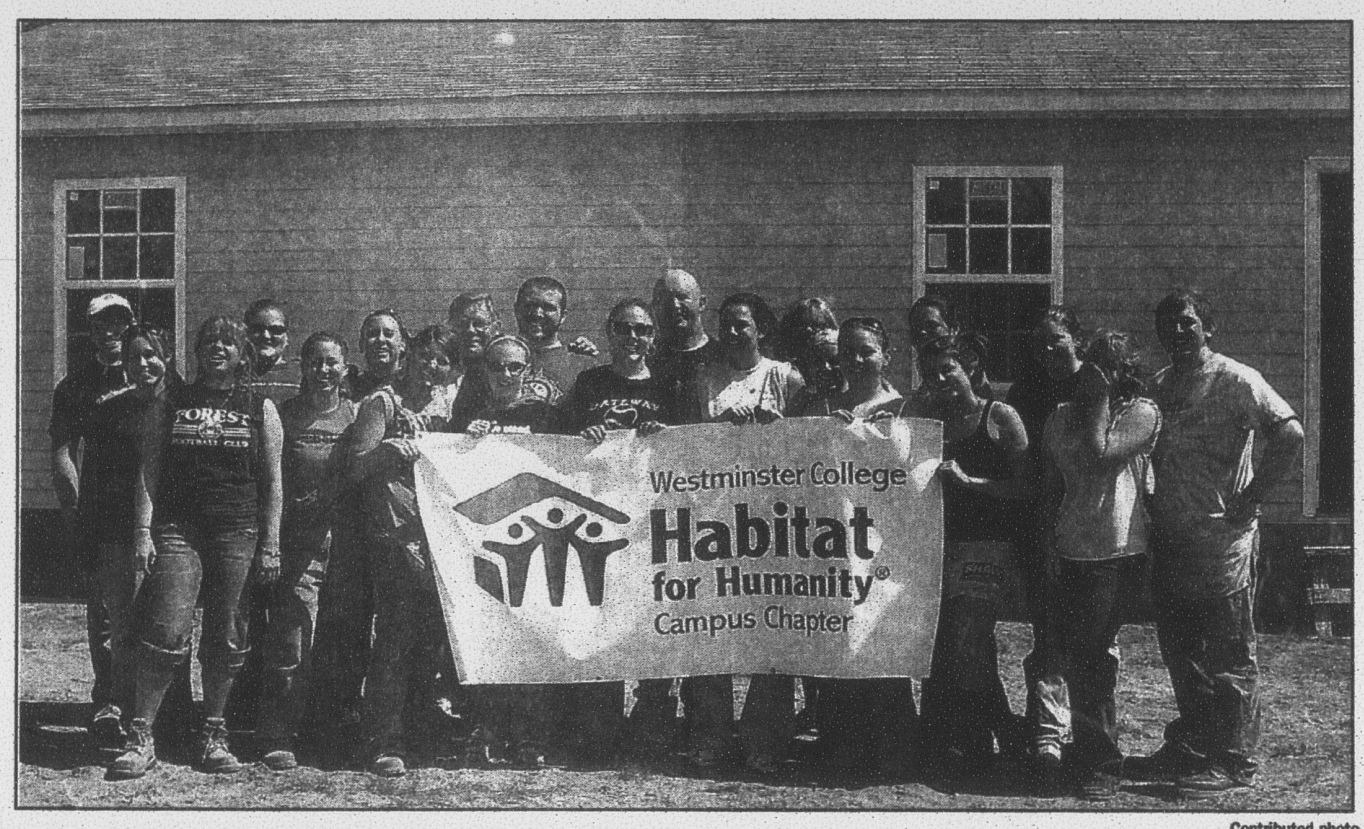
In addition to these workdays, some members have attended spring break trips with Habitat to build houses in areas that are most in need of assistance across the United States. Last year's spring break trip was to South Carolina. Members of our campus Habitat organization traveled south where they spent a week working on various housing projects such as building, restoring and general maintenance.

Other events carried out by the Habitat organization include various fundraisers such as an art exhibit, furniture sales, and possibly even a campus benefit concert. If you are looking for a way to become involved, these are excellent ways to support Habitat's initiative.

"I believe that it is important that people have a safe place to live," Aimee Spicuzza, president of Habitat, said.

She enjoys working with the organization and encourages anyone interested in becoming involved to attend one of their meetings.

Meetings are held every other Thursday at 6 p.m. For more information, e-mail Aimee Spicuzza or stop by the chapel office.



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Having fun while helping out

Students spend their Saturdays building houses for Habitat for Humanity in affiliation with Mahoning County, OH. Their next scheduled work day is Saturday, Sept 27.

"I believe that it is important that people have a safe place to live."
Aimee Spicuzza, president of Habitat for Humanity

Magician

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Through charts and equations, Bonomo explained everything down to the smallest detail involving the math and knew all the ins and outs.

What started as a presentation and then went on to an Annual Math Meeting in San Diego, Bonomo took his research into the math of a card trick further.

"The work lasted over a period of years, maybe four years," Bonomo said. He has now given numerous presentations on the topic and has an article being published titled "You Can't Teach an Old Mathematician New Tricks." The article delves deeper into the math behind the trick.

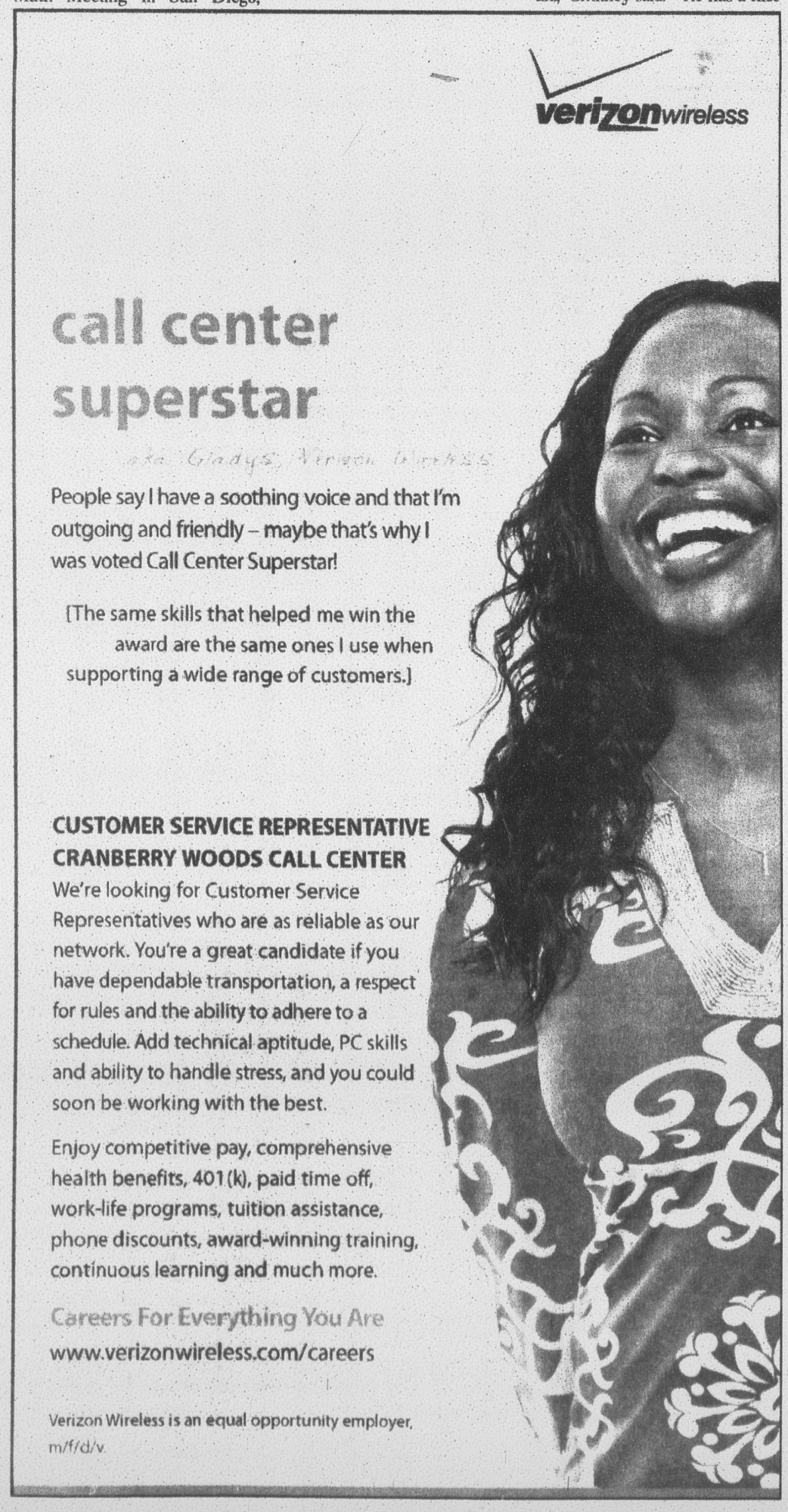
One attendee of the presentation was assistant professor of political science and sociology, Shannon Smithey. The mathematical jargon of the presentation might have been a bit much for the ones outside of the field but Bonomo demonstrated and gave great examples for each step.

"I thought he did a good job of explaining the logic of what he did," Smithey said. "He has a nice way of showing the relevance of math to real world situations."

Math can be taken and applied to almost anything. Any game can be related to math as well as card tricks.

"You take something in the real world, model it, fool around with the model, then see what that means back in the real world," said Bonomo.

Things like voting systems can be analyzed mathematically, anything can be modeled in math. With just a simple card trick, Dr. John Bonomo found a multitude of ways to perform it just by applying mathematics.



Timms

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Before stepping onto the field, the family members individually said their own prayers, and made each other laugh.

"The two things my family enjoys the most are laughing and singing," Leah said.

She explained that laughing erases any nervous feelings her family experiences before singing. When they finished singing, they exited toward the Pirates' dugout.

The Timms wished the players good luck then proceeded to their free seats for the game versus the Los Angeles Dodgers.

"People kept coming up to us," Leah said. The family also impressed those working at PNC Park, and was invited to perform there next season.

"I've been blessed with an extremely talented family," Leah said. The Timms, from St. Marys, PA, continued to sing regularly after debuting in a community production of "The Sound of Music" in 2001. Since then, others refer to them as "The von Timms" or "Timm Family Singers," after the von Trapp family singers in the musical.

They perform at local concerts, theater productions, churches and sporting events. The Timms gained some experience singing "The National Anthem" at three Altoona Curve games, a minor league baseball team.

Robert, Sheri, Sarah, and David are all Westminster alumni. Leah is majoring in public relations with a minor in music.

As for the future, Leah said, "We would absolutely love do to a Steelers' game."

"I've been blessed with an extremely talented family."
Junior Leah Timm

Students discover creative outlet in Scrawl

Scawl's new editor hopes to expand the creative publication this year

By Christina Roseto
Staff Writer

Whether it's poetry or prose, sculptures or sketches, pictures or paintings, Scrawl is here for anyone passionate about the literary and creative arts.

The campus literary group is open to anyone who has an interest in writing or the creative arts. Scrawl publishes an annual collection of original literary and artistic works composed by students, faculty, and staff. Selections are chosen by the submission committee and are published in the literary arts magazine available to all in the spring. Editor Levi Sanchez plans to hold more meetings this year to build a better camaraderie among writers and artists and to enrich the overall publication.

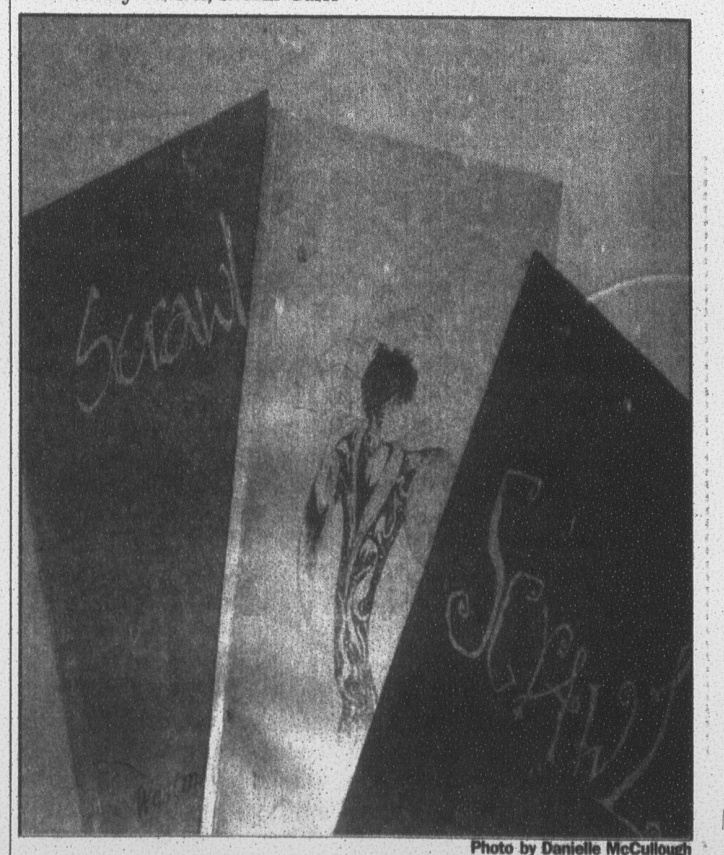
"Spending time with art and literature helps people gain a better knowledge of what we do and what we hope to accomplish as writers and artists," said Sanchez, "We hope to meet every other week so people can familiarize themselves with writing and art, deadlines, and literary criticisms."

Sanchez is looking to improve Scrawl by attending literature and creative writing conferences and encouraging anyone interested in the arts to attend meetings. He and the Scrawl committee, along with faculty adviser, Evann Garrison, want to expand into the music department and further into the art department for submissions. Garrison hopes to see Scrawl grow over the next year under Sanchez's leadership and increased student involvement.

"The success of Scrawl will be better and stronger when students are involved for all four years of their college career," Garrison said. "Everybody writes, regardless of their major. The major is irrelevant and students should become involved if they enjoy writing, literature, art or any other creative outlet."

She encourages not just English majors and creative writing minors to participate in Scrawl, but also those whose majors do not demand extensive writing to enhance their overall artistic abilities. Garrison believes scheduling more Scrawl meetings will benefit the writers and artists involved by improving their compositions.

Evolving Scrawl into a standard campus club by holding regular meetings is Sanchez's ultimate goal. Sanchez plans to work with the committee and Garrison to increase the awareness of Scrawl on campus. With notable submissions, namely Dr. Andrew Ade's multi-award winning play, both Sanchez and Garrison anticipate a variety of writers and artists to participate this year.



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Campus News

Students attend McCain Convention

Senior Sarah Girard shakes hands with Republican candidate

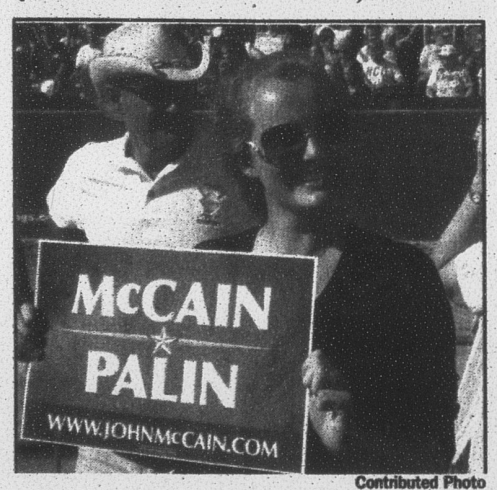
By Travis Gulling
Staff Writer

On Saturday, Aug. 30, Sarah Girard, attended a McCain-Palin rally in Washington, PA.

A day prior, John McCain selected Sarah Palin to be his Vice Presidential candidate in Dayton, OH. McCain's pick came as quite a surprise to many, although she was quickly embraced by the party's faithful. On this hot day in August, McCain traveled to Washington to introduce his new VP to the swing state of Pennsylvania.

The doors opened at 3:00 p.m. to Consol Energy Park for what Girard referred to as a concert- like atmosphere.

"I never attended a political rally before this," Girard said. "This event really got everyone pumped up; it felt like a concert."



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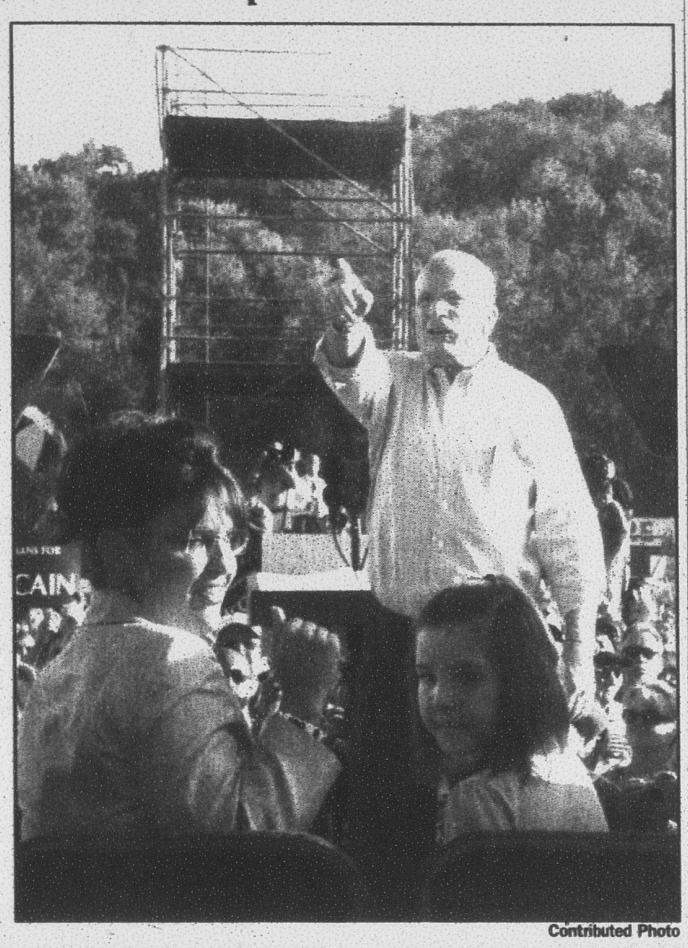
Before McCain and Palin spoke to the crowd, other celebrities did their best to get the crowd excited. John Rich, from the country group Big and Rich, sang several of his famous songs including his newest song, "Raisin' McCain," which got the crowd excited for the rest of the event.

Two of Pennsylvania's prominent Republicans, Lynn Swann and Tom Ridge also spoke to the crowd. Former Governor Ridge reminded the crowd of the days that he spent in Harrisburg and told of how he believed John McCain would bring America back to its glory. Westminster Alumna, Katie Chandley was also in attendance and was excited about seeing these two Pennsylvanian greats.

"I didn't know Tom Ridge or Lynn Swann was going to be there," Chandley said. "They did a good job of reminding everyone of John McCain's successes and told how Governor Palin will help John McCain win this election."

After several hours of other prominent figures talking, McCain and Palin drove into the stadium with their bus. McCain spoke for a few minutes and eventually introduced his running mate, who was greeted by a loud ovation.

Palin introduced herself and her family and discussed some of the important issues that she has dealt with as Governor of Alaska. Girard believed that Palin did a great job.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"I was going to vote for McCain anyway," Girard said. "However, after hearing Palin, I was on board all the way."

Palin also discussed briefly those women who have come before her in national politics. She referenced Geraldine Ferraro and Hillary Clinton, which brought loud boos to the stadium. Girard thinks it's nice that she recognized those women who came before her and it's even better to have a woman in the race.

"It's nice to see a strong woman on the national stage," Girard said. "I like how she juggles a family, but she is still able to practice what she preaches."

After the event ended Girard was able to shake McCain's hand and her little brother got Palin's autograph; while shaking his hand Girard was glad to see a more personal side of McCain. Something many wish they could see in either candidate.

Floating toward teamwork

By Coleen York
Campus Writer

Titan Traverse is sponsoring a white water rafting trip down the Youghiogheny River to develop teamwork and leadership skills.

The trip is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 4 at 6:30 a.m. to Saturday evening. Titan Traverse intends to take 25 students on the rafting trip to the Ohiopyle State Park in Pennsylvania. The activity is open to all students and Titan Traverse members. Cost for the outing is $50, which includes transportation, rafting equipment and lunch.

"Communication is Titan Traverse's theme for this trip," said Veronica Geretz, team coordinator. "People communicate in different ways and it is important to listen because the water is roaring."

Titan Traverse is a leadership development group that uses outdoor experiences to create opportunities for growth. Despite the skill required for white water rafting, Geretz said that no experience was necessary. The rapids at Ohiopyle are mild, ranging only from a two to three on a scale of five that measures the severity of river rapids. The team plans on spending at least two and one-half hours rafting on the Youghiogheny.

Additionally, Ohiopyle is known for this natural waterslide. The Titan Traverse team will make a stop during the day at the slide water currents shaped.

"It's a lot of fun," said Jessica Hickman, trip coordinator. "You might get a little bruised on the rock, but sliding down is worth it."

Students going white water rafting are advised to wear a bathing suit and clothes that can get wet. Titan Traverse also recommends bringing a change of clothes for the two and one-half hour drive back to campus. However, at the Ohiopyle State Park there is an outdoor apparel store in case participants would like to shop or have forgetten anything.

White water rafting is one of many trips Titan Traverse is planning this year. Titan Traverse has already gone rock climbing and they intend to take a group mountain biking. Furthermore, the group organizes games of capture the flag and kickball for students on campus. This year Titan Traverse wants to be more active with a variety of students and expose themselves to more of the campus community.

"People communicate in different ways and it is important to listen because the water is roaring."

Senior Veronica Geretz

Dr. Alice Dreger visits campus to speak about socially challenging anatomies

By Jessica Davis
Staff Writer

Professor of Clinical Medical Humanities and Bioethics, Dr. Alice Dreger, presented "Fiction and Non-Fiction, Conjoined: Stories from Real Life and Imagined Life" on Thursday, Sept. 17 in Orr Auditorium to discuss the novel, "The Girls."

Dreger, professor at the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University in Chicago, discussed her work on social justice in medicine and her goals to improve the treatment of those born with socially challenging anatomies.

Her involvement with individuals that are intersexed, achondroplasia dwarfs, and conjoined twins, focuses on developing happy minds rather than socially acceptable bodies. Her experience with conjoined twins enabled her to relate her work with The Next Chapter Summer Reading Program novel, "The Girls."

"She [Dreger] wasn't trying to gloss over anything," freshman Megan King said. "A lot of the students around me really enjoyed it."

Earning a Ph. D. in History and Philosophy of Science from Indiana University, Dreger works with affected individuals and clinicians to change the social and medical treatment of people born with abnormal anatomies.

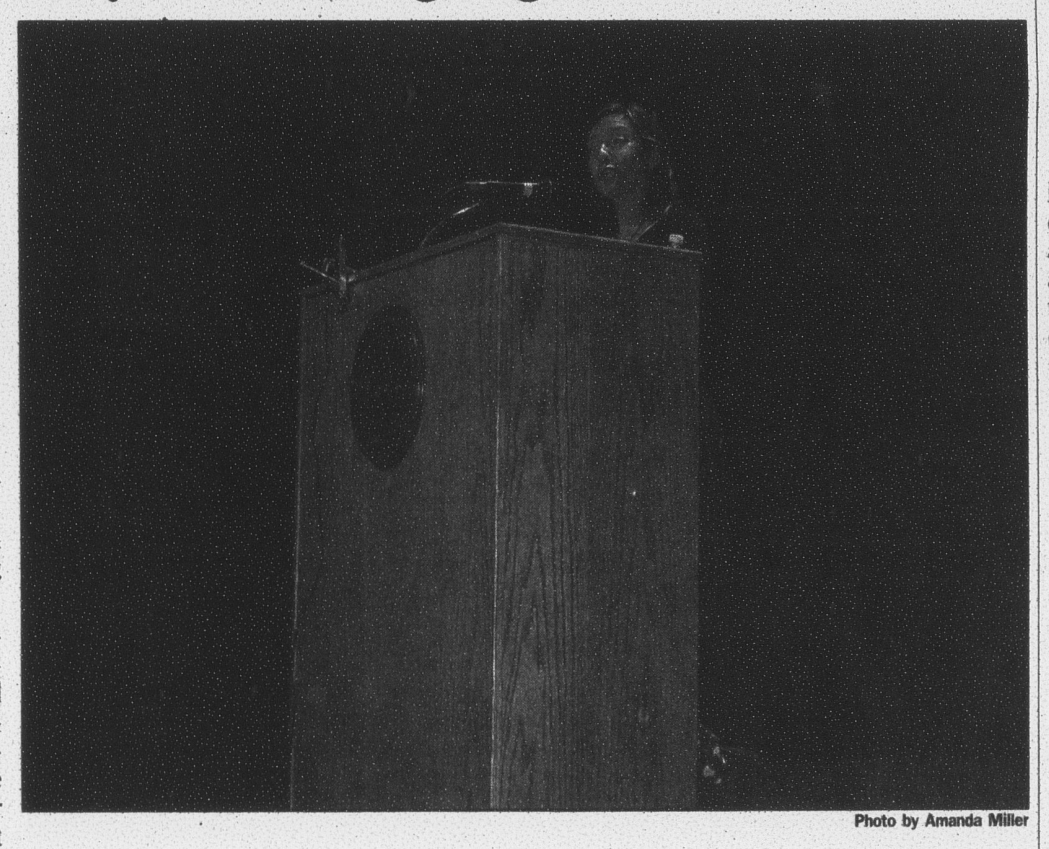
Photo by Amanda Miller

She has written five books that include: "One of Us: Conjoined Twins and the Future of Normal" and "Hermaphrodites and the Medical Invention of Sex."

More than 300 people attended Dreger's speech to hear her discuss her research and efforts to change current unethical medical practices concerning those with intersex, dwarfism, and conjoinment.

"A book about conjoined twins will at some level change the way you think about stuff," Dreger said. "Think about the ways in which these stories end up scripting your life."

All incoming freshmen are required to read a novel for inquiry classes; this year, Student Affairs and the Inquiry program chose Lori Lansens's "The Girls." Following the lives of the world's longest living craniopagus conjoined twins, joined at the head, Ruby and Rose lead normal lives.

They attend school, work at a library, and discover their own individual talents. Rose learns of her writing talent and begins writing the biography of her unusual life.

This novel acts as an introduction to the school's co-curriculum and encourages critical thinking.

Back to the stone age

By Derek Deremer
Staff Writer

Professor Keith Corso assigned his Electronic Communications class to stop using electronic, recreational forms of technology, such as social networking Web sites and text messaging for one week in order for the students to gain an appreciation for the vast amount of technology that keeps us in touch.

In the past, Corso had his students simply note the technology in their lives, but he believed they were not receiving a complete understanding for tools that allow one another to communicate.

"I hoped each student would come to a personal revelation on how they use technology," Corso said.

He was not sure the precise revelation each student should have, but he or she should end the technological fast with more appreciation derived from its deprivation.

The student reaction to the assignment was mixed. Corso believes many students tried their best to follow the instructions of the assignment.

-No logging on to Facebook (or other social network sites or community sites) for the five days.

-No text messaging for five days.

-No instant messaging in any way for five days.

-Only answer essential e-mails to college- related business.

-Keep cell phone communication to a minimum

Students found the assignment to be a challenge. Senior Marisa Monahan was originally concerned with whether or not she could adhere to the rules.

"When he first told us about the assignment in class, my mouth literally dropped," Monahan said. "I immediately raised my hand and asked if it was going to be over the weekend or during the week,"

After fulfilling the requirements, Monahan better understood the purpose of the assignment.

"It did have meaning behind it and really pointed out how much our society relies on technology for communication purposes," Monahan said.

You have one assignment. No Facebook creeping. No texting your boyfriend. No continuing e-mail chains so you don't have bad luck for the next seven years. None of this is allowed for one week.
Think you can handle it?

Photos by Derek Deremer

The music department presented a commemorative concert Sept. 11, 2008 in Orr Auditorium. Kathryn D. Miller, College organist; Dr. Daniel Perttu, assistant professor of music; the Chamber Singers under the direction of Dr. Robin Lind, associate professor of music; Dr. Nancy DeSalvo, associate professor and chair of the Department of Music; Jim Flowers, adjunct music faculty; William Ambert, adjunct instructor of voice; and Bentz lended their musical talents to honor the seventh anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Campus News

Making waste useful

Field Station and Sierra Student Coalition take charge of compost project

By Lizz Ward
Campus Writer

Don't mourn for that half-eaten hamburger, barely-used paper napkin, or apple core; they have gone on to a better place.

That place might be a plant, a garden, or a whole tree nursery. When garbage leaves the TUB, it does not go to a landfill; it goes to the Field Station, near the Bio Trail. There, after a short process, what was once trash is now a useful resource: compost. This is part of a combined effort from the Field Station and the Sierra Student Coalition to limit waste.

When garbage first arrives, the Field Station Director separates bottles and cans as to be recycled, and plastics and metals to be discarded. He keeps food waste, paper products, and other biodegradable items, which then go through a short but fascinating process.

"The early stages of composting are not very pleasant," Field Station Director Clarence Harms said. "They [the early compost stages] may look funny, or even smell a bit."

A tractor brings the garbage away from the Field Station to dump into a pile and cover with stable waste – straw and manure. Workers mix in shredded paper, wood chips that local tree cutters haul in, raked leaves, and pond weed from Brittain Lake. The mixture sits for at least two weeks as bugs and microorganisms digest and decompose the food waste.

The new material then moves from the pile into long rows. A rototiller runs up the rows regularly, churning the mixture to bring in oxygen. After four months, the mixture goes through a machine which removes rocks and breaks down any large chunks. Finally, the resulting material is officially compost–a dark brown, dirt-like substance made up entirely of organic materials and high in nutrients. Harms explained that about 200 tons of compost material are produced in a year, most of which would have gone into a landfill.

The new compost can now go to one of four places. The top priority is any planting at the Field Station, particularly at the tree nursery. These trees are later planted at the Field Station, on campus, or in town. Second, the compost fertilizes the plants and gardens all across the campus. Third, the Field Station sells portions of compost to people in the area at a low rate. Finally, they give some away to the Borough, which uses it around town, including in the hanging flower baskets on Market Street.

"It's a community as well as a college project," Harms said.

Composting at the Field Station began three years ago, when a $90,000 state grant allowed the school to buy equipment and start the program. Until now, all of the waste for the process came from McGinness. Monthly, that alone brought in about 1,500 pounds of food waste. Harms had to push to get waste from the TUB as well, and this semester that finally happened.

At first, the results weren't impressive. The amounts of compostable and non-compostable material in each can were about equal. A week or so into the semester, however, this improved, as more and more students noticed the signs.

"It seems people are paying a lot more attention now," SSC President Leslie Bollibon said. She mentioned that the SSC will soon put up new signs to make it clearer to students what items go in each can.

"It is a project that colleges need to do," Harms said. "It is the right thing to do."

It also teaches students to be aware of their effects the environment. Composting keeps reusable organic materials out of landfills. The project encourages volunteering as well. On Fridays, student volunteers walk out to the Field Station and enjoy an afternoon of sorting and moving materials for composting.

The Field Station and the SSC want students to get involved, and it isn't hard. "We're doing it," Harms said. "They can help by paying a little more attention to what they throw away and don't throw away."

Ideally, everyone would notice the signs and place their trash in the appropriate places.

"It's another step in trying to make the campus greener," Bollibon said. With continued success and increased awareness, the composting at the Field Station should continue for many more years.

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Campus welcomes international students

Students bring a bit of Ireland and Korea to campus

By Laura Henry
Staff Writer

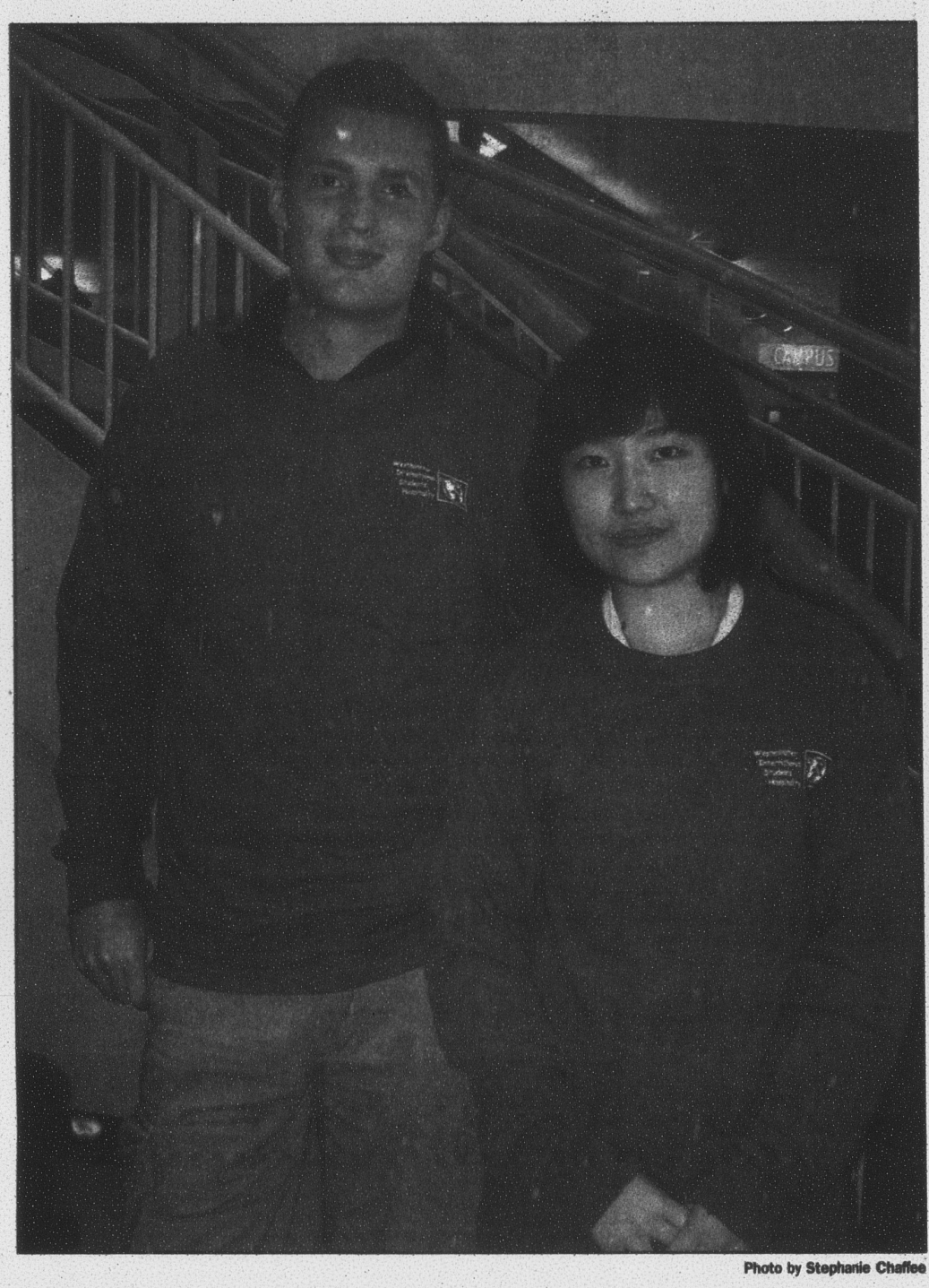


Photo by Stephanie Chaffee

Christopher Purce and Hyeeun Yeo sport their new shirts while mingleing with members of W.I.S.H. (Westminster International Student Hospitality), a group of students and faculty devoted to welcoming foreign students.

The entire campus extended a warm welcome to this year's international students, Christopher Purce and Hyeeun Yeo.

Both eager to visit America, Purce and Yeo traveled a great distance to attend our college leaving their home, family, and friends behind. Purce is a business and marketing major, formerly studying at the University of Ulster in Belfast, Ireland. Purce arrived to our campus through the Business Education Initiative. The BEI is an exchange program where Purce had to apply and undergo a vigorous selection process before his acceptance.

Yeo also arrived to campus through a similar exchange program, in which one or two students arrive on campus annually and some of our students attend Yonsei University, in Seoul, South Korea, where Yeo formerly studied. Yeo is a junior mass communications major.

Prior to her program acceptance Yeo took the Test of English as a Foreign Language to ensure she was fluent in English and was able to understand and learn from English lectures. Secretary of Academic Affairs Doreen Matune is actively involved in W.I.S.H, Westminster International Student Hospitality, and enjoys working with the international students.

"The exchange program is the best thing that could happen on this campus," Matune said. "We are really fortunate to get quality students. Everyone benefits from the exposure of the culture, both ours and theirs. I really love this program."

Many differences arise between Purce's and Yeo's previous homes and here. Both students feel that the classes here are much smaller and provide more interaction with their peers and professors. Back home Purce and Yeo attended lectures of 200 or more students, so a class of 20 is a significant transition.

"It is nice to be able to participate in class," Yeo said. "It is also nice to get personal attention from the professors, who actually know your name."

Yeo explained the major difference in culture is the language. In Korea, Yeo is accustomed to speak with a strict courtesy. Korean language involves specific expressions when speaking to elders or professors. There is a higher degree of respect in Korea. Not only is language a respectful characteristic, but students do not eat or drink in class because it is disruptive and disrespectful.

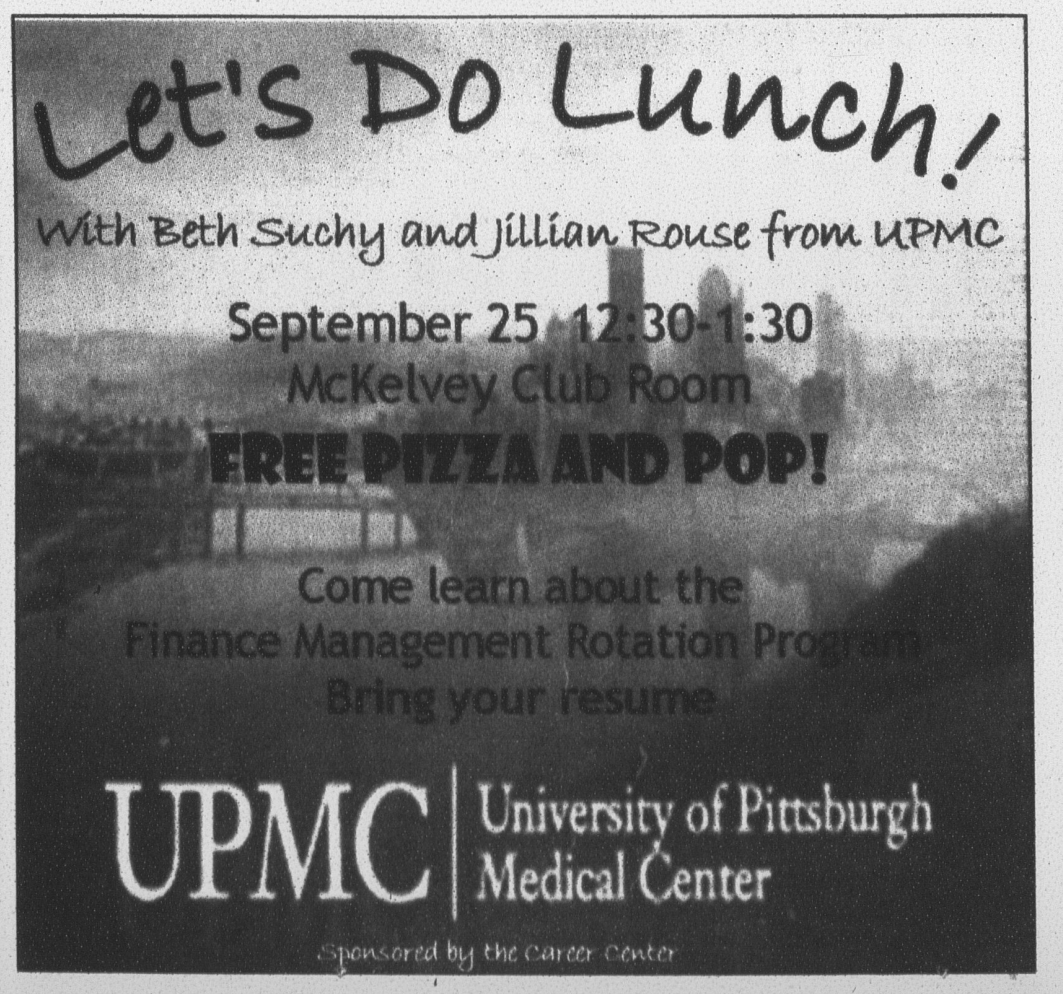
Out of respect for the professors, students also take off their hats. Even though Yeo is accustomed to Korean language she enjoys American expressions. Yeo also likes the simplicity of our campus as compared to the busyness of Yonsei.

"At home it's always so busy all of the time" Yeo said. "There are so many cars and people sometimes it's even hard for me to walk straight because it's so crowded. I really like the calm and cozy mood here. There is a real comfortable feeling with nature and fresh air."

After her stay here and graduation at Seoul, Yeo hopes to gain a promising career in broadcast communications as a producer at a broadcasting station. Purce also has plans for success and hopes to one day own a business.

"I chose business as my major because I like to learn about business," Purce said. "I need a business mind to one day start one up myself, but before all that I would like to travel the world. I want to see the rest of the world before I settle down."

After several weeks of getting to know the campus Purce and Yeo are no longer just international students, but part of our college family.



Titans win home opener

Football defeats Allegheny 6-2 on new turf

By Andrew Kubincanek
Sports Writer

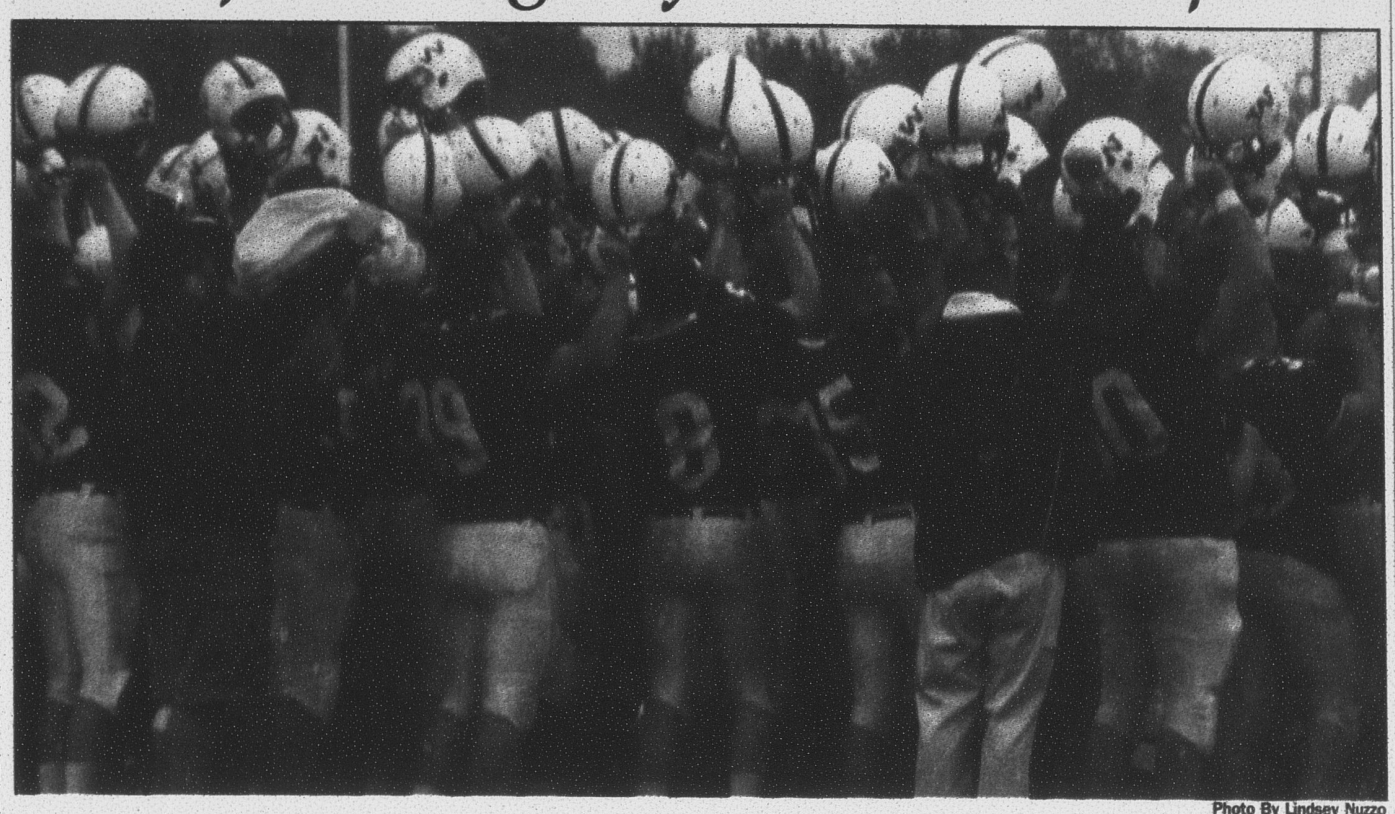


Photo By Lindsey Nuzzo

The Titans raise their helmets to the crowd after defeating Allegheny 6-2 during their first home game of the season on Saturday, September 13. Fans endured constant rain and wore white to support the home team.

The Titans defeated Allegheny in a low-scoring home opener on Sept.13 following a season-opening loss to Heidelberg the previous Saturday.

Despite the 62-27 loss to Heidelberg on Sept. 6, the Titans rebounded against Allegheny with a win and the unusual score of 6-2. Partially due to heavy wind and rain, the game remained scoreless until the final eight minutes. Allegheny took a 2-0 lead with a safety after an errant snap from a Westminster punt attempt went into the end zone. With 7:35 left, the Titans began an eight play, 79 yard drive. On a third and 5 from the Allegheny 41, junior quarterback Kevin Franz connected with junior tight end Gary Hutsler for a 25-yard reception. The Titans scored on a 1-yard touchdown run by junior tailback Nick McKolosky. The extra point attempt was unsuccessful leaving the score at 6-2. After falling behind, Allegheny drove to the Westminster 16 yard line but turned the ball over on downs.

"Saturday was a great day for the entire Westminster campus and the team was excited to purge the thoughts of the overnight trip to Heidelberg with a team victory," Head Coach Jeff Hand said.

Heidelberg outpaced Westminster in the Titans' season opener. By the second quarter, the Titans were down 21-0 and Heidelberg would go on to score six more touchdowns. Westminster's first points came in the third quarter after a field goal by junior Fred Romeo. Regardless of three more touchdowns and a late field goal, the Titans finished with a 35-point deficit.

Heidelberg rushed 34 times for 261 yards and threw 23 times for 335 yards. Westminster quarterback Franz had 202 yards in 21 completions making him the fifth quarterback in school history to throw for 4,000 yards. Freshman quarterback Shawn Lehocky got 29 yards in 6-of-15 passes and also ran six times for 29 yards. McKolosky collected 63 yards in 21 rushes.

Against Allegheny, Franz was 25-of-40 for 251 passing yards. It was his seventh career game with over 250 yards and he is currently fourth in Westminster career passing yards with 4,340. Franz was named Titan Athlete of the Week for his performance. McKolosky got his second touchdown of the season after 29 plays and 86 yards. The Titans had 296 yards overall while the defense held Allegheny to 209 and only 12 first downs.

The game against Allegheny was also the inaugural game for the renovated Burry Stadium. Due to rain, the school held the dedication ceremony inside the field house at 10:30 a.m. The ceremony was held for the field as well as the newly built Jerry C. Neff entrance and the Joseph B. Fusco Plaza. The field is now artificial turf for the first time since it opened in 1950. As part of the reopening celebration, SGA handed out free shirts to all Westminster students for a proposed whiteout. Many fans did attend in spite of the rain.

"The team takes pride in playing in front of the home crowd and winning the home opener will hopefully help secure more support for the remaining home games," Hand said.

The Titans' third game will be at home against Saint Vincent at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20. Their last meeting resulted in a 48-7 win for Westminster. However, Hand recognizes that they are still a competitive opponent.

Volleyball fights violence by hosting tournament

By Corey Kendall
Sports Writer

It is always great to watch sports teams play well and win games, but it is even better to watch a team doing good both on and off the court.

That is just what the Lady Titan Volleyball team did this past weekend as they hosted the Volley Against Violence Tournament at the Buzz Ridl Gymnasium.

Volley Against Violence is a tournament that the volleyball team started about five years ago. The whole team wanted to do some good for the community. So, they decided to hold a tournament and give all the donations and proceeds to the Lawrence County Women's Shelter.

At first they didn't do so well, but the Lady Titans tried just as hard off the court as they did on the court.

"I think that we raised like $30 the first year," said head coach Tammy Swearingen, "But last year we donated over $700 and this year we almost hit $900."

On Friday, Sept. 12, the Volley Against Violence Tournament began with the Lady Titans taking on Muskingum. Westminster was able to win the first game with a score of 25-23 but Muskingum came back, winning the next two with scores of 17-25 and 19-25 respectively.

This didn't discourage the Lady Titans however. They returned to the court, winning the next to games with score of 25-22 and 15-13, making them victorious over Muskingum with an overall score of 3-2.

"Last year we lost to them twice," said senior Traci Hassell. "So it was amazing to beat them this year."

After the Victory over Muskingum, the Lady Titans moved on to play Capital. The ladies fell to Capital with a score of 3-0. They did give Capital a run for their money however. The first game ended with a score of 23-25 while the second game went back and forth before ending with a score of 29-31. The final game score was 25-17.

"Even though we lost in three, the first two games we played extremely well," said Hassell.

On the following day of the tournament, the Titans took on Mount Union. Just as with Capital, the ladies held a very competitive match. The game score were 22-25, 19-25 and 24-26.

"Last year we struggled to score 15 points against them," Swearingen said. "We are definitely moving forward."

To prove that they were indeed moving forward, the Lady Titans tacked up a win in their following match against Georgian.

"We played well against them and it gave us a chance to get some of the younger players some playing time," Hassell said.

The Lady Titans were able to defeat Georgian in three games with scores of 25-21, 25-16, and 25-14 respectively.

After the tournament the Lady Titans travelled to Washington and Jefferson on Wednesday, Sept. 17, for a three -team matchup against PAC opponent W&J and non-conference foe, Geneva.

The Lady Titans were able to win its first PAC matchup with an overall score of 3-2 and individual game score of 25-16, 20-25, 25-15, 17-25, 15-12. After the big win, the Lady Titans fell to Geneva with and overall score of 3-1 and games score of 25-21, 27-25, 19-25, 24-26.

The Lady Titans will return to action on Saturday, Sept. 20 against Bethany.

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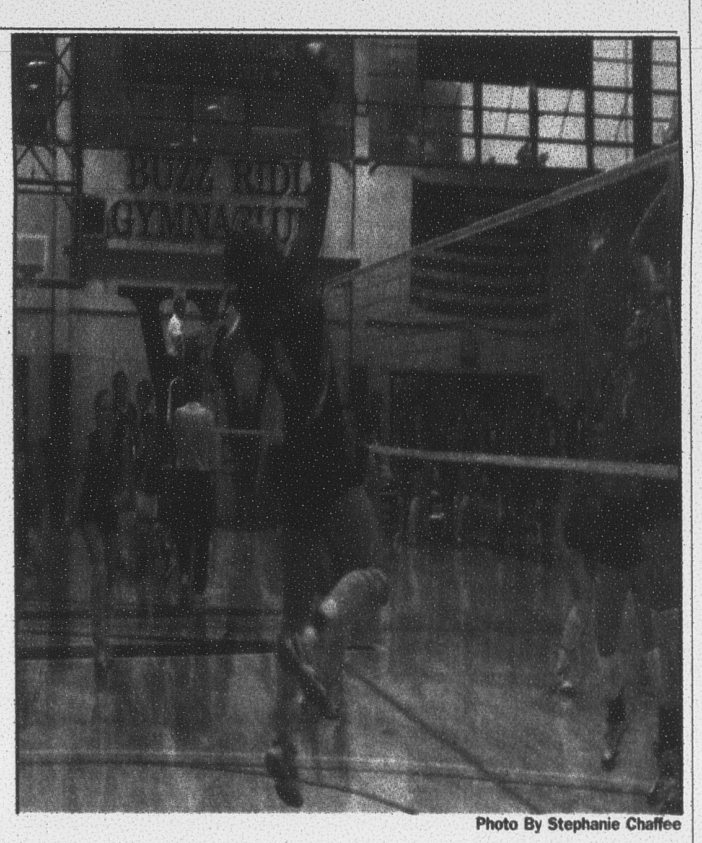

Photo By Stephanie Chaffee

The Lady Titans volleyball team hosted the Volley Against Violence tournament on Saturday, September 13. They raised almost $900 in proceeds, which will be donated to the Lawrence County Women's Shelter.

Titans improves at Behrend Invitational

Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

The men's and women's cross country teams traveled to Penn State Behrend Saturday, Sept. 13 and competed in the Behrend Invitational.

The men's team scored 154 points placing fifth out of 15 teams and the women's team scored 184 points placing seventh out of 16 teams.

"The team did amazing," freshman Morgan Hanes said. "The majority of the team improved on their times by a large margin. Everyone is showing great promise very early in the season."

Hanes completed the course with a 10th place time of 28:15.45. Junior Jeremiah Patterson placed 29th with a time of 29:47.25 followed by Hunter who placed 32nd with a time of 30:09.05.

"I'm pleased with my personal performance," Patterson said. "I was able to pace better per mile and felt physically stronger. But there's always room for improvement, so I'm excited to see what the season will bring."

Junior Elizabeth Beardsley led the Titan women with a 13th place time of 20:53.50. Sophomore Jasmine Grady placed 38th (22:00.10) and junior Amanda Everett followed in 39th (22:00.75).

"Our team ran very well," Beardsley said. "Most of us had personal records and our average team time was faster than last year at this same meet."

Overall, Mount Union won for the men, while Gannon won for the women. Individually, Mount Union's Dustin Ford placed first for the men with a time of 27:14.95 and Mercyhurst's Christie Turak placed first for the women crossing the tape at 18:32.10.

The cross country teams travel to Saint Vincent Saturday, Sept. 27 to compete in the Saint Vincent Invitational.

"Week by week we want to improve on our times," Hunter said. "We want to build confidence, both individually and as a team. At Saint Vincent, we want to be competitive and remain healthy."

Upcoming Athletic Events

Friday:
Women's Tennis v. Washington and Jefferson

Saturday:
Women's Golf @ Mercyhurst Invitational
Volleyball v. Bethany
Football v. Saint Vincent
Men's Soccer v. Carnegie Mellon

Sunday:
Men's Golf @ Allegheny Invitational
Women's Golf @Mercyhurst Invitational
Women's Tennis v. Saint Vincent

Monday:
Men's Golf @ Allegheny Invitational

Tuesday:
Men's Soccer V. Penn State-Beaver

Wednesday:
Women's Soccer @ La Roche
Women's Tennis @ Bethany
Volleyball v. Waynesburg

Friday:
Women's Tennis v. Penn State-Behrend

We, The Fickle Fans

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

What do Terrell Owens, Manny Ramirez, and Milton Bradley have in common?

The answer to this riddle is that all of these players have left previous teams due to poor behavior or conduct towards their own teammates. Not only is this a common thread, but the other similarity is that when each of these players moved on to his new team he was welcomed and embraced by fans and teammates.

Terrell Owens' time in Philadelphia is remembered not by the number of touchdowns he caught, but rather by the sideline feuds he would often engage in with head coach Andy Reid and quarterback Donovan McNabb. When it finally reached the point of no return, the Eagles sat Owens out for the remainder of the season and eventually sent him to Dallas in the offseason.

When T.O. came to Dallas, he was embraced by fans and players. The man referred to by some as Team Obliterator was a key cog in the Cowboys resurgence. Owens, now entering his third season with the Cowboys, is a fan favorite and regarded as a team player by his coaches and teammates.

More recently, Manny Ramirez wore out his welcome with the Boston Red Sox and was sent packing en route to Los Angeles. Whether he's addressed as Manny Being Manny or Man-Ram, Ramirez has batted .401 with 14 homeruns and 44 RBI since joining the Dodgers.

Before Ramirez arrived on the scene, the Dodgers were one game under .500 and fading fast in the NL West race. Currently, the Dodgers are virtually a lock to win the NL West and make the playoffs largely because of the gap Manny fills in the middle of the order.

Finally, there is Milton Bradley, who is now on his sixth team in eight seasons. Bradley has been a clubhouse cancer during every stop in his career. Now with Texas, Bradley and his .324 batting average are embraced by coaches, teammates and fans.

As one Sports Nation, we must ask ourselves why we are so fickle. Why, when troublemakers go from one team to the next are they so loved and embraced? The answer is because Sports Nation has become a culture where the ideal of winning trumps the ideal of the individual's character.

As for myself, I am guilty as charged. Being a Cowboys fan, I must admit that I cheer when T.O. catches a touchdown even though I cannot stand rooting for Owens.

Look at Manny in Los Angeles. The Dodger fans do not care that Manny argued with his Red Sox teammates, disappeared into the Green Monster when relief pitchers were warming up, and made absent minded plays in the field. No, all they care about is that there team is heading to the postseason almost solely because of Manny's bat.

It absolutely amazes me how as fans, we view a players character based on performance. What if Milton Bradley does not bat .324 and instead hits .223, like he did in 2001. Then what would Rangers' fans be saying? The same can be said for Manny. If Manny bats .275 with the Dodgers and they miss the postseason, Dodger fans are saying, "No wonder Boston got rid of this bum."

I often wonder, if Tony Romo does not storm onto the scene and Owens does not catch a plethora of touchdowns, is Dallas still referring to him as T.O. or Team Obliterator? No matter what the answers are to all of these questions, one thing is for sure, we the fans are becoming a fickle group of people.

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Sports

Women's soccer defeats rival Penn State-Behrend

By Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

The women's soccer team defeated Penn State-Behrend Saturday, Sept. 13 and then suffered a loss against Allegheny Tuesday, Sept. 16 bringing their overall record to 4-2-1.

The Titans traveled to Penn State-Behrend where they defeated the Lions 2-1. Sophomore Sarah Nee scored the Titans' first goal in the second minute.

"The overall performance was very successful," Nee said. "There were a lot of great aspects that we brought to the game–team work, confidence, and most of all energy. We were pumped and ready to play and we knew what we had to do to get the win."

Although the Lions countered with a goal by Jaclyn Stottlemyer in the 55th minute, senior Christina Adams secured the Titans' win with a goal on an assist from freshman Samantha Killmeyer.

The Titans held an 18-8 shot advantage over the Lions.

"In my four years of playing Westminster Soccer, this was the first time we beat Penn State-Behrend and we were so pumped," senior Abby Montgomery said. "After they scored their first goal, we fought back to score the winning goal. It was a great display of our determination and stamina."

The Titans traveled to Allegheny and absorbed a 2-1 loss in overtime at the Gators' home opener.

Killmeyer scored on an assist from Nee in the second period, but the Gators answered with a goal sending the game into overtime. Becky Arndt of Allegheny scored the game-winner in the 95th minute.

"Since we are a young team, the beginning of the season was rocky, but we have already come so far," senior Jessi Losteter said. "We have learned and achieved so much and we're not even half way through the season yet. We are on the road to success and we cannot wait for our conference games to begin."

The Titans return to action Wednesday, Sept. 24 when they travel to compete with non-conference La Roche.

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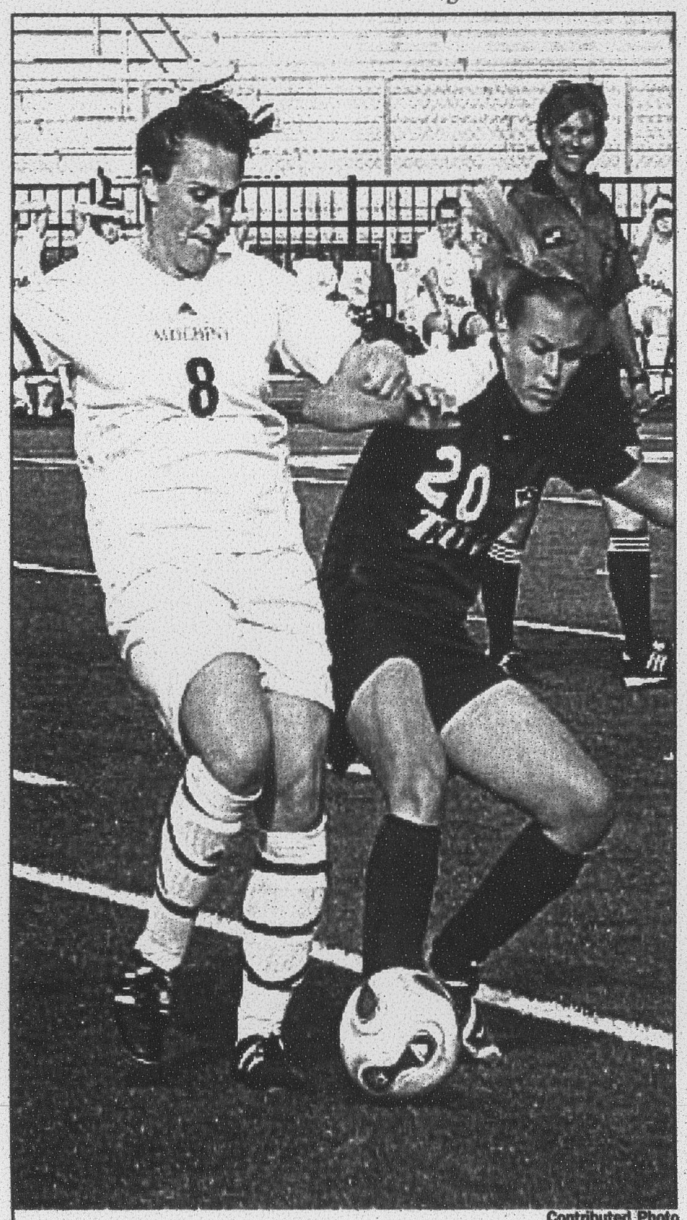

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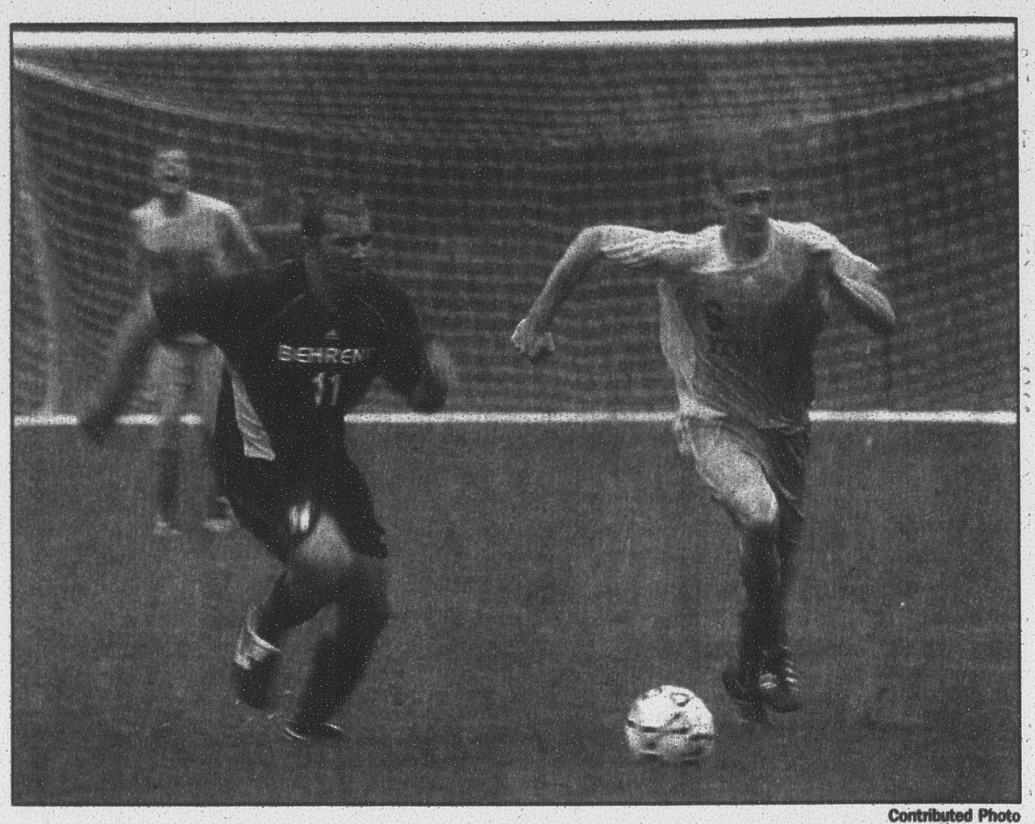
Lady Titans forward, Senior Christina Adams, fights to win the ball from Allegheny. The Lady Titans tied 1-1 in regulation but lost in overtime.

Men's soccer boosts record

Titans Beat Pitt-Greensburg, 3-0, and Penn State-Behrend, 2-1



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Freshmen James Gross, Titans mid-fielder, races to win the ball Saturday 13 as the Titans defeated the Lions of Penn State- Behrend

By Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

The men's soccer team boosted their record to 5-2 after non-conference wins against Pitt-Greensburg and Penn State-Behrend on Friday, Sept. 12 and Saturday, Sept. 13.

Senior Justin Rivas scored the first goal on an assist by junior Brice Lott in the 3-0 shut out at Pitt-Greensburg. The Bobcats fell to 2-2-0 on the season.

"We played very well against Pitt-Greensburg," Rivas said. "We finished our chances and played solid defense."

Freshman Coty Hainsey scored his fourth goal of the season on an assist from senior Garrett Horvath and junior Ian Hill scored on an assist from freshman Jake Huey to confirm the win.

Overall, the Titans out-shot the Bobcats 15-8. Sophomores Mike Codita and Lance Leathers had three and two saves, respectively.

Horvath led the Titans to their 2-1 win at Penn State-Behrend with two goals in the first half. Junior Jarred Smeltzer assisted on Horvath's team-leading fourth and fifth goals of the season.

Despite the Lions out-shooting the Titans 14-8, Codita made eight saves to secure the win.

"The Behrend game was kind of a hidden rivalry game," Codita said. "It was a dog fight until the last second and I couldn't begin to tell you the heart that we showed on the field. Coaches preach on a constant basis to leave it all out on the field and we gave everything we had to walk away with in a huge win."

The Titans return to the field Saturday, Sept. 20 when they host Carnegie Mellon (4-0-1).

"Carnegie is always a tough team; they are not a team to underestimate," Hill said. "We just need to play together and work hard, that is always our goal."

Tennis keeps PAC championship in mind

By Brad Meehan
Campus Writer

The Women's Tennis Team began the season with its best start since 1986 and this past week they posted a shutout before eventually losing to Division II Clarion.

After suffering its first defeat of the season, the Lady Titans bounced back on Thursday, Sept. 11 by defeating Chatham College 9-0. The win earned the team its second PAC victory. In singles action April Scudere, Andrea Redhair, Hilary Newman, Dana Griesmer, Natalie Hruska, and Rachel Jack won their matches.

To go along with the wins in singles play, the double matches were equally as impressive as the tandems of Redhair/Lauren Latinovich, Scudere/Newman and Jack/Beth Erwin each won as well.

"We had a hard match as a team against Allegheny and if a few balls bounced our way the outcome may have been in our favor," junior Hilary Newman said. "We knew we had to respond with confidence and get a win against Chatham, especially because it was a conference match."

The team faced a very tough opponent in Clarion on Tuesday, Sept. 16. The Lady Titans came out strong before eventually falling 6-3. In singles action Newman and Hruska were the only two winners and on the double side Jack/Irwin were able to come out on top for the team's third and final victory of the day. Fortunately enough, it was a non-conference match and the Lady Titans conference record was not blemished.

Coach Renninger described this year's team as "enthusiastic" and "fairly strong." He also said the overall work ethic has paid off because the team has established a sense of confidence, never doubting its ability to win.

The only two losses the team has this season were in non-conference action. Currently, The Lady Titans are at the top of the PAC with a 5-2 overall record and a 2-0 conference record. They realize it is very early in the season and nothing is guaranteed.

"We know it is going to be tough to keep this momentum going all season and we also understand we are not going to shut out all of our opponents either," Hruska said. "We just have to keep aiming toward our goal of a PAC Championship one step at a time."

The Lady Titans will take their next step today when they host rival Washington and Jefferson at 4 p.m.

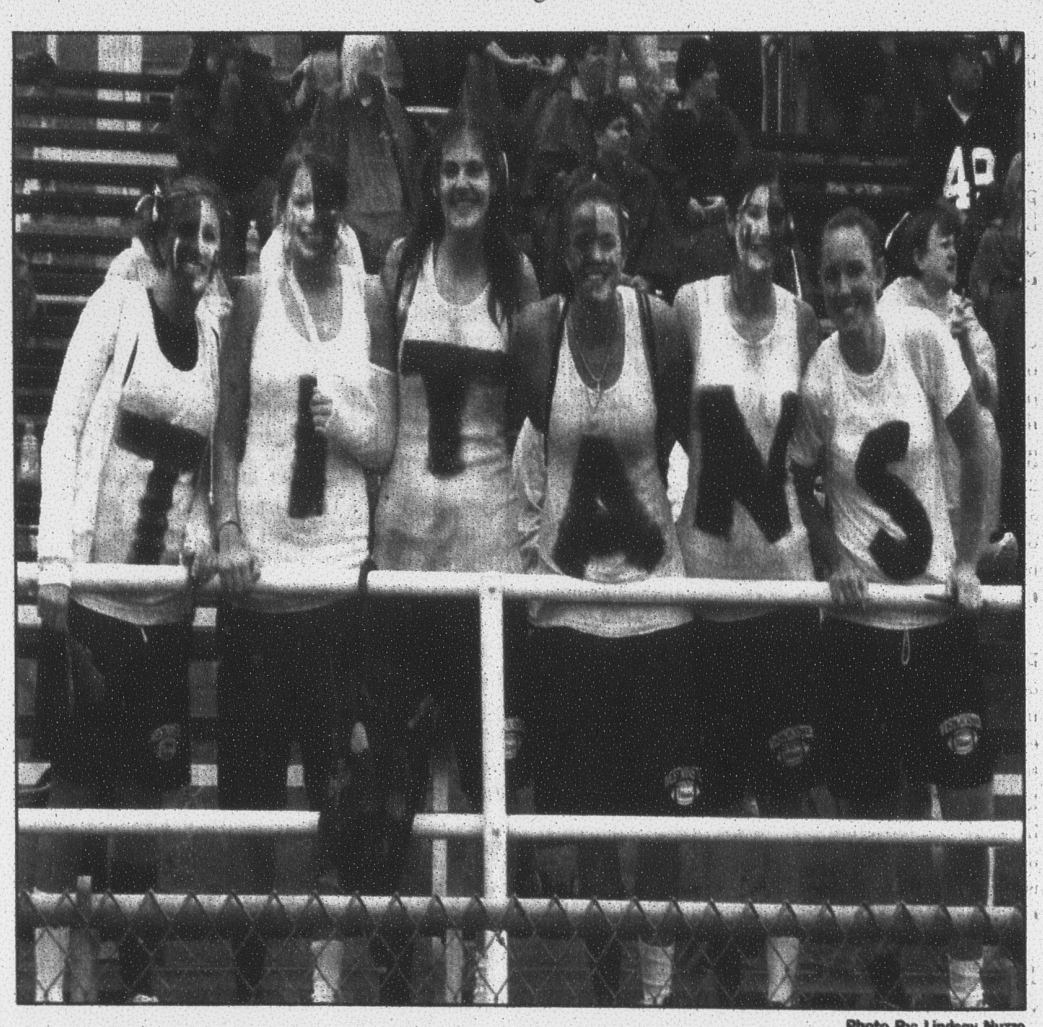
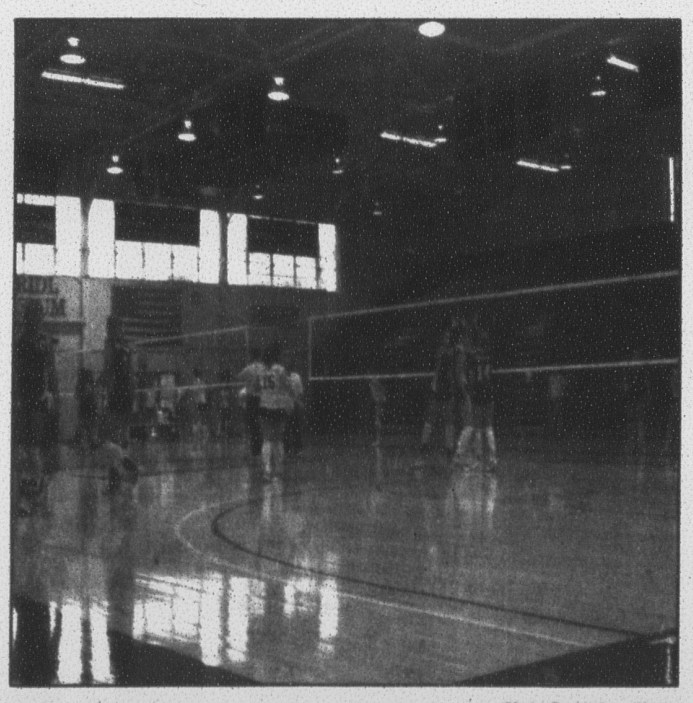


Photo By: Lindsey Nuzzo

The rain can't keep them away

Krista Bittengle, Kayla Watson, Rosann Hindman, Ashley Zemba, Katherine Khattab and Gina Brunetti, decked out in blue and white paint, brave the weather to cheer on the football team.

Snapshots from Volley Against Violence Volleyball Tournament



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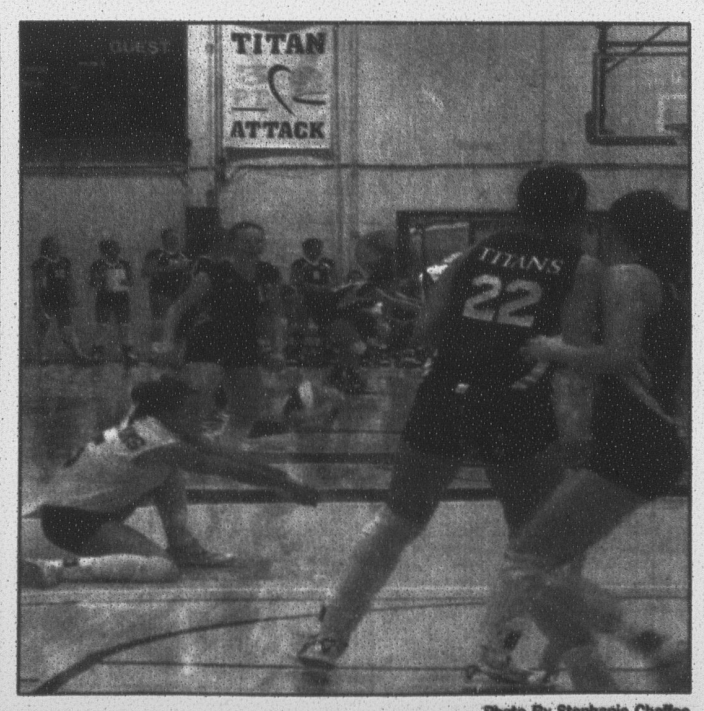

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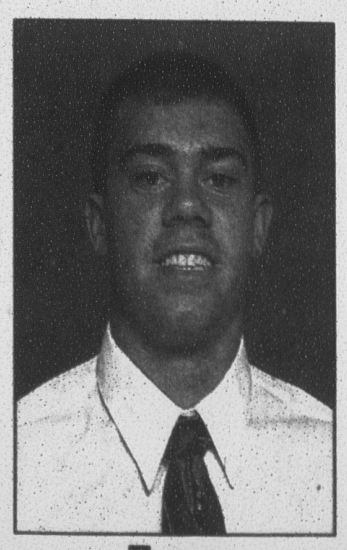
Titan Athletic honors

SAAC Athlete of the week



Franz

Junior football player Kevin Franz has been named the SAAC Titan Athlete of the Week, as voted on by members of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) for the week of Sept. 9-15.

Franz threw for 251 yards on 25-40 passing in the Titan's 6-2 win over Allegheny, including completions of 33 and 25 yards during the Titans' game-winning 8-play, 79-yard touchdown drive.

This is Fraz's third year as starting quarterback.

He is currently ranked fourth in team history in passing yards and second in pass completions and attempts.

CALENDAR

Friday, September 19, 2008

10:00 AM Campus MInistry Team Meeting (MCC 352 Wile Conference Room)

11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

11:45 AM Alpha Phi Omega Exec. Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Conference Room)

12:15 PM Constitution Day: Activity-Based Lecture About the Electoral College (MCC Mueller Theater)

3:00 PM Diversity Symposium Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Conference Room)

3:30 PM WOMEN'S TENNIS v. Washington & Jefferson*

5:45 PM College Democrats Meeting (MCC 255 Wesiel Conference Room)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Incredible Hulk (MCC Mueller Theater)

Saturday, September 20, 2008

9:00 AM Women's Golf @ Mercyhurst Invitational

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Athletics/Football Visitation Day (MCC MUeller Theater)

11:00 AM VOLLEYBALL v. Bethany*

1:30 PM FOOTBALL v. Saint Vincent

2:00 PM MEN'S SOCCER v. Carnegie Mellon

7:00 PM Marching Band Festival (Burry Stadium)

7:00 PM Mass (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Wanted (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: The Incredible Hulk (MCC Mueller Theater)

Sunday, September 21, 2008

TBA Men's Golf @ Allegheny Invitational

10:00 AM Women's Golf @ Mercyhurst Invitational

1:00 PM WOMEN'S TENNIS v. Saint Vincent

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Incredible Hulk (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:00 PM Vespers (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Wanted (MCC Mueller Theater

Monday, September 22, 2008

TBA Men's Golf @ Allegheny Invitational

11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

12:00 PM Holcad Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Conference Room)

4:15 PM Peace Studies Coffee House on Malawi (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:00 PM Green Party Meeting (MCC 352 Wile Conference Room)

7:30 PM Praise Team Practice (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night at Westminster (MCC Club/Lounge)

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

4:00 PM MEN'S SOCCER v. Penn State-Beaver

4:30 PM - 5:45 PM Political Science Panel of Westminster Graduates (MCC Berlin Lounge)

5:00 PM Chapel Staff Meeting (Old Main 213)

7:00 PM Jacob Erhardt International Film Series: Youth Without Youth (Romania, 2007) (MCC Mueller Theater)

8:00 PM BSU Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Conference Room)

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Climbing Wall Open (Memorial Field Houe)

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night at Westminster (MCC Club/Lounge)

9:30 PM Newman Club Meeting (MCC WItherspoon Maple)

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

11:40 AM See You at the Pole (Flag Pole in the Quad)

3:00 PM Women's Soccer @ La Roche

4:00 PM Women's Tennis @ Bethany

4:30 PM CPU Meeting (Patterson 311)

5:15 PM CPC Meeting (MCC Club)

6:00 PM Celebrity Series Pre-Show Buffet (Reservations Only) (MCC Witherspoon Rooms)

7:00 PM VOLLEYBALL v. Waynesburg*

7:00 PM International Cultures Club Meeting (MCC Berlin Lounge)

7:00 PM SGA Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:30 PM Celebrity Series: Neal Sedaka (Orr Auditorium)

9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship (MCC Berlin Lounge)

Thursday, September 25, 2008

12:30 PM Career Center Hosts "Let's Do Lunch" with UPMC (MCC Club)

12:45 PM IFC Meeting (Memorial Field House)

1:00 PM - 1:00 AM Sigma Phi Epsilon's Jump for Hope (Quad – Close to Browne Hall)

6:00 PM Habitat for Humanity Chapter Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

6:15 PM Japanese Anime Club (Thompson-Clark 210)

7:00 PM CPC Presents "The Listening Project" (MCC Witherspoon Rooms)

7:00 PM Gospel Choir (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

8:00 PM Allies Meeting (Thompson-Clark 314)

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Climbing Wall Open (Memorial Field House)

8:00 PM Newman Club Exec. Meeting (MCC 352 Wile Conference Room)

8:30 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting (NOTE LOCATION CHANGE) (MCC Berlin Lounge)

9:00 PM Lambda Sigma Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night at Westminster (MCC Club/Lounge)

Friday, September 26, 2008

Chapel-Sponsored All-Campus Retreat

SGA Day

11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

11:45 AM Alpha Phi Omega Exec. Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Conference Room)

1:00 PM - 1:00 AM Sigma Phi Epsilon's Jump for Hope (Quad – Close to Browne Hall)

4:00 PM WOMEN'S TENNIS v. Penn State-Behrend

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Kung Fu Panda (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (MCC Mueller Theater)

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

You've been trying to make something work, and it's just not jiving the way you'd like it to. Be willing to give up your current version of a happy ending. When you do, you'll discover there's an even better resolution in store. New people and experiences will help you get the perspective you need on this.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

It feels good to pour your heart out, but only if you're doing it with the right person. It turns out that the right person this week is probably you, in your own private journal. The revelations you come to will be truly illuminating; the process, extremely rewarding. The best part is, you'll only have yourself to praise/pay.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

You're so charming now, you can get to know anyone you want or need to know. There are lots of open invitations on the table throughout the week – you're both giving them and receiving them, and they mean very little. Make specific requests with a time and date attached. That's how new relationships really start.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

Relationships require so much practical attention that the original attraction gets buried somewhere under a stack of bills and your ever-growing to-do list. Remedy the situation by injecting some old-fashioned romance into the equation. This will require more thought and time than money, and is so worth it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

You've caught the travel bug. There's nothing like the wind in your hair while you whip down the highway or the roar of the jet engine as you take to the sky. If you can't make it happen just yet -- and chances are there are still a few months between you and your vacation -- the next best thing is to enjoy the planning.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

You're an overachiever in every area of your life, and it's time to cut yourself a break. There's a time to be No. 1 and a time to back off. In many battles, victory is fleeting. There's great peace to be experienced this week when you figure out the appropriate moments to take yourself out of the race and just be.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

Stress is a downer. It's made worse by your inner critic. But the good news is, if there are any nonproductive thoughts running through that tickertape in your head, you have the ability to replace them immediately with productive thoughts. The friendship you make with Pisces will help you in this endeavor.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

Resolve not to waffle in your decision-making process. There is absolutely no reason to act until you're compelled to. And when you do make a move, whichever way you go, do it without a doubt. Hesitation equals losing out. You're particularly instinctual and strong on Friday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

Your skills are sharp, you're energy is strong, and you know you can deliver. At first it may seem that no one needs what you're offering. This is your chance to be versatile. You'll profit from saying "yes" to something you know little about and then learning it on the fly. You're bright and capable. Believe it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

You think that at this stage in the game you've learned the ropes, you're doing your thing, and you shouldn't need a lot of guidance or cheerleading. So why do you want it? Everyone needs encouragement, including and especially you. Thursday you'll be acknowledged and accepted. Soak it in.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

It's easy to find fault. You're working harder to see the not-so-obvious beauty around you. Be generous in your assessment of others. The difficulty of a situation may cause people to act less than dignified. We're all just learning. The more compassion you can bring to others, the better you'll feel about yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

It's only natural for humans to silently keep track of who got in line first, who was last to return the call, who owes money, etc. At a certain point it becomes draining to even think about it. And it's probably a lot more fun to be generous, big-hearted and willing to let it all go. You gain much more for giving.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS:

In many ways you have felt like you're in transition, but that ends this year as you declare, "Here I am!" and commit fully to the moment. You notice more keenly what and whom you love, and you make sure to spend more of your time engaged with those activities and people. You'll entertain big and small groups through October and November. There's a windfall in December as one of your projects takes off. Family makes you proud in January. March is the most romantic.

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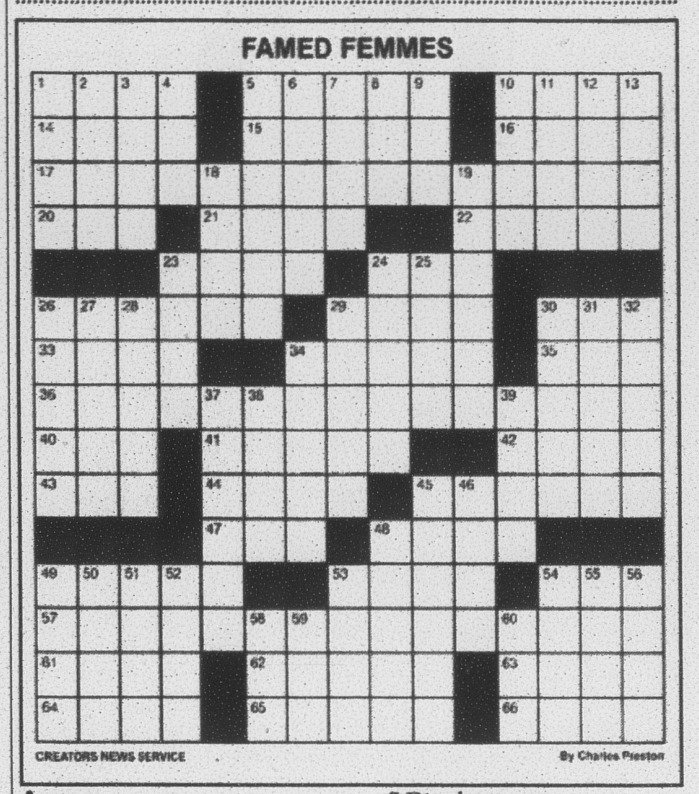

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CROSSWORD ANSWER

McKelvey Weekend Entertainment

Movies Playing at Mueller Theater

8:00 PM Friday 10:30 PM
10:30 PM Saturday 8:00 PM
3:00PM Sunday 9:00 PM

Movies provided by Club Room
Entertainment provided by CPC
Westminster ID's will be checked at all movies.
ID will admit you and one guest.
There is no charge; it's just for a count.

Late Night in the Club Room
Monday - 8 PM to 1 AM
Tuesday and Thursday - 9 PM to 1 AM

GOOD LUCK this weekend's home games!
Men's Soccer
Women's Volleyball
Football

Titans

Arts & Entertainment

Metallica still topping the charts

Chris Lehberger
A&E Editor

They say 30 is the new 20. If this philosophy rings with any truth, then Metallica, who are all in their mid-forties, are really in their thirties. And with the release of their ninth (yes, ninth) studio album, Death Magnetic, their said "youth" makes all the more sense.

Death Magnetic isn't a tiptoe through the tulips, or a sissy catalog of lullabying ballads and uber-slow "metal" jams. Instead, the band returns to their roots with maniacal riffs and some ripped-jeans attitude.

The album opens with "That Was Just Your Life", and like many of the spearhead bands of early metal, opens ominously with one lone guitar, slightly reverbed, before punching in heavily with cymbal smashes and crunching distortion. Before long, I realize that this is not the Metallica of the nineties, but a band returning to form with breakneck riffs and advanced arrangements. "The End of the Line" confirms this as well with its own riffage. And sheer riffage it is; riffage reminiscent of Ride The Lightning and *Master of Puppets*. In fact, the guitars stand so far above the rest of the elements that the only other notable element would be Hetfield's vocals, which under the proper production of Rick Rubin, sound quite pleasant. The drumming is a bore, of course, but then again, it always has been and will always be engrained in Metallica's identity.

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Nevertheless, "Broken, Beat, and Scarred" shows some swagger with hints of southern metal influence in a song that falls on the catchy side of things with a more repetitious pattern of arrangements and a verse that sings "breaking your teeth on the hard life a-coming." "The Day That Never Comes", however, is a snooze-fest and an adrenaline-raught free-for-all wrapped into one. The first half of the song is a melodious ballad, and unforgivenly boring. The second half, however, kicks up the rhythm and is soon locked into Ride The Lightning mode, full of grimacing riffs and solos. "All Nightmare Long" offers the most rampant and tiring arrangements of the whole album, while "The Judas Kiss" is dominated by a pattern of stress chords, introducing a more modern Metallica. "The Unforgiven III" begins with gentle piano, horns, and strings, but doesn't sound shoddy, marking the best ballad the band has written in years.

If you're a young one, or perhaps if you've only been exposed to the watered down Metallica of modern rock radio, then *Death Magnetic* may be a bit of a surprise for you. And for all you diehards who will never classify the band as a "dinosaur band" and still have *Master of Puppets* in regular rotation on your iPod, this album will be the glory you've been waiting almost 20 years for.

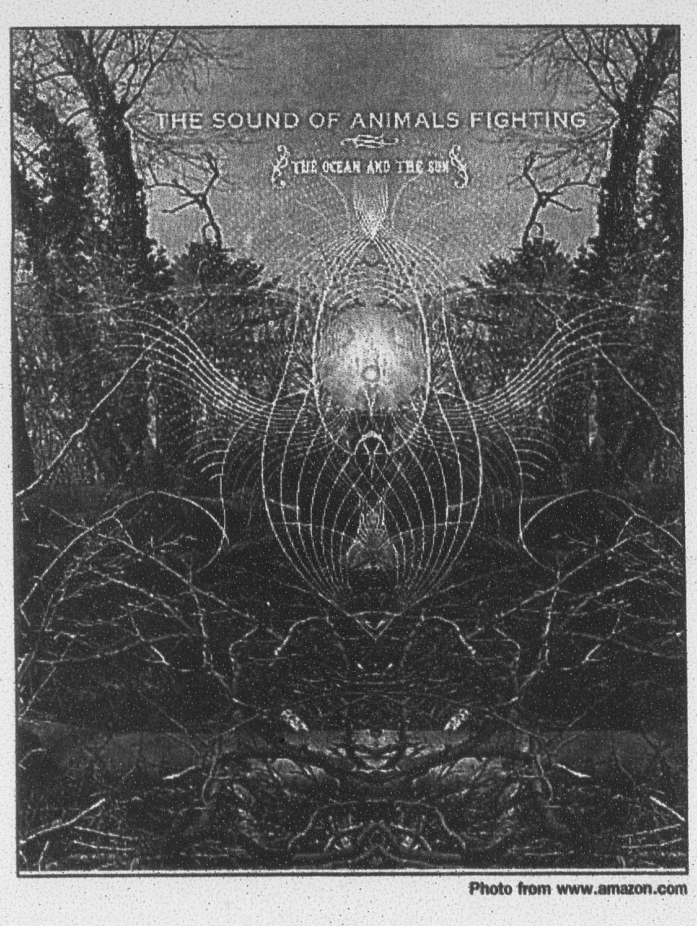
Photo From metallica.com

However, it is a not a rebirth. The band hasn't come up with some new ingenious formula for writing metal. Instead, they've understood what they have done the best and tried to imitate it: attitude, guitar riffs and ridiculous solos, and at times, power-ballads. But time changes everything, and with years upon years of technological advancements in music production and recording and personal journeys through various musical elements, Metallica have sprung forth on *Death Magnetic* with one of the best albums of their career, showcasing some of the best guitar work to date but tipping their hats down and walking with just enough swagger to show that they ain't dead just yet.

Chris is a Senior public relations major who's addicted to *LOST* and *the Office*, and despite being a writing minor, can't finish books. Or sing. At all.

Chris' Rating: ★★★★☆

The eerie sound of animals fighting



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By Max Muska
A&E Writer

How does the fighting of animals sound? I don't know, but The Sound of Animals Fighting creates some odd music.

The band consists of The Walrus, The Lynx, The Nightingale and The Skunk with various other animal friends contributing to songs. The band members and guests are all well-known musicians from bands like Rx Bandits, Circa Survive, Chiodos and The Autumns. The animal aliases are to take the focus off of the musicians and place it upon the music and the telling of the animals' stories.

The Ocean and the Sun is the band's third release and is their best work to date. I'm finding it rather difficult to choose aspects of the record on which to comment. There is much variation from track to track, but the album overall gives off, probably intentionally, a sense of uneasiness. This is not anger, fear, or sadness, but some fusion of the three that is very hard to describe. The intro track and some spoken parts of others are in a language, possibly Latin, which is unfamiliar to me.

All I can say is do not listen to this record if you are looking for something to improve your mood. You will likely be left in a far worse mood than you were in when you started listening.

Uneasiness aside, this album is impressive. The songwriting is complex at times but is also frequently very simple. A wide variety of instruments, voices, and eerie spoken interludes keep things interesting. One track is just a continuous loud noise with a faint voice in the background. Others include unintelligible screaming and even some chanting.

The Sound of Animals Fighting is classified as progressive rock, which has become a broad term in recent years. As far as I can tell, this band is called progressive because there is no genre to describe its sound. I hear elements of punk, emo, hardcore, jazz, electronica and many other genres all fused together in an awkwardly artistic way. This is definitely a band that people who enjoy obscure music will love because it is far from the norm of popular music.

I do not hear much sense of overall structure on this album. Usually an album loses points from me when I make this observation. But in this case, the record gets a higher rating because of the lack of structure. From an artistic standpoint, the wide range of emotions conveyed in each individual song would be much shorter if the musicians confined themselves to any sort of conventional structure. Each track is its own separate part of a chaotic whole.

I know I have not gone into much detail about this album. This is partially because I am at a loss for words to accurately describe it. More importantly, I have not described it in depth because I do not want to give too much away. There is no easy way to explain this music to someone who has never heard it. So go listen for yourself and find out why I am left almost speechless.

Photo from www.epitaph.com

Max's Rating: ★★★★☆

Conor Oberst goes solo

By Levi Sanchez
A&E Writer

Conor Oberst's self-titled debut paradoxically is and isn't another Bright Eyes album

I suspect many of you know, or first discovered, Conor Oberst from his band Bright Eyes. Songs like "First Day of My Life" and "Bowl of Oranges" may have even found their way onto mix tapes that you gave to your significant others (I know that's certainly the case with me). But Conor's come a long way since he wrote those enduring songs and recorded them on scratchy analogue equipment. His new self-titled debut, which inexplicably appears on Merge Records instead of his own label Saddle Creek, sounds like any other album recorded in the year 2008 (this may only be a problem for audiophiles like me).

If you've tracked Oberst's career, both with and without the Bright Eyes name, this should come as no surprise. In over a decade of recording Oberst has created folk albums that sound as if they were recorded in a basement, electronic albums that rival Marilyn Manson's, and a Christmas album that any Indie kid would be proud to play in his studio apartment as he sat on an egg crate staring at a tree branch that stood for a Christmas tree.

His last two albums with the Bright Eyes' seal *I'm Wide Awake it's Morning* (2005) and *Cassadaga* (2007) predict the sound that appears on Conor Oberst; a traveling band sound reminiscent of Bob Dylan's first electric albums.

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Still, the solo album isn't exactly the same. On *Conor Oberst*, Oberst avoids some of the political and religious statements he made in previous albums. That's not to say that CO is unsophisticated or airy. Songs like "Cape Canaveral" include allusions to Socrates, poltergeist, and infinity. Contrastingly, in "I Don't Want to Die (In a Hospital)" Oberst jests that dying in a hospital is too dull; they won't let you drink or smoke and there's nothing good on TV. "NYC– Gone, Gone" is a similarly upbeat and repetitive short song with a thudding bass drum and a distorted lead guitar line that mimics the vocal melody. "Souled Out!!!" plays with the pun in the title and seems not unhappy and certainly not surprised to reveal that you won't be getting into heaven because it's "souled out." It's probably the most lyrically impressive song on the whole album, and maybe the best all-around track. Songs like "Valle Mistico (Ruben's Song)," (which isn't so much a song as some one blowing a horn out of key) and "Milk Thistle" are probably the weakest on the album, but that's what the next track button is for.

All in all I can say *Conor Oberst* is worth buying. It's no *I'm Wide Awake it's Morning*, but it'd be unfair to expect Oberst to create more than one masterpiece in the space of five years. I can only hope he'll see the light and start recording on analogue equipment or that his studio full of new equipment breaks. Until then, don't expect another "First Day of My Life" and you just might like this album too.

Check out a local band at Mugsies:

You The Symphony
UNPLUGGED

Date: Tuesday, September 23, 2008
Time: 8:00pm - 9:00pm
Location: Mugsies Coffeehouse
Cost: FREE

They will be releasing their debut record "From Air To Arms"

Seating is limited, so make sure you are there on time!

Arts & Entertainment

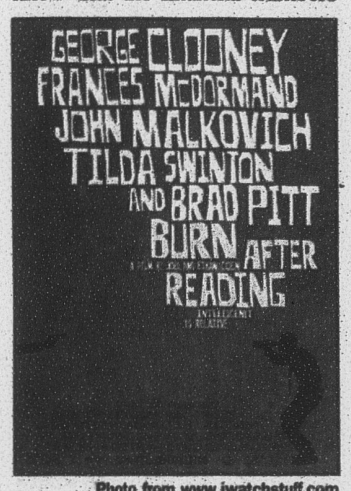
Burn After Reading builds an Idiocracy

By Brett Gerthoffer
A&E Writer

Filmmakers Joel and Ethan Coen had large shoes of their own to fill to make a movie as good as their most recent No Country for Old Men and their famous cult classic The Big Lebowski. Mission: accomplished. Once again the Coen brothers hit a grand slam out of the park with their newest screw ball comedy Burn After Reading.

The central theme is idiocy much like their popular O' Brother Where Art Thou? and Fargo. In an interview, the two brothers said they have a history with making films about idiots and the nonsense they cause. Burn After Reading deals with an ex-CIA analyst, John Malcovich, who loses his memoirs kept on CD, to two dimwitted fitness center trainers, Brad Pitt and Frances McDormand.

After finding the CD, the two fitness center employees embark on an adventure to get blackmail money to pay for Linda Litzke's (McDormand) cosmetic surgery operations. Little do these fools know that the financial numbers and information contained in the unnamed disc are of no value.



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When the Russian embassy rejects their proposal to buy the information, they don't know what to do, and CIA intelligence can't even put a finger on what the heck is going on, (even government officials can be "idiots").

This one-of-a-kind farce on spy movies hit the top of the box office charts for its opening premiere this past weekend. Unlike Austin Powers (a definite spy farce film), which is just plain goofy, the Coen brothers once again achieve an unparalleled cast of memorable characters and funny dialogue. Not to mention the brilliant story is one in a million. It is extremely difficult to obtain abundant laughs in a movie that isn't trying to get slapstick laughs like Austin Power-ish movies, but the Coen brothers made it seem like a walk in the park.

A fully instrumental soundtrack with upbeat tempos and dominant percussion sounds supported the paranoia many characters felt when they thought they were being watched, (even though they often were). The soundtrack also complemented on many of the stupid stuff they did.

Smart writing and an A-list cast is what made this movie so funny. All the characters had their own personalities that carried out their own dumbness and feeling of utter self-importance. George Clooney was a twitchy person with so much paranoia it's unhealthy. Brad Pitt spent the entire movie with a dumb, confused look on his face and was blinded by his inability to realize how stupid his actions were. Frances McDormand, hung up on her efforts to change her appearance, couldn't tell right from wrong or when to stop when proven wrong. John Malcovich, the CIA analyst, deemed these fools "a league of morons" and only wanted his CD back because he was so unstable and went on a rampage because someone stole his belongings.

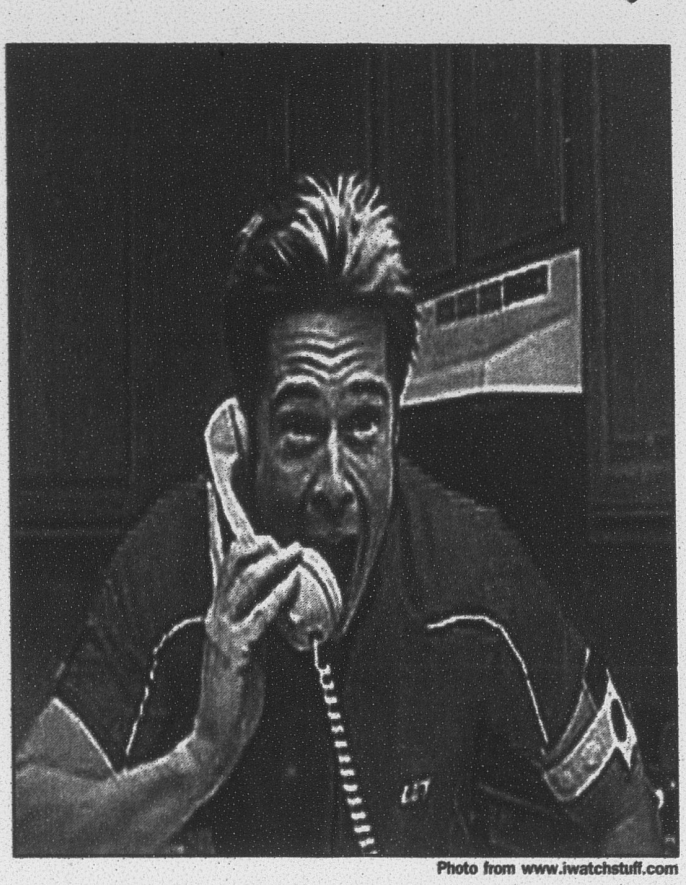


Photo from www.iwatchstuff.com

Like most Coen brother movies, the guilty will prevail, and the idiotic and innocent will perish. Suspense and an unpredictable story is what you will see in this film. Unpredictable in the sense that people you wouldn't expect to die will die in the most random, quick, bizarre ways, including a murder by hatchet strikes to the head (all shown in frame) in broad daylight.

Like most Americans, the "idiots" are hung up on fitness and health but continue to destroy themselves by everything mental and physical they do.

Pitt and Clooney will surprise the audience with roles they don't usually play and do it magnificently. Most laughs come from these two and John Malcovich, who performed with heart.

Be prepared to laugh at Malcovich's dialogue from the very start. "You're a Mormon; next to you everyone has a drinking problem," is only the start of his hilarity, and the emotions he uses to portray his feelings. It would have been a difficult task for any other filmmaker to create such a funny movie, but the writing abilities of the brilliant Coens made it possible. Mad props to them for making such a successful attack against American idiots... again.

Ben's Rating: ★★★★☆

Concert Calendar

Rock out with your favorite artists at these upcoming local shows!

September:

20: RC Static CD Release @ Mr. Smalls: 7:00 pm
23: New Found Glory @ Mr. Smalls: 6:30 pm
24: Chiodos w/ Person L @ Mr. Smalls: 6:30 pm
26: My Favorite Highway @ Strummers: 6:30 pm
27: Punchline CD Release @ Diesel: 7:00 pm

October:

4: Emarosa @ Strummers: 6:15 pm
8: Maylene and the Sons of Disaster @ Mr. Smalls: 6:30 pm
10: All Time Low @ Gravity: 7:00 pm
12: Relient K @ Club Zoo: 7:00 pm
14: Once Nothing @ Mr. Smalls: 7:00 pm
15: Family Force 5 @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
16: VersaEmerge w/ Eye Alaska @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
17: A Cursive Memory @ Diesel: 6:00 pm
18. Cali AC CD Release @ Diesel: 6:00 pm
20: Atmosphere @ Mr. Smalls: 8:00 pm
21: NOFX @ Club Zoo: 7:00 pm
21: Clap Your Hands Say Yeah @ Brillobox: 8:00 pm
25: Matisyahu @ Mr. Smalls: 8:00 pm
28: Anberlin w/ Straylight Run @ Mr.Smalls: 7:00 pm
29: Underoath w/ Saosin @ Gravity: 7:00 pm

November:

3: Pierce The Veil @ Strummers: 7:00 pm
5. Ted Leo & The Pharmacists @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
5: Norma Jean w/ Haste The Day @ Mr. Smalls: 7:00 pm
9: 3OH!3 @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
10: Mest @ Strummers: 7:00 pm
13: Senses Fail w/ Dance Gavin Dance @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
21: Cobra Starship @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
22: Hawthorne Heights @ The Rex: 6:30 pm
22: Frank Caliendo @ The Benedum: 8:30 pm

Calexico shows off their wide range of sound

Photo from www.mychemicaltoilet.com

By Ben Portz
A&E Staff Writer

Are bands named after cities cool? Do they even make sense? I don't know. You answer that. All I know is that Boston's music didn't seem too "Bostonish" and Chicago probably named their band after they realized that their band had just as many members as residents in the city of Chicago. Oh, and who could forget O-Town? I certainly did. Look, the point is some bands named after cities are dumb, and don't reflect the city for which they are named. Finally I found a band whose name supports the kind of eclectic music that they master: Calexico. Yes, named after the city on the boarder of California and Mexico. Original. But the difference between this band name and the rest is that it actually makes sense due to their southwestern rock and Latin feel within their music.

Calexico originally started off as an all musical side-project of the band Giant Sand's rhythm section. This rhythm section included Joey Burns and John Convertino, the founders of Calexico. In 1996, when they first began, they released the EP *Spoke*. After the release they began to pick up steam by doing more and more shows and adding members into the band, finally making it a total of six. With this latest album entitled *Carried to Dust* the band includes: Burns on guitar and lead vocals, Convertino on drums, Paul Niehaus on steel guitar, Jacob Valenzuela on keyboards, trumpet and vibraphone, Martin Wenk on accordion and synth, and finally Volker Zander on standup bass. As you can see by the list of members in the band, they have a diverse sound mixing it up by adding trumpet reveries, and cinema like strings throughout. Vocally, you'll find that some songs are in English and some are in Spanish. This makes sense to me.

The album starts off with "Victor Jara's Hands", speaking about the activist-musician who was murdered by Chilean police in 1973. "Two Silver Trees" is the song they decided to release as their single. I do not think this was their best choice in choosing a single because it is quite repetitive and does not really show their musicality. Plus, as Burns sings, "Branches falling down, from sources underground, false identities, stranded in each single seed…" I still haven't figured out what he is singing about. Calexico's hard-to-understand lyrics will be a common theme throughout most of their songs. If you are great at visualizing things, and good at trying to be artsy, you may understand what they are saying. Most times, you won't.

Some of my favorite tracks on the album are "Writer's Minor Holiday" and "Slowness". In the first song, Burns' sounds somewhat like Bono, in the way that he glides over the constant guitar chords, sounding almost like a whisper. "Slowness" is a very pretty song due to the addition of Pieta Brown's soft vocals. It's as lovely as a Robert Plant/Alison Krauss duet. This is exactly why Calexico is great. They implement the proper instruments and people into their songs.

I recommend this album for anyone, well anyone who appreciates southwestern rock with a taste of ethnicity. Although Calexico has been playing for about twelve years now, they are not nationally known. Buy this album, and make them nationally known. They certainly deserve it.

Ben's Rating: ★★★☆☆

Metalocolypse: an apocolypse of metal

By Brett Gerthoffer
A&E Writer

Metalocalypse is a dark comedy animated show on Cartoon Network's Adult Swim program. The show is about a death metal band called Dethklok that unknowingly brings death and destruction to the entire world. Considered the 7th highest economic figure on Earth (replacing Italy and raking in 2.1 trillion a year), the five members of Dethklok represent a parody of other metal bands and are just plain hilarious. The term "Metalocalypse" means apocalypse of metal and refers to the beliefs that if Dethklok is not terminated, all inhabitants of Earth will perish. Dethklok enjoys unrealistic amounts of popularity and are completely oblivious to the fact that they virtually rule the world with their actions and lyrics. Oblivious to most other things they do, all they care about is their feeling of self-importance and comfort.

If Dethklok endorses a consumer product, they hastily drive all competition out of business and are the main cause of deaths and suicides when new songs or CDs are released. Faithful fans of Dethklok (which happens to be everyone, including the President) sign "pain waivers" to relieve the band of all death and destruction that occurs during their shows. Death and destruction is definitely guaranteed during every episode and every concert. In the first episode, one of Dethklok's stages, a giant metal cube with vicious spikes jutting out in every direction, is parachuted to the ground via helicopter to the millions of fans below. The "deth" cube misses its target and crushes thousands upon landing and then proceeds to open up and crush thousands more.

But despite all the death and maiming comes one of the best parts of the show, the epic bone chilling, face melting, "deth" metal songs. Each episode contains a song in bloody concert that will literally melt your face off. The songs are performed by the actual band Dethklok. Guitar fingerings, vocals, and percussion playing are all performed for the show by band member and creator, Brendon Small.

Small used to be the lead writer for another show on Adult Swim called Home Movies and co-creator/writer Tommy Blacha wrote for Da Ali G Show (the show that has Borat in it) and Late Night with Conan O'Brien. These two metal heads started hanging out with each other and went to metal concerts while pitching ideas to networks. Then they got the idea to make a show about a metal band that "was 100 times better than the Beatles". Needless to say Adult Swim gladly gave them the thumbs up and the first episode was aired Aug. 6, 2006.

Small is also a member of the living Dethklok. When he goes on live tours, Small picks up three other members (Mike Keneally, Brian Beller, and Gene Hoglan) to make a full band. Small and Blacha play all the Dethklok members' voices along with many various characters (other celebrities including Mark Hammil, Malcolm McDowell, and Metallica members Kirk Hammett and James Hetfield also gave their voices to the show).

On Sept. 25, 2007, The Dethalbum was released. This album was created by the actual Dethklok band where most tracks were originals with a few being from the show. One of these tracks is "Thunderhorse" which can also be played in one of the set lists of the famous video game, Guitar Hero 2. The album features 16 quality tracks with solos and riffs that will have you screaming for more. Metal fans and hard rock listeners are sure to enjoy this heavy "deth" metal masterpiece.

The Dethalbum was created after the first season of the show and hit the top 30 charts at number 21 on its release. Creative writer Blacha and musical madman Small achieved unsurpassable feats in parodying famous metal bands today and captured the hearts, minds, and uncontrollable laughs of thousands across the globe.

Catch the hilarious five members of Dethklok every Sunday night at 12:30 and 12:45 a.m. and Monday at midnight and 12:15 a.m. (each episode packs brutality and dark comedy into 15 amazing minutes) on Cartoon Network. Magnificent writing and deadly songs will have you begging for more at the end of each episode and wanting more of the ridiculous antics of the characters of Metalocalypse. The second season just ended two weekends ago and we are sure to expect a third one soon. Don't miss the destruction and mayhem, for the "Metalocalypse" has only just begun.

Features

Colder weather means hot new shows

Megan Hoffman
Features Editor

As the weather gets colder, the leaves start to fall, and school work kicks into full gear we need something to look forward to each week.

The month of September brings us new episodes of our favorite TV shows. The summer-long cliffhangers are finally answered and the characters we love, as well as the ones we love to hate, are back for another season.

During the past two weeks about half of the fall TV line-up has aired their season premieres including *Gossip Girl* and *One Tree Hill*. In addition to the shows we have grown to love are the new shows out this season. One such show is the CW's *90210*, which is a retake on the 90s show *Beverly Hills, 90210*.

Whether they are new shows or just new episodes, a lot of the season premieres are still to come in the next couple weeks. Ones to look forward to are the season premieres of *Heroes* on Sept. 22, *Law and Order: SVU* on Sept. 23, and *Ugly Betty* on Sept. 25. The much anticipated, special, two-hour season premiere of *Grey's Anatomy* will also be on Sept. 25.

With all these new episodes to watch, it seems like the fall TV schedule will be quite popular and hopefully it will make up for the time missed during last winter's writers' strike.

One show I saw this weekend was the season premiere of *Saturday Night Live*, which is, amazingly, in its 34th season. With the past summer Olympics and the upcoming election, they had an abundance of current events to use as new material.

Michael Phelps hosted the show with special guest, Lil Wayne. Even though Phelps is obviously not an actor, it was still fun to watch because he was a good sport and joined in with jokes about his swimming career.

A highlight of this season premiere was the cold open with a guest appearance by Tina Fey. Fey played Senator McCain's Vice Presidential pick, Sarah Palin. Fey's impersonation was dead-on; however, the most significant part of the sketch was probably the resemblance of Fey and Palin. A joke was even made that Palin was wearing "Tina Fey" glasses.

As always, the rest of the show had its ups and downs. Amy Poehler and Seth Meyers were back together as Weekend Update anchors and of course, the show included several commercial parodies.

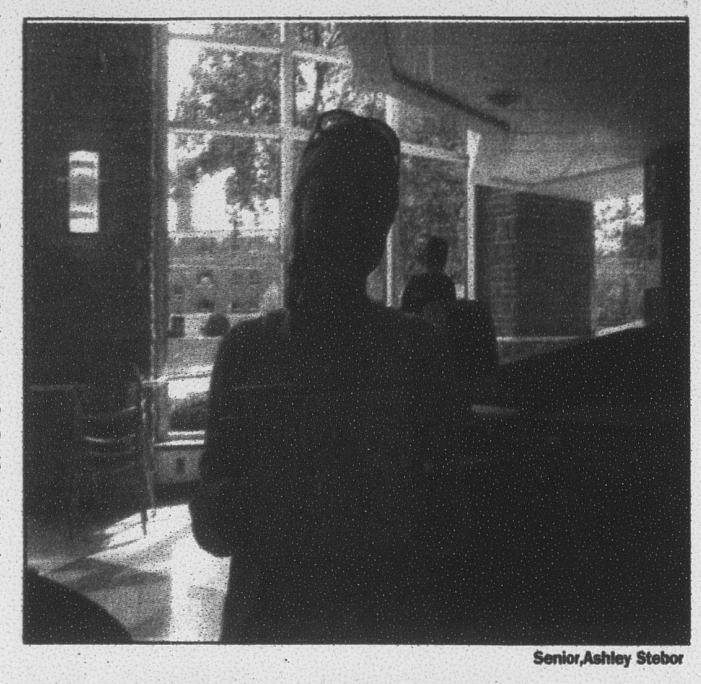
One nice thing about this show and all the shows this fall is that they are new. The jokes on Weekend Update were about current events and the sketches reflected the things we have been seeing in the news. And for the first airing of this show – it actually was LIVE from New York. Even though reruns are fun to watch, it is the new chapters of our favorite shows that build anticipation in us as we wait to see what the new episodes will bring.

This fall has something new in store for you no matter which shows you like to watch, whether they are comedies, dramas, or reality shows. The only problem is finding time in your busy schedule to take a break and catch up with some of your favorites. Or maybe it is time to watch something new and make a new favorite.

So, as summer turns into fall, as we put on sweatshirts and coats to deal with the cold weather, and as we write papers and study for exams, we can look forward to the fall TV to help us unwind and just relax.

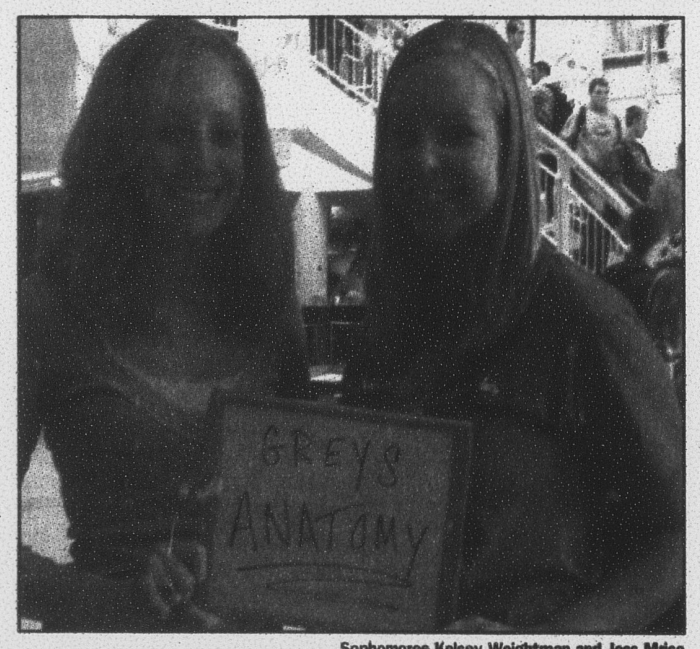
Question of the week

Which Fall TV show are you most excited to see?



Senior,Ashley Stebor

Megan is a senior public relations major who is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority and Dance Theater. When she's not breaking her foot, she can most likely be found in the TUB or creeping on Facebook.



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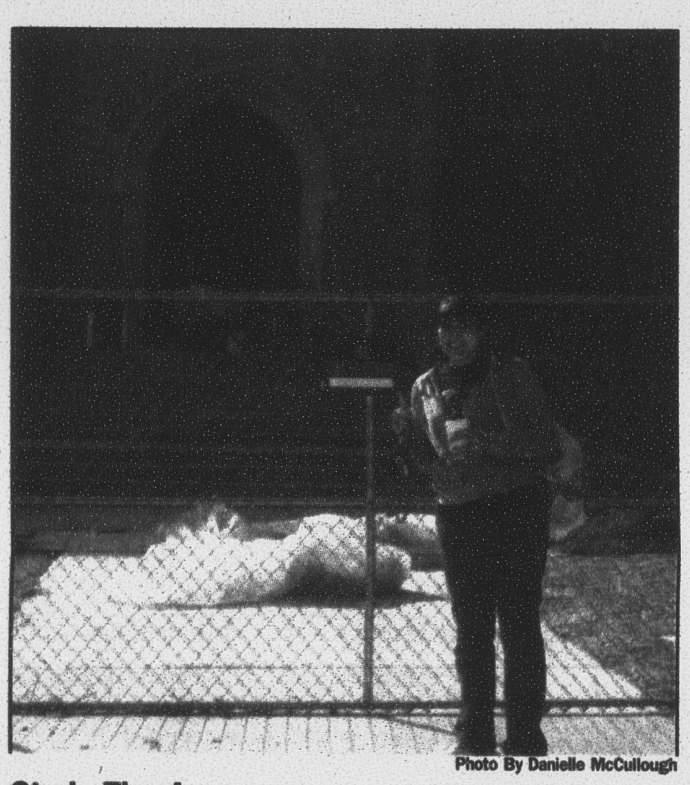


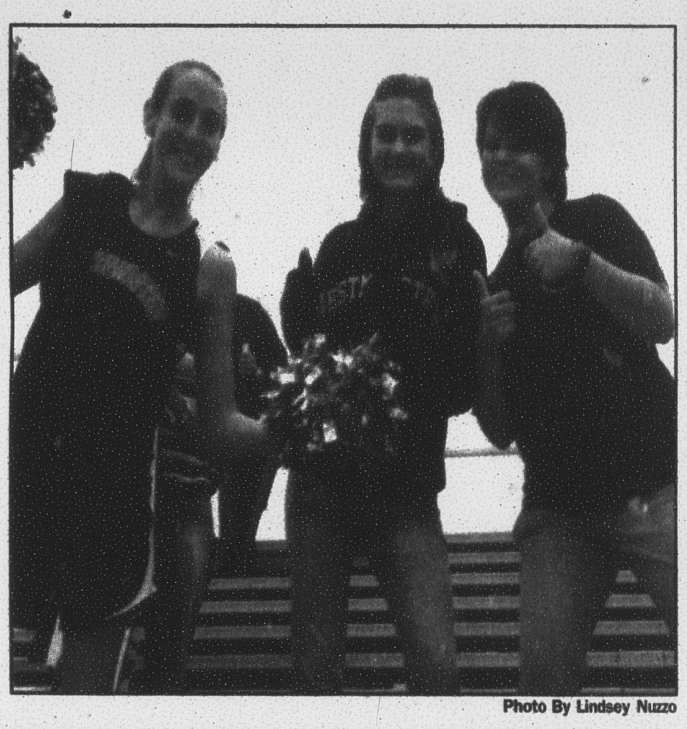
Photo By Danielle McCullough

Study Time!

Junior Natasha Kassim often studies in the library and cannot wait to walk down the new, wider sidewalk through the library's orginal front door when she goes to study.

Go Titans!

Seniors LeighAnn Jordan, Michelle Johnson and Brittany Kuttesch are all smiles after a Titan touchdown on Saturday, September 13. These dedicated football supporters, as well as many others, endured hours of pouring rain to cheer on their team to their first victory of the season.



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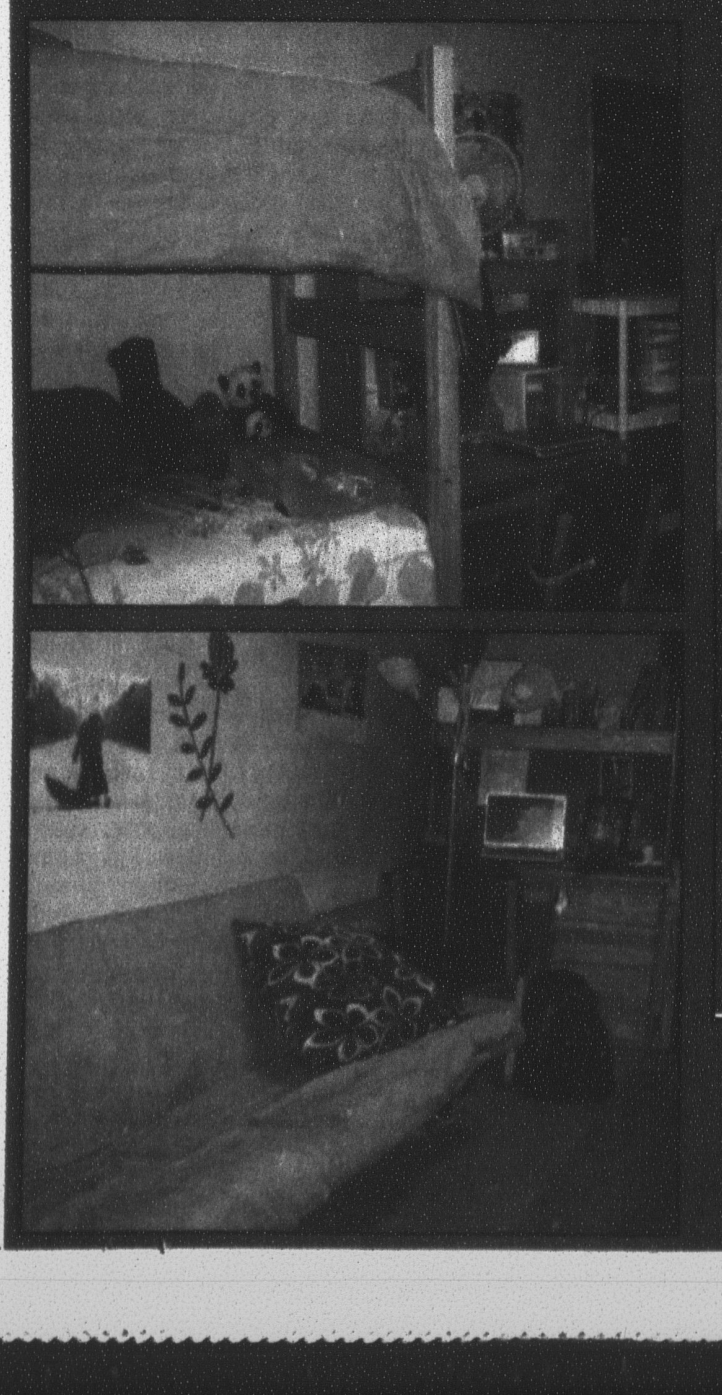
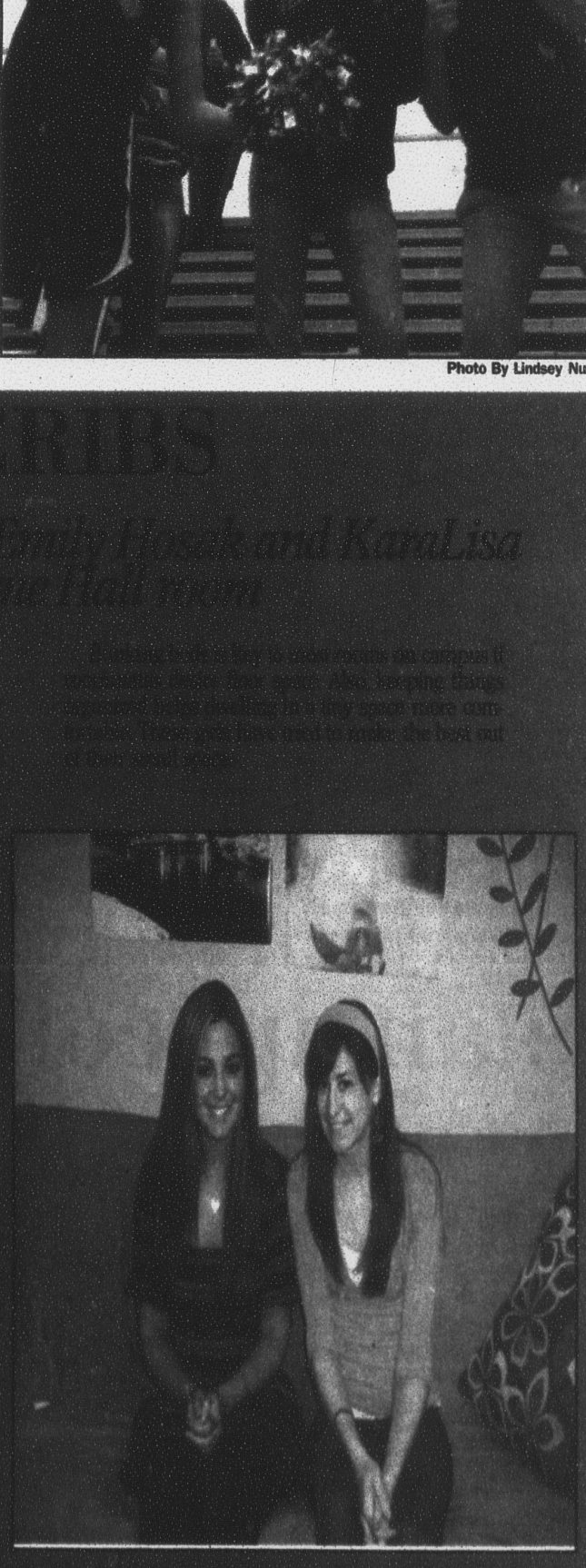
Junior,Marshall Cupelli and Sophomore Beth Painter

Junior,Derek Deremer and Hillside RD, Jessi Nix

WC Grills

Megan Hoffman explores Emily Hook and KariLisa Reuter's Bruno Mars room





Reasons to stay on campus this weekend:

Friday:

Constitution Day celebration in Mueller Theater at 12:15 p.m.

Women's Tennis v. Washington and Jefferson at 3:30 p.m.

Movies: *The Incredible Hulk* at 8:00 p.m. and *Wanted* at 10:30 p.m.

Saturday:

Volleyball v. Bethany in the Field House at 11:00 a.m.

Football v. St. Vincent 1:30 p.m.

Men's Soccer v. Carnegie Mellon

Mercer County Band Festival in Burry Statium at 7:00 p.m.

Mass in Wallace Memorial Chapel at 7:00 p.m.

Movies: *Wanted* at 8:00 p.m. and *The Incredible Hulk* at 10:30 p.m.

Sunday:

Women's Tennis v. Saint Vincent 1:00 p.m.

Vespers in Wallace Memorial Chapel at 7:00 p.m.

Movies: *The Incredible Hulk* at 3:00 p.m. and *Wanted* at 9:00 p.m.

If you know of any weekend activities worthy of staying put and want it to be included in *The Holcad*, please contact Features Editor, Megan Hoffman at Hoffmams@westminster.edu

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Number of Pizza Joes pizzas ordered for SGA Day.

Weekend Weather
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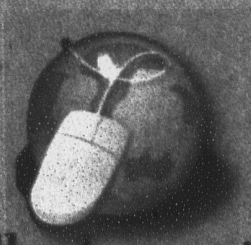
Friday
Mostly Cloudy
71°/54°

Saturday
Showers
72°/54°

Sunday
Few Showers
72°/50°



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Religion students tour Hindu temple, take part in worship service

By Sara Ergen
Campus Writer

On Friday, Sept. 18, students witnessed a unique Hindu experience that opened their eyes to a new kind of religion.

Dr. Bryan Rennie took 22 students from his Religion 111 and 117 classes to the Sri Venkateswara Temple in Pittsburgh. They went to learn about the Hindu culture through a first-hand experience with a guided tour and a worship service.

Rennie has gone to this temple for 15 years and noticed how much the students enjoyed it, thus they continue to return and constantly ask significant questions about the Hindu culture.

The main event of the field trip was the worship service performed by Brahman priests. Rennie and his students were invited to attend this service, which was an added feature to the trip this time.

Rennie said his favorite part of the trip was meeting the people and seeing different cultures interact.

"People are always at the heart of the religion," Rennie said. "Also, the people of the temple are pleased Westminster College is always taking an interest about learning their culture."

Marissa Lichwa attended the trip and thought it was very interesting and learned a lot about another religion. Lichwa said the Hindu service was her favorite part of the trip.

"Now I'll know what type of gods we talk about in class and what the ceremony looks like," Lichwa said.

Another student, Jillian Babish, also found the field trip to be a one-of-a-kind experience. Like Lichwa, her favorite part was watching the ceremony.

"I really enjoyed this trip because it opened my eyes to a different culture that I am not normally around," Babish said. "I feel like this trip will help me with the class because it gave me a real perspective about the culture rather than just listening to someone talk about it in a classroom. I now will be able to visualize what the class lectures are about."

Rennie also said that the temple welcomes all visitors, and it is not just for those taking a certain class. The temple is not only a religious place, but a social and cultural center as well.

Along with Rennie's students, Professor David Goldberg brought five students from Phi Sigma Tau, the Philosophy Honors Society discussion group, and Professor Kang Na brought 14 students from his Honors Inquiry class.

The Sri Venkateswara Temple is one of the earliest Hindu temples built in the United States.

Photo by Amanda Miller

A new kind of religion

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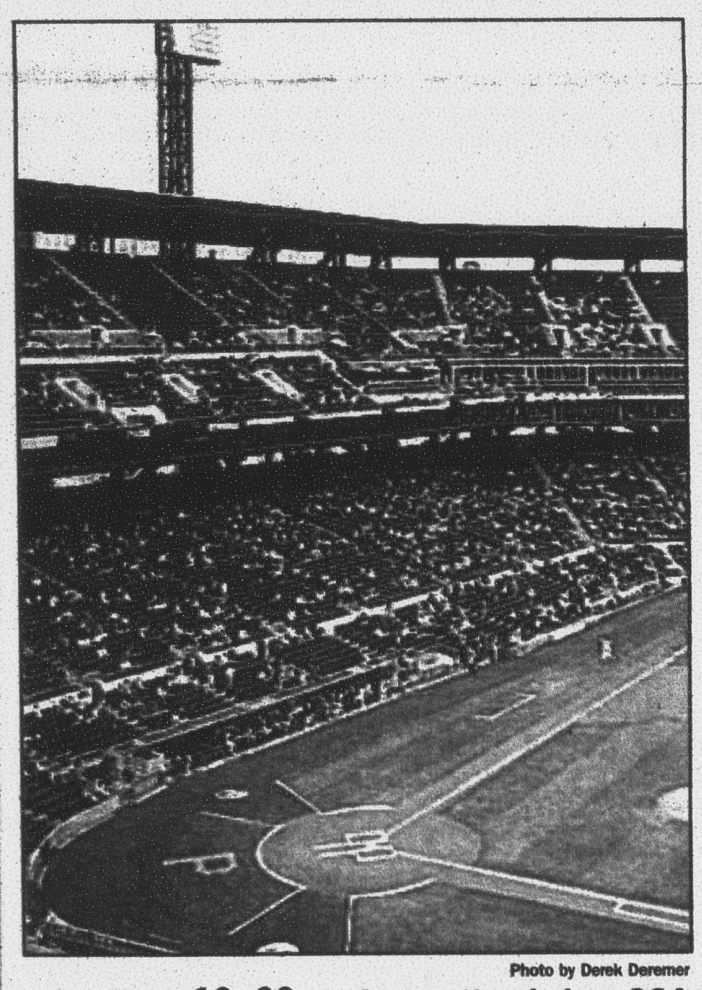

Photo by Derek Deremer

On Sept. 19, 96 students attended an SGA sponsored Pirates game for $15.

SGA sponsored Pirates game a home run for students

By Elizabeth Beardsley
Campus Writer

A total of 96 students came out to the ball game on Sept. 19 to watch a National League showdown between the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Houston Astros at PNC Park in Pittsburgh.

The SGA sponsored event cost only $15, and students were provided with transportation to and from the game and a seat in the College Cove, which is a section of seats out in right field reserved for college students on certain nights. A t-shirt and a food voucher also came with the package, as well as a full fireworks display after the game.

The price seemed to be one of the primary reasons so many kids were attracted to this event, and many expressed their interest in returning if SGA were to sponsor a trip like this in the future.

"I would definitely want to come again sometime. I really enjoyed it and it was a great deal," freshman Nick Popovich said.

Despite the outcome of the game, a 5-1 loss for the Pirates, the cool air and clear skies offered everyone in attendance a comfortable atmosphere to enjoy a game of baseball. The bustling city of Pittsburgh in the background only added to the excitement of the evening.

"I am really glad I came," senior Megan Hoffman said. "I like to take advantage of these opportunities when they come and I love the nights when there are fireworks here at the park too."

Junior Rachel Delzangle had similar thoughts.

"I came with SGA last semester when they took a trip to the Pirates game and I had a lot of fun so I knew I would have a good time," Delzangle said.

The Astros came to Pittsburgh facing a must win situation in order to stay in the race for the Wild-card and earn a bid to the playoffs. But the Pirates, in true Pirates fashion, put up a hearty fight and kept the Astros in a vulnerable position for the first half of the game.

The Pirates' only run occurred during the fourth inning when Adam LaRoche knocked a solo home run out of the park past Astro centerfielder Michael Bourn. Not until later in the game did Houston perk up, scoring three runs in the eighth inning.

Astros' pitcher Randy Wolf took the win while Ian Snell went down as the losing pitcher for the Pirates. After this game, the Pirates move to a 64-90 overall record in the regular season, and the Houston Astros now post an 81-72 regular season record.

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Freshman Nick Popovich

Opportunities granted through the Drinko Center

By Kandice Hartner
Campus Writer

The mission of the Drinko Center is to enrich undergraduate education, and through research, travel and involvement, that is exactly what they do.

The Drinko Center, located in the McKelvey Campus Center, helps students by offering travel and research grants; getting students involved with collaborative research with faculty; and hosting speakers through their Distinguished Speaker Series. Grants offered by the Drinko Center are used to support research, get expenses and necessary supplies, and help with travel. In the 2007-2008 academic year, the Drinko Center awarded 12 undergraduate research grants and 112 undergraduate research travel and presentation grants.

"We work with faculty to get students involved," co-director of the Drinko Center Terri Lenox said. "We sponsor programs with the Model UN on campus, last year we helped with funds for some of their trips."

Terri Lenox and Patrick Krantz work as co-directors for the Drinko Center. Also on the staff is Bethany South, a 2008 Westminster graduate who works in the Drinko Center as a Volunteer in Service to America (VISTA).

"As a Westminster student I was interested in community service," South said. "Now my primary focus is to help build capacity in service learning and to incorporate community service."

At the end of her volunteer service, South will earn an education award which can be used to further her education or pay off her past education-related debts.

Grants offered by the Drinko Center are available to students of all majors who need funding for supplies, research or travel, and presentation expenses. Students who wish to apply for a grant from the Drinko Center must be in good standing.

To apply students must fill out an application form located at the Drinko Center or on the Drinko Center folder on the R drive. Travel grants are offered to those who have completed a research project or made significant progress on their research and wish to present their research in an off-campus setting.

The Drinko Center works year round to help the community by furthering education in local schools.

The Drinko Center sponsors programs for the preK-12 grade levels, such as performing arts programs, preschool science arts camps, theater camps for high school students, and teachers' workshops. During the school year the Drinko Center helps to support programs such as Language in Motion, the Distinguished Speaker Series, Model UN, Science in Motion, and all college honors programs.

On Oct. 7 the Drinko Center will host Sandra Steingraber as part of their Distinguished Speaker Series. Steingraber will be available on campus in the afternoon, and her lecture will begin at 7 p.m. in Orr Auditorium. This event is free to the public.

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Bethany South-PACC Vista Member

Opinion

RANT & RAVE

Men! Please: aim, flush, wash.

Fire Trevor!

Young men and maidens

This isn't the airport. Flush the urinal!

Don't believe me? Ask the dishes!

BALLS!

Where IS the Rant and Rave box?

She smells like soup. Her whole house smells like soup.

The Drinko Center makes me thirsty.

I have one word for you: Metalocolypse.

Lemland.

Put stuff in my box!

If it's not baroque, don't fix it!

Old men and children

Magic Tamborine!

You'll have to talk to administration or you'll get nailed often, like I do.

Anti-plauge serum

Superheroes- HECK YES!

oh... that's a nice hawaiian shirt there mister... I mean...

Someone has preposition confusion!

If you give a mouse a cookie, he'll ask for a glass of milk. But how will he drink it? He'll ask for a straw!!!

I love it when you're gigantic

Satirical!!

With your powers combined... I am Captain Planet!

Mueller is spelled wrong 6 out of the 14 times on the same sheet of paper!

OH YEAH!

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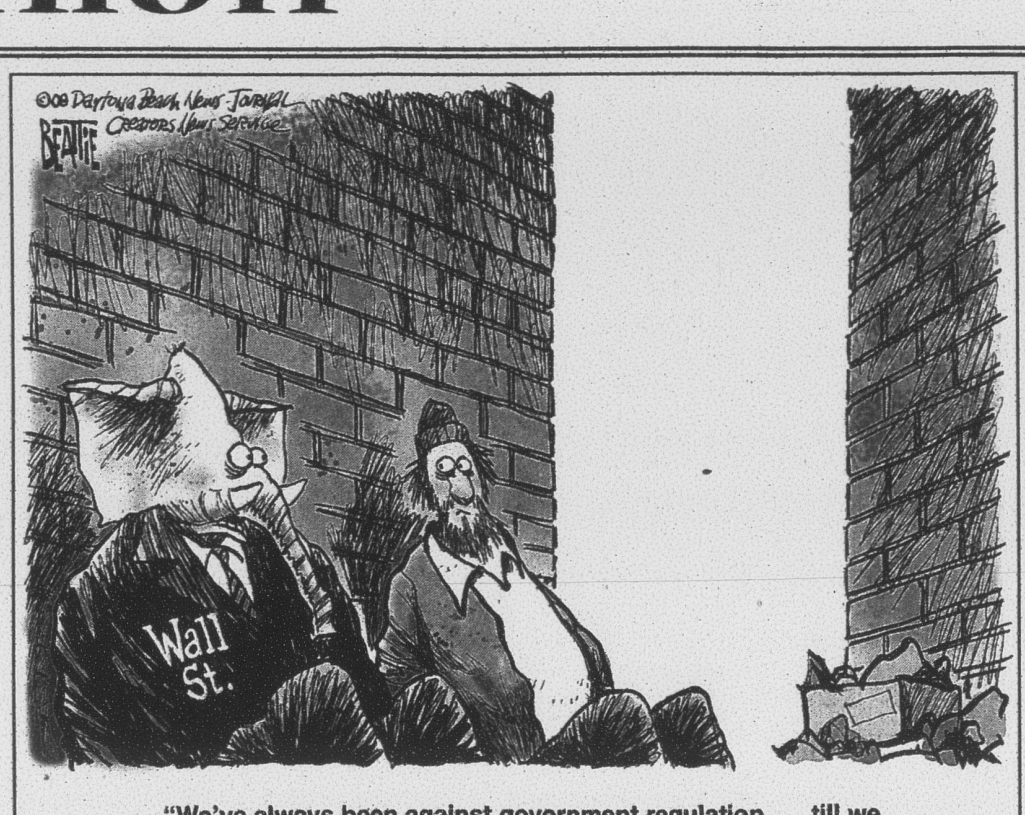

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Frequent Internet and cable problems causing campus woes

I've been thinking about how often our campus has Internet problems.

We pay how much to go here? And we still can't get decent internet access. I don't hear about any other colleges having troubles and if larger schools don't have issues with Internet why is it that our small school does?

Also, it seems like this is the first year that the cable has been going out a lot too. I know that this is the case for the townhouses and, perhaps, for the entire campus.

I feel that we pay a lot to go to school here and pay even more to live in the townhouses. Yet, we still can't seem to have cable or Internet whenever we want.

Lastly, the townhouses are hooked up for wireless, but how many people use the wireless? I know a couple of my roommates have tried to connect to the wireless and are still having issues.

I just felt that the Internet problems here on campus need to be fixed. Students need to write papers and do homework and with the internet going out, it is really hard to.

Amber Bollard
Senior

All-natural trans fat

Andrew Brown
Columnist

A horrifying noun that sends chills racing through the hearts of Americans today is the phrase "trans fat."

With the invention of leather couches, wide screen TV's, and integrated modes of transportation, Americans began to evolve. To prove themselves quite capable of adapting to such luxuries, Americans decided to inhale as much food as possible. This feasting of bliss ended abruptly once the poisonous nature of a class of substances, known as trans fatty acids, was revealed by health experts.

The increase in heart attack and stoke incidences quickly prompted a competition around the world to discover who could make a product with zero grams of trans fat. One would think this game to be rather mean and cruel hearted: When does trans fat get to throw in its two cents with this decision of abandonment?

Researchers at the University of Alberta discovered this year a trans fatty acid that is actually beneficial for one's health. Vaccenic acid, a trans fat found in dairy and beef products, is thought to actually reduce risk factors related to heart disease and obesity. Although this excitement might generate quite a line at the local burger joint, most trans fat are actually quite bad.

Trans fats are typically made from plant oil that goes through a process called hydrogenation, which makes fats that have a higher melting point and longer shelf life.

These trans fats cannot be used by the body and when consumed, they are deposited in the arteries, leading to blockage and coronary heart disease. As bad trans fats are eliminated from food products and more is learned about Vaccenic acid, perhaps the "zero grams of trans fat" sticker will some day be a let down to consumers looking for health benefits.

All ingredients in food contribute to calories, which is a unit of energy. The true cause of gaining weight is simply consuming more energy than one would burn during the day. Energy is used to move muscles, and when the muscles are not used, the energy is stored as fat.

Being a hedonistic glutton, I admit to eating in excess and loving it. However, I also try to exercise daily, unless I am in chemistry lab.

Exercising is just as important as eating right. Ignorance of both topics would yield a bad ending, but choosing one and ignoring the other could still be a somewhat healthy lifestyle.

If one ignored exercise but watched what he or she ate, then that person could still regulate weight gain. Students must walk to class everyday and so it is impossible to get absolutely no exercise.

On the other hand, if one exercised vigorously, and then ate all the chocolate cake in the world, he or she could also regulate weight gain (a much harder feat than the first option). Exercising vigorously and eating right all the time is idealistic. Only those with brain damage can afford this lifestyle. Rather a much more comfortable approach is a combination of eating healthy and exercising frequently.

Now then, who would like to buy Andrew Brown's total fitness workout?

Andrew is a senior chemistry major, marketing minor who loves riding his bicycle. He is also in Chemistry Club and enjoys eating corn on the cob in his free time.

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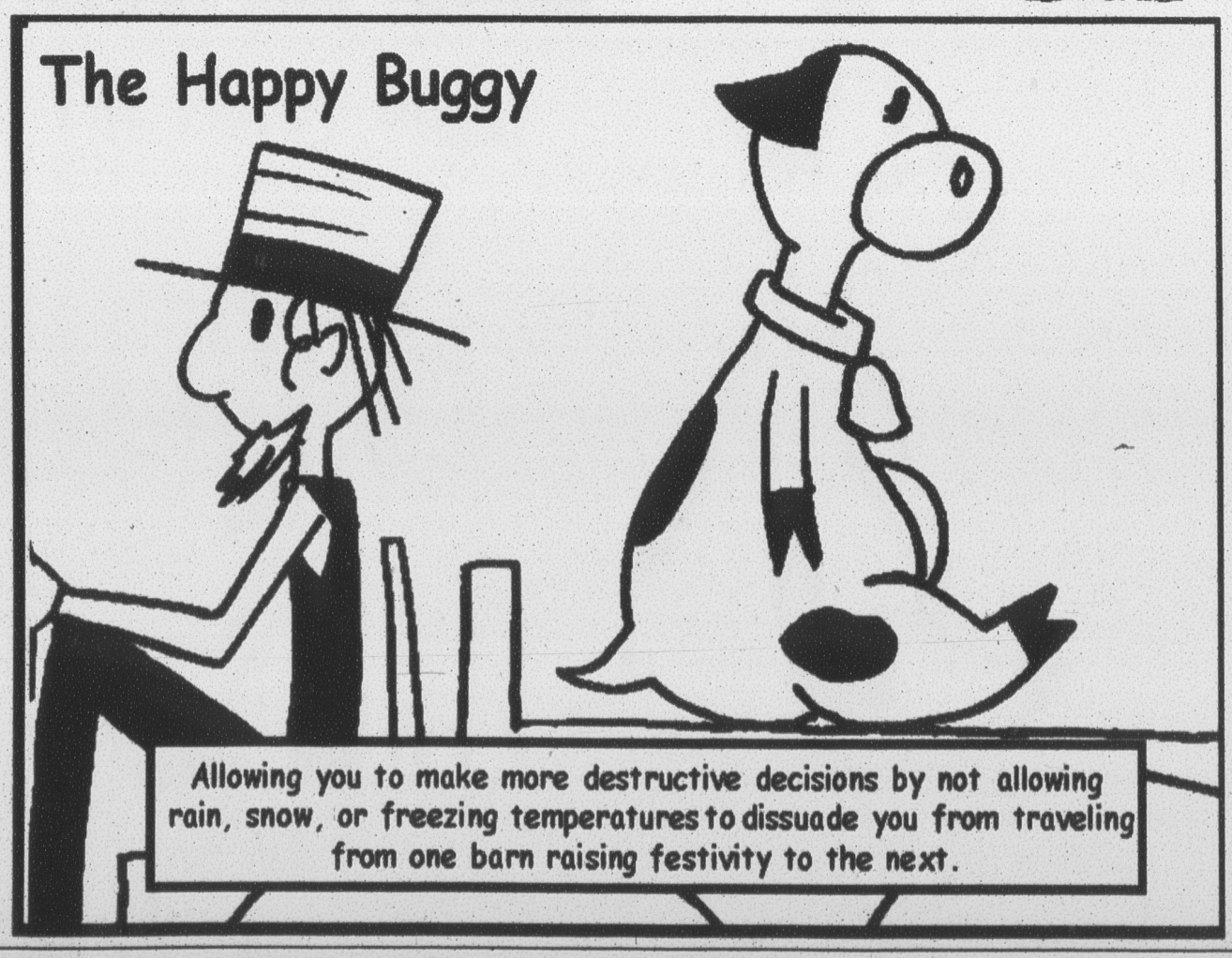

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Outside the Bubble

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REGIONAL

Pa. mom admits helping son build weapons cache

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (AP) _ A woman admitted she helped her troubled, bullied 14-year-old son build a cache of weapons by buying a rifle and gunpowder, but investigators still don't know if she was aware her son was planning a deadly school attack.

Michele Cossey, 46, pleaded guilty Tuesday in Montgomery County Court to one count of child endangerment. She admitted that she gave him access to a rifle with a laser scope and gunpowder, which investigators said he was using to build grenades.

Her son, Dillon, planned an assault last year on Plymouth Whitemarsh High School, which some former schoolmates attended. Cossey, bullied over his weight, had left public school in seventh grade and was being homeschooled. Over time, he fueled his revenge fantasies through violent Internet sites, his defense lawyer said after his juvenile court plea.

Authorities did not think the school attack was imminent, but the boy did amass an arsenal – knives, swords, BB guns, the rifle and partly assembled homemade grenades – in his bedroom at his Plymouth Township home.

Police learned of the planned attack when Cossey invited a friend to join him. The friend went to police last fall.

Dillon Cossey is in a juvenile treatment facility, where he could remain until his 21st birthday.

Michelle Cossey's sentencing won't occur for at least three months until a psychiatric evaluation is completed. The maximum possible prison term is 3½ to 7 years, but defense lawyer Tim Woodward said she could get less than a year – or even probation – under sentencing guidelines.

Montgomery County Assistant District Attorney Christopher Parisi said he doesn't know if Cossey knew about her son's attack plans, but that he hopes to learn that before sentencing.

"If it were to come out that she knew he was planning an attack ... that would certainly increase the severity of the crime," he said.

The judge who sentenced Dillon Cossey said that Michele Cossey had fostered a "me-and-mom-against-the-world" attitude in her only child. Parisi said he thought she was trying to "to boost his self-esteem, and in some way help the child, as misplaced as those thoughts may have been."

Woodward said: "I think it is easy to have a bunker mentality when your son is constantly being picked on by punks at school. Who wouldn't circle the wagons?"

Michelle Cossey used a walker coming into court and wept after stating her guilty plea. Woodward described her as emotionally "fragile," especially over her son's absence from the home.

She now has twice-a-month supervised visits with him, Woodward said.

"Her ultimate goal is to be reunited with her son," the attorney said. "She does admit that she made some mistakes."

The Cossey family once ran a hoagie shop near the county courthouse in Norristown.

The boy's father, Frank, sat beside his wife as she entered the plea. He had tried to buy their son a rifle in December 2005, but was stymied by a prior felony conviction, which he failed to note on the application. The omission led to a house arrest sentence for lying about his criminal record.

The boy who tipped off police was praised for averting an attack and later met President Bush – only to be arrested himself, along with two others juveniles, for later breaking into the Cossey home to steal video games, air guns and other items.

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Home invasion prompts calls for concern from borough police

NEW WILMINGTON, Lawrence County– State Police in Mercer County continue the search for two masked men wanted for a home invasion in Wilmington Township in Mercer County, just outside of New Wilmington near the county line on Friday. The suspects used a baseball bat to attack a man, then tied him and a woman up with duct tape fleeing the scene in a stolen car. Now New Wilmington Police are stressing a simple measure will help you keep an attacker from invading you house.

"On solid type doors, we recommend that people use a peep hole mechanism," New Wilmington Police Chief Carmen Piccirillo said. "The peep hole lets you see when someone comes to the door."

Piccirillo says people should lock their doors and windows even when they are home and they should never let strangers into the house

Fatal traffic accident near race track site

MAHONING TOWNSHIP, Lawrence County– State troopers in Lawrence County will continue sorting out what happened in a fatal three vehicle traffic accident last night along at the intersection of Routes 422 and 551in Mahoning Township near the proposed Valley View Downs race track. One person died. Emergency crews rushed other victims to the hospital-but police have not released names. State police investigators will work to reconstruct the crash as they search for clues in the accident.

CMU professor, Pausch, remembered as 'genuine hero'

PITTSBURGH (AP) _ A Carnegie Mellon University professor whose "last lecture" of his life's lessons became an Internet sensation was celebrated Monday for challenging people to strive for more than they thought they were capable of, while remembering to have fun.

About 400 colleagues and friends gathered at Carnegie Mellon to remember Randy Pausch, a professor of computer science, human-computer interaction and design, who was recognized as a pioneer of virtual reality research. He died of cancer in July, 10 months after giving the lecture that touched millions worldwide. He was 47.

Pausch had the ability to resonate with so many people because they "instantly understood he was the real deal, a genuine hero, in an age when more conventional heroes, especially political leaders (and) sports figures, all too often, turn out to have feet of clay," said Brown University professor Andy van Dam, Pausch's mentor.

Pausch was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in September 2006. A year later, he gave the 76-minute speech that became the inspiration for a book "The Last Lecture," co-written with Wall Street Journal writer Jeffrey Zaslow.

Van Dam, who urged Pausch to become a teacher because of his ability to inspire and connect, called the lecture "the ultimate performance ... It gives you something meaty to think about, to process. It was done with incredible panache, flair, humor."

"You had to be sad for him, that that kind of talent and charisma and accomplishment would not survive," van Dam said. "Terribly sad, but again, terribly inspirational at the same time, that someone could do all that in the face of certain death."

In the lecture, which Pausch said was actually for his three young children, he urged the audience to "Never lose the childlike wonder. It's just too important. It's what drives us."

He said its true lesson was not "how to reach your dreams. It's about how to live your life." Live life right, he said, and karma would take care of the rest.

Stuffed Tiggers were placed on each auditorium chair as keepsakes. They were a reference to how Pausch saw himself: energetic and optimistic, as opposed to the mopey Eeyore, even when faced with certain death. People placed dozens of stuffed animals on the stage in his memory as Pausch was fond of them, particularly winning them at carnivals.

Jesse Schell, an assistant professor of entertainment technology at the university, said Pausch constantly imparted the message: "You can do more than you think."

"In a way, I kind of think of it as Randy's philosophy in a nutshell," he said. "Thank you Randy, for challenging me. Thank you for challenging all of us."

Ben Buchwald, one of Pausch's former research assistants, recalled how Pausch would push students to strive for their best.

Even now, he said, "I kind of have in my mind not to let Randy down."

Born in 1960, Pausch received his bachelor's degree in computer science from Brown University and his Ph.D. from Carnegie Mellon. He taught at the University of Virginia from 1988 to 1997, when he came to Carnegie Mellon.

He co-founded Carnegie Mellon's Entertainment Technology Center, a master's program for bringing artists and engineers together. He also created an animation-based teaching program called Alice designed to teach computer programming to high school and college students.

He is survived by his wife, Jai, and their three children, Dylan, Logan and Chloe; his mother, Virginia Pausch of Columbia, Md.; and a sister, Tamara Mason of Lynchburg, Va.

NATIONAL

Georgia cop killer receives last - minute execution reprieve

JACKSON, Ga. (AP) _ The U.S. Supreme Court gave a reprieve to a Georgia inmate less than two hours before his scheduled execution Tuesday for the 1989 slaying of an off-duty police officer.

Family and advocates of 39-year-old Troy Davis have long urged he deserves a new trial as seven of the nine witnesses who helped put him on death row have recanted their testimony. His supporters erupted into cheers and tears when the stay was announced at about 5:20 p.m. EDT.

"This is not over yet," said Davis, who sounded upbeat and optimistic speaking to the crowd by phone. "This is the beginning of my blessing."

Also on Tuesday, Florida executed a man convicted of shooting and killing two young sisters after he raped and shot their mother.

In Georgia, protesters had arrived by the busload to protest the execution, waving signs and wearing blue shirts that proclaimed "I am Troy Davis." The Rev. Al Sharpton, who accompanied the Davis family to the protest, led the crowd in a Gospel hymn after the news was announced.

Davis' sister, Martina Correia, vowed that her brother's case would effect change in the state. When asked what made the difference in the court's decision, she responded: "The truth."

"We're going to shake the foundation of the death penalty in Georgia," she said tearfully while fielding calls from well-wishers.

Prosecutors have labeled the statements of witnesses who recanted "suspect," and courts had previously refused requests for a new trial.

The stay will remain in effect while the court considers Davis' appeal. The court is set to discuss the case Monday. Davis wants the high court to order a judge to hear from the witnesses who recanted their testimony and others who say another man confessed to the crime.

Influential advocates, including former President Jimmy Carter and South Africa Archbishop Desmond Tutu, insist that there's enough doubt about his guilt to merit a new trial.

A divided Georgia Supreme Court has twice rejected his request for a new trial, and had rejected his appeal to delay the execution Monday afternoon. The Georgia Board of Pardons and Paroles also turned down his bid for clemency.

Davis was convicted of the murder of 27-year-old officer Mark MacPhail, who was working off-duty as a security guard at a bus station.

MacPhail had rushed to help a homeless man who had been pistol-whipped at a nearby parking lot, and was shot twice when he approached Davis and two other men.

Witnesses identified Davis as the shooter, and at the 1991 trial, prosecutors said he wore a "smirk on his face" as he fired the gun.

But Davis' lawyers say new evidence proves their client was a victim of mistaken identity. Besides those who have recanted their testimony, three others who did not testify have said Sylvester "Red" Coles – who testified against Davis at his trial – confessed to the killing.

Coles refused to talk about the case when contacted by The Associated Press during a 2007 Chatham County court appearance and has no listed phone number.

Prosecutors have contended in court hearings the case is closed. They also say some of the witness affidavits simply repeat what a trial jury has already heard, while others are irrelevant because they come from witnesses who never testified.

More than an hour after the Supreme Court's decision was announced, jubilant supporters were still celebrating in the sprawling parking lot of a gas station across the street.

"We've won one battle, but we still have a long way," said Davis' mother, Virginia.

Across the parking lot, a half-dozen members of the Fraternal Order of Police who showed up in support of the MacPhail family sat quietly in a van.

"I'm here because that guy killed a police officer," said Freddie Richardson, who retired after 40 years in law enforcement. But he said he wasn't disappointed by the court's decision.

"This happens all the time," he said.

Meanwhile in Florida, Richard "Ric Ric" Henyard, 34, died by lethal injection after the U.S. Supreme Court refused to grant him a stay. He was pronounced dead at 8:16 p.m.

Henyard was convicted of the 1993 shooting deaths of two sisters – 7-year-old Jamilya Lewis and Jasmine Lewis, 3. Their mother, Dorothy Lewis, survived after she was raped and shot several times during a carjacking. Both girls, with their mother when they were seized by Henyard and an accomplice, were shot in the head when they cried out for her.

INTERNATIONAL

Tainted milk fears spread to Britain, New Zealand

BEIJING (AP) _ The British supermarket chain Tesco pulled a Chinese candy from its shelves and New Zealand said Wednesday it found dangerously high levels of the industrial chemical melamine in the same brand, as fears over tainted milk spread beyond Asia.

More than 54,000 Chinese babies have been sickened after drinking formula made with tainted milk and four have died. More than a dozen countries have banned or recalled Chinese dairy products – the latest was France which does not import Chinese dairy products but has halted imports of Chinese biscuits, candy or other foods that could contain Chinese dairy derivatives.

The government described the measure as a precaution.

Indonesia on Wednesday also distributed a list of 28 products that it said may contain tainted Chinese milk, including Oreo cookies, Snickers bars and M&M chocolate candies.

Worries that compromised ingredients may have contaminated other foods like yogurt, cookies and candies have led several more countries, from Canada to Australia, to step up testing of Chinese imports. The Chinese government seized control of the dairy at the center of the tainted milk, which reportedly received complaints about its infant formula as early as December 2007.

U.S. and European consumer safety officials urged Beijing to better enforce product safety standards.

"You have to know what's coming into your factory and what's going out of your factory," said Nancy Nord, acting head of the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission. She spoke in China, where U.S. and European officials were attending seminars on product safety.

Tesco said it has no evidence that the White Rabbit Creamy Candies it pulled from shelves Tuesday were tainted. The candies were sold in a small number of Tesco's British stores as part of the supermarket's ethnic range.

Tesco has also withdrawn the White Rabbit candies from its stores in China and Malaysia, the only two other countries where Tesco sells the product.

At the same time, New Zealand's Food Safety Authority warned Wednesday that the White Rabbit candies being sold by other retailers there contained dangerously high levels of melamine and advised people not to eat them.

Melamine, used to make plastics and fertilizer, has been found in infant formula and other milk products from 22 Chinese dairy companies. Suppliers trying to cut costs are believed to have added it to watered-down milk because its high nitrogen content masks the resulting protein deficiency.

The chemical has caused kidney stones in children and can lead to kidney failure.

The Chinese government is scrambling to show it is tackling the problem. In recent days, the government announced high-profile arrests and forced resignations of officials.

In a speech in New York, where he is attending the U.N. General Assembly, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said the government "is taking resolute measures to ensure product quality."

"We want to make sure that our products and our food will not only meet the domestic and international standards, but also meet the specific requirements of the import countries," he said.

A Chinese official apologized to consumers in Taiwan on Wednesday as authorities there ordered China-made milk products and vegetable-based proteins off store shelves, saying the goods had to be tested before they can go back on sale.

The checks on the vegetable-based proteins show the concern over how the problem is spreading. Taiwanese officials say at least seven Taiwanese companies have imported contaminated proteins from China. They say the proteins are made from corn or other vegetables but may be mixed with tainted milk products to improve flavor.

Malaysia's health minister said that customs officials will test all Chinese food imports, including those without milk, before allowing them to be released for sale.

The dairy at the center of the scandal, Sanlu Group Co., will not recover from the damage it has suffered, its New Zealand partner said Wednesday.

The Chinese government has now taken control of Sanlu, 43 percent owned by New Zealand's Fonterra Cooperative, and shut down its operations, Fonterra Chief Executive Andrew Ferrier said at a briefing. Sanlu is based in northern China's Hebei province.

"Sanlu has been damaged very badly by this tragedy," Ferrier told reporters as he announced Fonterra's annual results. "The brand cannot be reconstructed."

There was no immediate response Wednesday from Sanlu.

Campus News

We have a lot to learn from Malawi

By Laura Henry
Staff Writer

This year's first Peace Studies Coffee House was held on Monday Sept. 22 at 4:15 p.m., in Mueller Theater.

Attending speakers, Elder of St. Columbia Church in Malawi, Fletcher Nyirenda, and church member Joyce Dzuwa, informed the 68 attendees about the poverty and HIV/AIDS crisis occurring in Africa.

College chaplain Rev. James Mohr, cluster instructor Dr. Patricia Clark, and 14 students traveled to Malawi and other parts of South Africa for two and a half weeks, learning of its culture and hardships firsthand. Prior to traveling, students became knowledgeable on African history and peace making strategies, mainly focusing on Malawi.

"The trip was inspiring," Mohr said. "Poverty doesn't keep the people there from having a strong faith in God. We take so much for granted here while they have almost nothing and still praise God. They live through their daily trials and instead of taking life for granted or wishing they had more, they celebrate what God has given them."

Fletcher, Joyce and two college alumni who previously traveled to Malawi, privileged the crowd with an African song. Their voices rose throughout the theater, inspiring the crowd, who clapped along with the melody. Several students who attended the trip expressed how beautiful and passionate African song and dance is in the culture. Joyce explained that the people love to sing because it is a way for them to show their appreciation to God.

"We just love singing for the Lord," Joyce said.

After the song Fletcher explained that life is not all about singing and dancing, sharing the hardships of African people, living in poverty and losing loved ones to AIDS everyday. Over half of the 12 million Malawi population is under the age of 15, a large amount of which are left as orphans due to rapid deaths caused by the HIV virus. Ten percent of the 12 million people are HIV positive.

Recently steps have been made toward HIV/AIDS prevention, including openly talking about safe sex and condom use. Previously, their method was if they did not talk about AIDS then it did not exist. Anti Retral Viral Drugs are also being provided and help prevent spreading the virus. ARVs prevent expecting mothers from passing HIV onto their child and is offered free of charge to mothers at the Mulangi Hospital.

ARVs also enable people to live longer, which to the Malawi people, means staying alive long enough for their children to be able to support themselves. However, the drug is very expensive and usually unaffordable.

The Blantyre Synod, which the St. Columbia Church is part of, does all it can to support Malawi citizens and grieving families by sponsoring all schools, orphanages, hospitals, and medical clinics. The church helps run seven day care centers in Malawi, each housing over100 children under the age of five.

The majority of the children are orphans having lost one or both of their parents. Unfortunately, the orphanage care centers are only open during the day. Come nightfall the children must go back to their homes or the homes of their relatives.

School is also a struggle for families. Even though children want to attend public school, most cannot due to the cost; most families having little or no money. The Domasi Mission School made a large impact on sophomore Katie Gray.

"Being an El. Ed. major and seeing the school and the children really touched me," Gray said. "All of the desks are wooden and falling apart, the walls all have holes in them, and all of the windows are broken. We have so much and are constantly wanting more, while they have so little and are so grateful for the few things they do have."

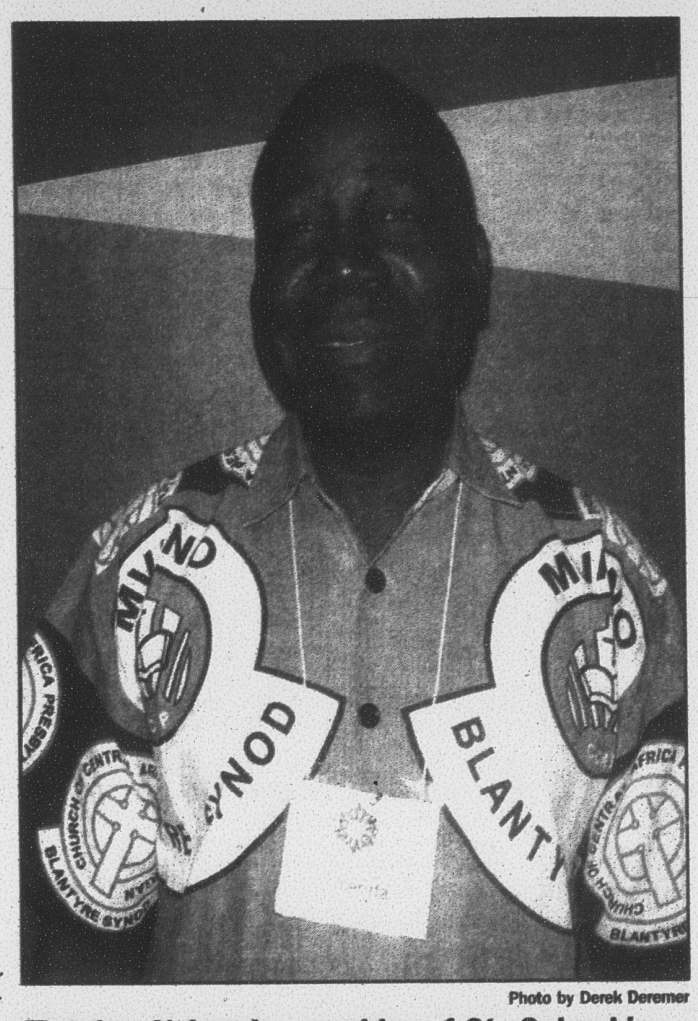
One of the traveling students expressed his feelings about the kindness and appreciation in Malawi.

"The people there are just so nice, so grateful, so appreciative," the student said. "Their appreciation and kindness is incredible, to the point that it makes you squirm when you think of the way people treat each other here."

College alumnus Mark Plum is knowledgeable about and has traveled to Malawi as well.

"We [Americans] could learn a lot from the people of Malawi," Plum said. "They have such a deep faith that is much deeper than ours. They put all of their trust in God. Their faith is so incredibly deep and rich. We have a lot to learn."

"The trip was inspiring. Poverty doesn't keep the people there from having a strong faith in God."
Reverend Jim Mohr



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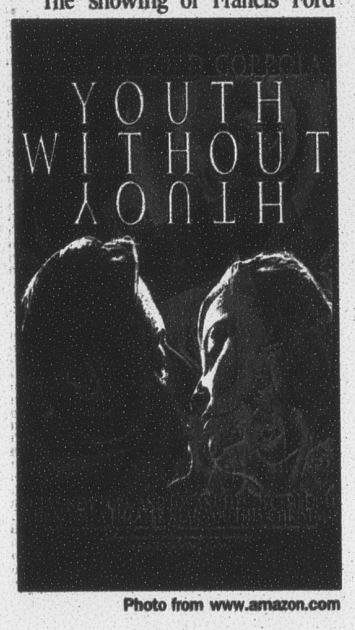
Fletcher Nyirenda, an elder of St. Columbia Church in Malawi, informed students about the HIV/AIDS crisis in Africa.

A return to youth

By Jessica Davis
Staff Writer

This semester's first Jake Erhardt International Film Series film "Youth Without Youth" was shown on Tuesday, Sept. 23 at 7:00 p.m. in Mueller Theatre followed by a discussion with Dr. Bryan Rennie.

The showing of Francis Ford Coppola's 2007 Romanian film "Youth Without Youth" premiered to debut the Jake Erhardt International Film Series. Based on the novella of the same title by Mircea Eliade, the film was introduced by, and followed with a discussion lead by Rennie, internationally recognized Eliade scholar, and Vira I. Heinz professor of religion.



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"This is the third time I've watched it right through and I'm discovering new things every time," Rennie said. "It's a fantasy, a sort of dream sequence if you like."

According to IMDB.com, "Youth Without Youth" was nominated for Best Cinematography in the Independent Spirit Awards.

More than 40 people attended the showing of "Youth Without Youth." The protagonist of the film, Dominic Matei, lives in Romania during the 1930s. Contemplating suicide, Matei is struck by lightening and rejuvenated, experiencing a return to his youth.

He becomes a valuable human specimen. While attempting to outrun the Nazis who wish to perform experiments on him, Matei meets a young woman named Veronica. Also having been struck by lightening, Veronica is the key to Matei's life's work and they fall in love.

"Foreign films open up the world to our students," coordinator Dr. Deborah Mitchell said. "Foreign films give us a chance to brush up against a culture other than our own– its people, its desires, hopes, frustrations, problems, and way of seeing the world."

Named after its founder, the Jake Erhardt International Film Series encourages students and faculty to enjoy foreign films. Erhardt, professor of German emeritus, taught on campus from 1968 until 2004. The Pennsylvania State Modern Languages Association named him the Language Educator of the Year and he was a prominent member of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The current coordinator of the film series, Mitchell, chooses the films based on recent findings of her own and suggestions from others.

Other films being shown this semester are the German film "Das Leben der Anderen" ("The Lives of Others") on Oct. 7 and the Spanish film "Volver" on Nov. 11.

Constitution Day

By Kelly Gould
Campus Writer

Friday, Sept. 19 was the annual Constitution Day Lecture. It was held in Mueller Theatre by Dr. Timothy Cuff, a history professor.

Every year, the Constitution Day Lecture is held to explain to students how the Constitution came about and the meaning of the Constitution. Learning institutions are required to give this lecture on or around Sept. 17, the day the Constitution was signed in 1787.

With the election so close, Cuff spoke about the Electoral College, and its importance in deciding who the next president will be. The Electoral College is a group of people from each state that takes a vote on who he or she feels should be president.

The Constitution itself is technically a second draft. The Articles of Confederation were originally made to run the government, but it was a failure. The Constitution was then made, signed, and has been followed for over two hundred years.

The Electoral College was not originally in the Constitution; it was put into the Constitution fifty-eight years after the Constitution was signed. Many amendments were not originally in the Constitution, such as the right for African Americans, women, and eighteen-year-olds to vote.

Electors are not governed by federal laws, but by state laws. They meet to vote the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December. The votes are then sent to Washington D.C. and are opened by the Vice President of the Senate. They are then counted by the tellers.

Some states have provisions on the Electoral College saying that they must vote the way the citizens voted. Several states, Pennsylvania included, do not have these provisions. When other states violate these provisions, they can be heavily fined.

One of the strange things about the Electoral College votes is that even though a candidate may have the popular votes, or the citizens' votes, the opposing candidate may have more Electoral College votes and will win the election. This has only happened four times, most recently with the Bush and Gore election of 2000.

Before the Electoral College was around, the voting process was extremely different. There were separate votes cast for president and vice president. It was not until 1803 that presidential candidates could pick their running mates.

After learning about the Electoral College, it was time to reveal the winner of the Rachel's Roadhouse gift certificate.

Out of the eight people in attendance, there were four that filled out the sheet of questions prior to the lecture. There was a tie, so Cuff had someone choose one of the names at random and the winner of the Rachel's Roadhouse gift certificate was Dawn McDonough.

All in all, the lecture was interesting and informative. It is important for young voters to learn about the Electoral College and the meaning of their vote for the upcoming election.

Inexpensive learning experiences

By Kelly Fee
Campus Writer

The Continuing Education Program is offering courses for the enhancement of skills, personal growth, and fitness for only five dollars.

This program has been in effect for the past 25 years to non-traditional students and has been offered to students for the last three years.

"The teachers have a great flexibility with teaching the classes and we have flexibility with registering students for the classes," Elizabeth Hines, director of Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning, said.

The people who teach the courses are Westminster faculty and staff as well as people outside of the Westminster community.

Registration for classes all depends on the course. You can register up until the day before the class is scheduled to start. However, it is better to register in advance to ensure the class is not cancelled due to lack of interest.

These courses are not only open to current students. Any individual interested in learning something new or just want to have fun is encouraged to sign up. While Westminster students pay five dollars for the courses, non-Westminster students have to pay slightly more, but it is still a minimal fee for the course. Students are offered a cheaper rate because the students are already paying tuition to go to school, so they get the courses offered at the reduced rate.

The most popular courses for students seem to be the activity and fitness courses. Popular inquiries this semester have been about the Yoga and the Better Eats: The Science of Cooking courses.

"We always offer computer classes and try to have some type of fitness class," Lori Scheidemantle, secretary of the Office of Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning, said. "Ideally we would like to have fitness classes to be offered Monday through Thursday".

The fitness courses are a good way to relieve stress while the computer and personal enhancement courses are a good way to take a break from full-time classes. Students that have taken the five dollar courses in the past have had a great experience and would love to do it again.

"I took the aerobics and Pilates' classes," senior Katie Teagarden said. "I decided it would be a good way to stay in shape and relieve some of the stress from my regular classes."

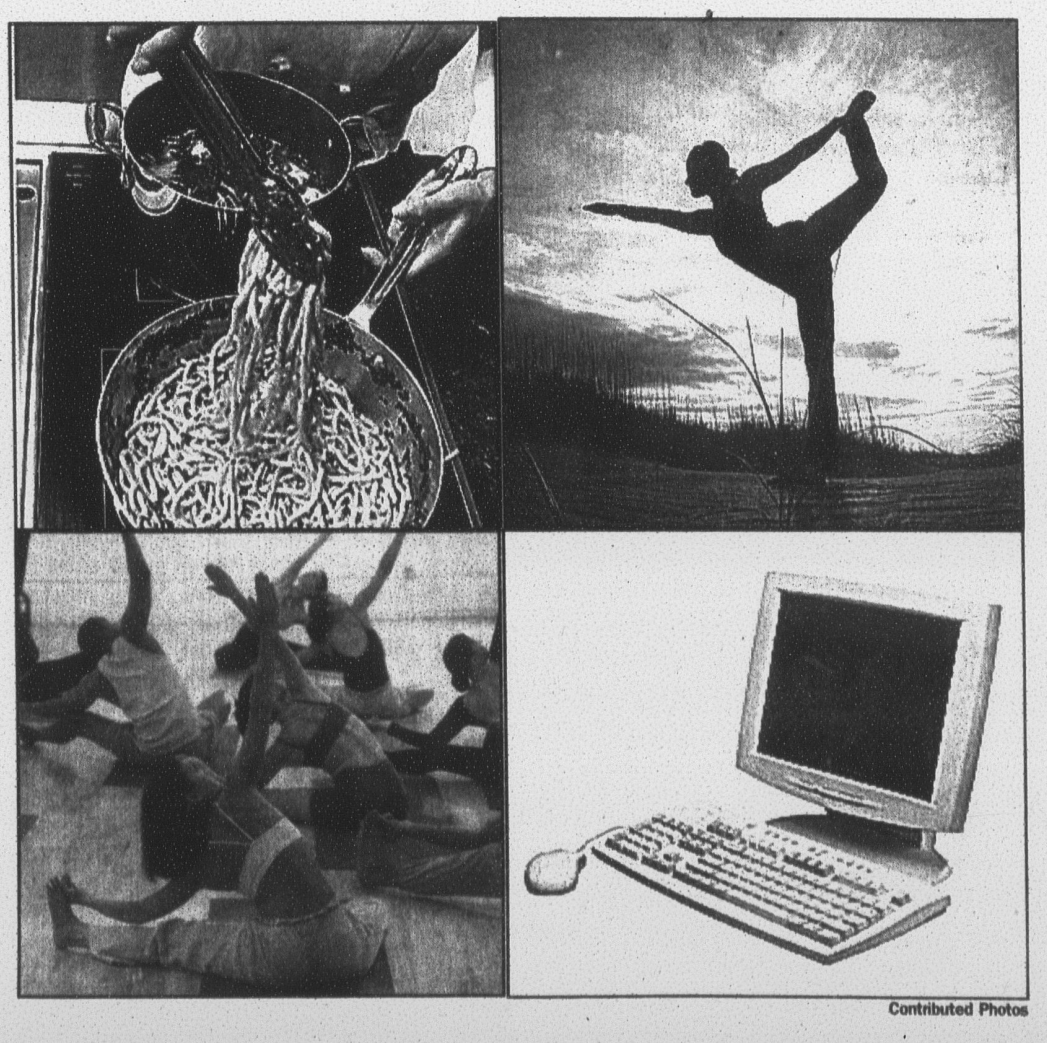
The classes are only five dollars which makes them even more intriguing to students and keeps them wanting to take more.

"They are cheap, fun, and easy to do" sophomore Lindsay Drabik said. "I would love to take another fitness class to help stay in shape and take a break from going to the gym everyday."

The registration process is simple. All students need to do is fill out the form available outside the Continuing Education Office or print it off the Westminster web site and turn it in to Lori Scheidemantle with a five dollar payment.

"If there is a class or activity students would be interested in taking and it is not offered yet, students can contact us by e-mail and let us know what they would like to take and we can try to get that class for the following semester," Scheidemantle said.

The Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning Program office is located in McKelvey room 268 down the hall past the Titan Gift Shop.



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Campus News

A Russian Holiday

Cluster courses give passports a purpose

By Katelyn Livingston
Campus Writer

Students will rush to Russia in the spring through a travel cluster course.

For the first time, a travel cluster to Russia is available to all students. The clusterclasses include classes PS 236 Russian Politics and His152 Russian History. Dr. Michael Aleprete had Russian politics approved through the school last year, in order to offer it for the cluster. Dr. Russell Martin will teach Russian history. The two professors are working on the itinerary for the trip. As of now, they plan on visiting St. Petersburg, Moscow, the Parliament and various museums, such as the Hermitage Museum. They will also take a river cruise across the country.

"Studying abroad is good because if you haven't been out of the country, you are missing a good opportunity," Aleprete said. "Plus, this could be a student's only chance to see Russia."

The professors held two informational meetings about the travel course and currently estimate 30 interested students. Others interested should e-mail Aleprete and ask to join their shared folder, where both professors update information as they plan the trip.

"The advantage of a travel cluster is simply that you get to travel!" Karli Champ, a sophomore interested in the Russia trip, said. "You get to go somewhere outside of Westminster, outside of the U.S. You give your passport a purpose!"

Last winter about 25 students used their passports and traveled to Nicaragua on a travel cluster course with Dr. Joel Postema and Dr. Ann Throckmorton. The group traveled in Nicaragua for 18 days over winter break. Students took courses on the ecology of Nicaragua as well as the history and culture of the country.

While in the country, students had an opportunity to use what they learned in the course. They explored towns; viewed the culture and language; and observed nature to experience the ecological parts of Nicaragua.

"I really enjoyed talking to people from another country who have completely different life experiences than I will ever have," senior Jamie Spisak said. "I would go back to Nicaragua in a heartbeat."

Travel clusters to Greece and Brazil will also be offered in the spring semester.

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Newly hired professor presents first Bleasby of the semester

Dr. Vaccaro guides students on transatlantic journey

By Sarah Kehr
Campus Writer

On Thursday Sept. 18 at 7:00 p.m., a combination of 45 students, faculty, and friends gathered in Mueller Theater to hear more about women's autobiography.

Dr. Kristianne Kalata Vaccaro, visiting assistant professor of English and Westminster alumna, presented pieces of her dissertation entitled "Transatlantic Acts: Nation, Self-Narration, and Celebrity in Victorian and Modernist Women's Autobiography" as part of the Bleasby Colloquium series. Vaccaro covered these points in autobiographies written by Harriet Martineau, Fanny Kemble, Gertrude Stein, and Sylvia Townsend Warner.

"I really enjoyed it," sophomore Kelly Lake said. "She made interesting points about the genre and authenticity, and she gave a better way to perceive the genre as well."

After an introduction by one of her former professors, Betsy Ford, Vaccaro used a slide show and a handout to discuss the points in her presentation. She began with discussing why she chose the genre of autobiography.

"It made me very aware of my audience and my writing," Vaccaro said.

Vaccaro then defined key terms she used in her dissertation. She gave definitions to autobiography, transatlantic, celebrity, and performance.

Vaccaro read a portion of her dissertation that focused on Gertrude Stein and Stein's autobiography. She finished with a slideshow of pictures showing destinations she had visited, such as Stein's Salon in Paris, France. A brief question and answer session followed.

Among the audience sat former professors and present colleagues of Vaccaro. Her students attended as well.

Dr. Ross Wastvedt, chair of the English department, taught Vaccaro throughout her years on campus. She was a part of his English 240 class.

"She could talk about going to the grocery store and I would find it interesting," Wastvedt said.

Dr. David Swerdlow, assistant professor of English, remembered Vaccaro as a student in his Poetry 111 class.

"It was a delight to see what she clearly made herself," Swerdlow said. "It gives me hope that my students will continually surprise me."

The Bleasby Colloquium began as a series of colloquia in Sept. 1990. In the summer of 1992, the department decided to name the series in honor of Dr. George Bleasby, beloved professor and former chair of the department.

"We wanted to find ways to engage students in literature beyond the classroom," Wastvedt said. "We wanted to make the study of English a full bodied celebration."

Bleasby Colloquiums consist of volunteer literary speakers. The professors of the English department rotate presenting. Recently, off-campus speakers have been included. This series occurs once a month throughout the academic year. It is free and open to the public.

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Sports

Titan football wins again

Third quarter scoring burst gives Titans 31-24 victory over St. Vincent

By Andrew Kubincanek
Sports Writer

The Titans scored three times in the third quarter to defeat Saint Vincent 31-24 on Saturday, Sept. 20.

At the end of the first quarter, Saint Vincent led by 10 points. Junior Quarterback Kevin Franz led the Titans on their first scoring drive in the second quarter for a Nick McKolosky touchdown.

The Titans then drove again to tie the game with a field goal in the final seconds of the first half. The team maintained the momentum in the second half and scored on the next three drives, including one that resulted from an interception.

"At halftime we focused on building on how we finished the first half," Head Coach Jeff Hand said. "We knew we were going to receive the 2nd half kick and wanted to score, get a stop, and score ..the team went out and executed."

At the beginning of the third quarter, after the 28-yard field goal by junior Fred Romeo to tie, the Titans indeed executed their plan. The Titans drove 63 yards in six minutes and scored with a 6-yard touchdown pass to senior Jordan Belosh.

On the next drive, Westminster not only stopped Saint Vincent but forced a fumble when senior Andrew Robison sacked quarterback Kevin Corona. Sophomore Jeff Bever recovered the ball at the 41-yard line. Junior Nick McKolosky scored with a 59-yard touchdown run on the first play of that drive.

Westminster's last scoring drive consisted of nine plays for 62 yards and ended with McKolosky's second touchdown from a 1-yard run. Though Saint Vincent cut the lead with two late touchdowns –one following a Franz interception- they were unable to overcome the Titan's 21-point lead.

"There are many life lessons in the sport of football and Saturday's game gave our young men the opportunity to learn how to overcome adversity and learn how important staying on task is once you pull yourself out of hole," Hand said

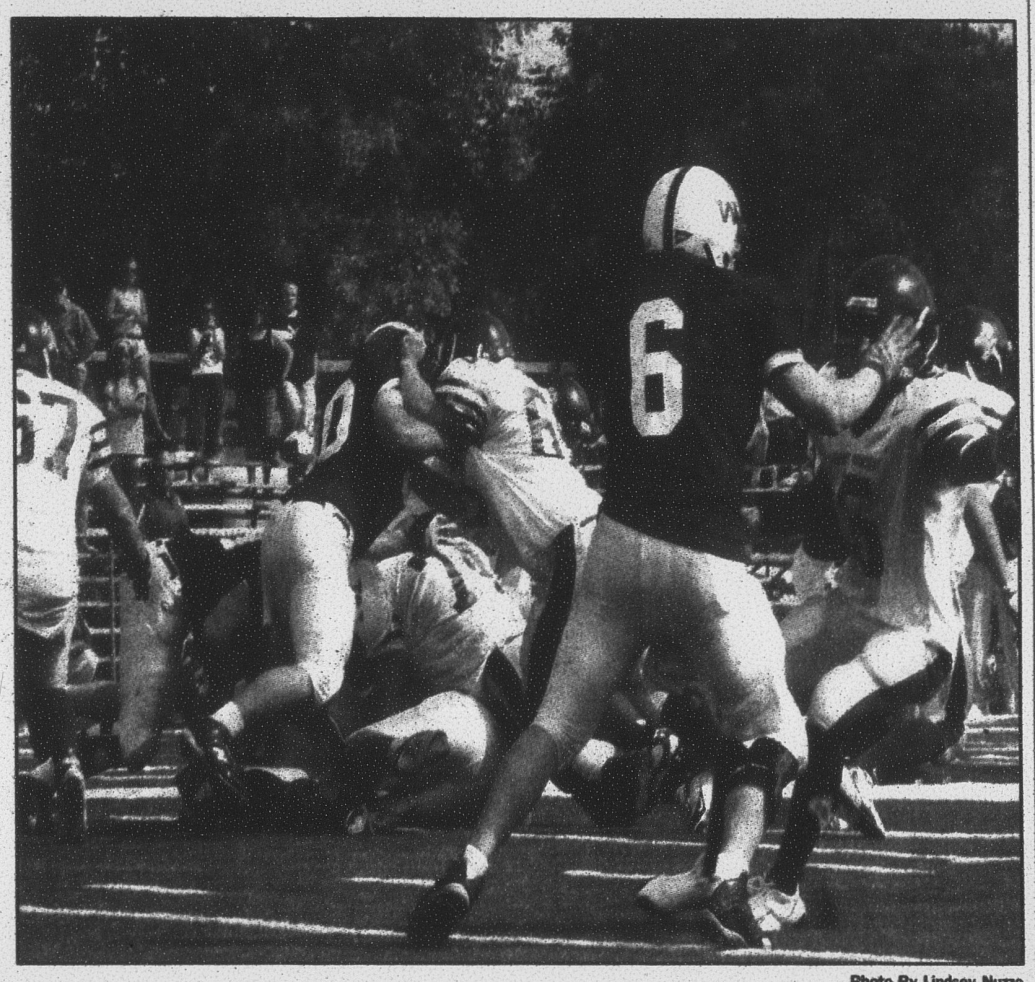

Photo By Lindsey Nuzzo

Making the play

Blocks his opponent while several teammates fight for the ball during the Saturday, September 20 game vs. St. Vincent. The Titans went on to win the game 31-24.

Westminster held a clear advantage in overall yardage with the final tally at 375-293. McKolosky carried the ball for a season-high 30 times and rushed for the second most yards in his career with 146 (10 shy of his own record).

Junior wide receiver Jon Gubish had six catches for a career high 91 yards. Franz was 22 of 38 for 243 yards giving him a career total of 4,583. He is still in fourth place behind Joe Micchia who played from 1987 to 1989 and gained 4,619 total yards. James Graham (1997-2000) holds the Westminster record for career passing yards with 5,826.

The game leaves Westminster at 2-1 but in fourth place in the President's Athletic Conference behind W&J, Grove City and Thomas More. This Saturday the Titans will travel to Thomas More for the first game against a PAC rival this season. With a win in the conference, the team could move ahead to third place.

Last season, the Titans lost 34-7 to Thomas More. They are currently 1-1 overall and 1-0 in the PAC with a win against Waynesburg. It will be Thomas More's home opener on their new Bank of Kentucky field. The game will be at 1:30 p.m.

Following Saturday's game, the Titans will face all five other PAC opponents in a row. The team has home games against Thiel, Bethany, and Grove City and away games against Waynesburg and W&J. The Titans were 2-4 in the PAC last season.

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Head Coach Jeff Hand

Women's golf opens season

By Andrew Kubincanek
Sports Writer

The Titans opened the 2008 season at Mercyhurst and placed ninth out of 10 teams with a team score of 808.

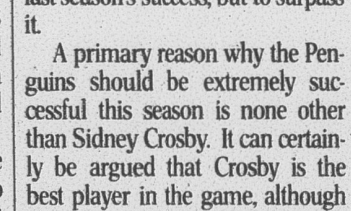
The Mercyhurst Invitational took place at the Downing golf course on Sept. 20 and 21. Par was 72 or 144 for both days. Freshman Pamela Bonneau had a two-day total of 187 strokes and led the Titans by tying for 34th place overall. Junior Lauren Sieger- a second team all-conference selection last season - placed 38th overall. Freshman Anna Johnston and sophomore Lisa Giardina took 47th and 48th places respectively. The Titans finished in ninth both days. They beat East Stroudsburg University who finished with 929 strokes overall.

The invitational also included, Gannon, Mercyhurst, West Chester, Mount Union, Clarion, St. John Fisher and two teams from Allegheny. Allegheny led at the end of both days and took the team championship with 628 shots. Gannon came in second with 667. Mary Snode from Mount Union was the individual champion with 151 strokes.

The Titans will travel to the course at Oak Tree Country Club in West Middlesex for the first round of the PAC Championships on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. The team will play two more invitational games at Allegheny and Grove City in October. Invitational play will resume at Mount Union in March. The second round of the PAC Championships will be held in April.

W&J won the last PAC Championship in April with a team score of 707. Westminster finished in second with 814 followed by Grove City with 837. The Titans have taken second place in the championship for the past two seasons. Sieger and Giardina were both members of the 2007-2008 PAC Championship team. Sieger shot the second lowest among the team and placed ninth on the individual leaderboard.

October's Opening Act



Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

To sports fans, the beginning of October is traditionally thought to be the start of Major League Baseball's playoffs and the National Football League's regular season.

While the NFL season is great for Pittsburgh and Cleveland fans alike, neither city will be a part of October baseball after their teams' performances this season. For another sect of fans, the beginning of October does not coincide with the MLB playoffs or the fifth week of the NFL's regular season, but rather it is the inaugural month of the National Hockey League's regular season.

Although it does not seem that time, hockey season is rapidly approaching and Pittsburgh Penguin fans are excited for the team's encore act after last season. While it will be hard to match last year's success, this year's team certainly has the potential to not only match last season's success, but to surpass it.

A primary reason why the Penguins should be extremely successful this season is none other than Sidney Crosby. It can certainly be argued that Crosby is the best player in the game, although if I were awarding that honor, I would give it to Alexander Ovechkin. Nonetheless, Crosby's uncanny ability to move the puck, coupled with his precision passing skills make him the best center in the NHL.

Crosby is not only dangerous when playing his center position during even strength exchanges, Sid the Kid also strikes fear in opposing goalies' eyes when the Pens are on the power play.

If there is an area of concern with Crosby it is that his line mates this season are likely to be less talented than the two who skated with him only a season ago. Losing Marian Hossa will hurt the Pens because Hossa's sniper of a shot was the perfect complement to Crosby's passing skills.

The secret behind the Penguins success is not its top line, but rather its second line. No team in the NHL had a better second line last season than the Pens did with Evgeni Malkin, Ryan Malone, and Petr Sykora. There is no doubt that the loss of Malone weakens this line, but with Ruslan Fedotenko likely to take his place this will still be one of the premiere second lines in the NHL.

For the first time in a long while, the Penguins also boast one of the top blue lines. Offensive defensemen Sergei Gonchar and Ryan Whitney are among the best shooters when it comes to NHL defensemen. The physical presence of Hal Gill and Brooks Orpik will complement the defensive skills of Mark Eaton and Kris Letang. This should be one of the better defensive units in the NHL.

Finally, if the Pens are to win the Stanley Cup this season, it will be largely due to the performance of net minder Marc-Andre Fleury. After a tough start to his professional career, Fleury showed last season that he is one of the NHL's elite goaltenders. Fleury was not only good in the regular season, but was a benchmark for consistency throughout the playoff push. With serviceable backup Dany Sabourin, the Pens goalies should be solid. Fleury must continue to dominate in the net if the Pens are to make another serious run at the Stanley Cup.

Although it will be tough to beat the success of last season, this year's Pens team has a tremendous chance. With the nucleus of young players having another year of NHL experience, the future is now for the Pittsburgh Penguins; and it most certainly is a future that looks awfully bright.

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Men's soccer rallies with 7-0 win over Penn State-Beaver

Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

The men's soccer team rebounded from a loss against unbeaten Carnegie Mellon with a decisive win against Penn State-Beaver.

The Titans, with about half of the regular season remaining, are 6-3 overall. Only one game remains before their first PAC match-up.

The Titans hosted nationally ranked Carnegie Mellon Saturday, Sept. 20 and suffered a 4-0 loss.

"We played better against them this year than last, but the result didn't show that," sophomore Aaron Zavora said. "CMU is a legitimate team that won the individual battles and finished when they needed to. If we want to beat top teams like CMU, our work rate and focus must be better."

The Tartans held the shot advantage over the Titans, 13-10.

Senior Garrett Horvath had four of the Titans' ten shots. Sophomore goalkeeper Mike Codita had four saves and gave up four goals.

The Tartans' Patrick Lutz and Adam Bogus scored one goal apiece in the first half. Lutz scored another goal in the second half, followed by Ryan Browne netting the fourth goal for CMU.

The Titans hosted Penn State-Beaver Tuesday, Sept. 23 and defeated the Lions with a 49-0 shot advantage and a score of 7-0.

Horvath ignited the scoring streak in the 7th minute of the game on an assist from freshman James Gross. Senior Chris Ellwanger scored on a penalty kick in the 10th minute.

Freshman Coty Hainsey netted two goals during the game, followed by an additional two goals by junior Jarred Smeltzer. Zavora scored the final goal for the Titans in the 83rd minute.

The Titans return to action Saturday, Sept. 27 when they travel to face Baldwin-Wallace. Undefeated Baldwin-Wallace is among the top ten in NCAA Division III national rankings.

"Baldwin-Wallace is a good team and in order to win, we have to play to our potential," Ellwanger said.

"We played better against them this year than last, but the result didn't show that."
Sophomore Aaron Zavora

Photo By Lindsey nuzzo

Jake Huey, freshman defender, looks to steal the ball from a Carnegie Mellon oppenent on Saturday, Sept. 20. Despite their defensive efforts, the Titans lost 4-0.

Upcoming Athletic Events

Friday:
4:00pm Women's Tennis v. Penn State-Behrend

Saturday:
TBA Men's and Women's Cross Country at St. Vincent Invitational
10:30am Women's Tennis at Waynesburg
1:00pm Volleyball at Thomas More (at St. Vincent)
1:30pm Football at St. Vincent
4:30pm Women's Soccer at Baldwin-Wallace
7:00pm Men's Soccer at Baldwin-Wallace

Monday:
TBA Men's Golf PAC Championships

Tuesday:
TBA Men's and Women's Golf PAC Championships

Wedne sday:
TBA Women's Golf PAC Championships
4:00pm Tennis at Geneva

Thursday:
7:00pm Volleyball at Chatham

Friday:
4:00pm Women's Tennis at Mount Union

Sports

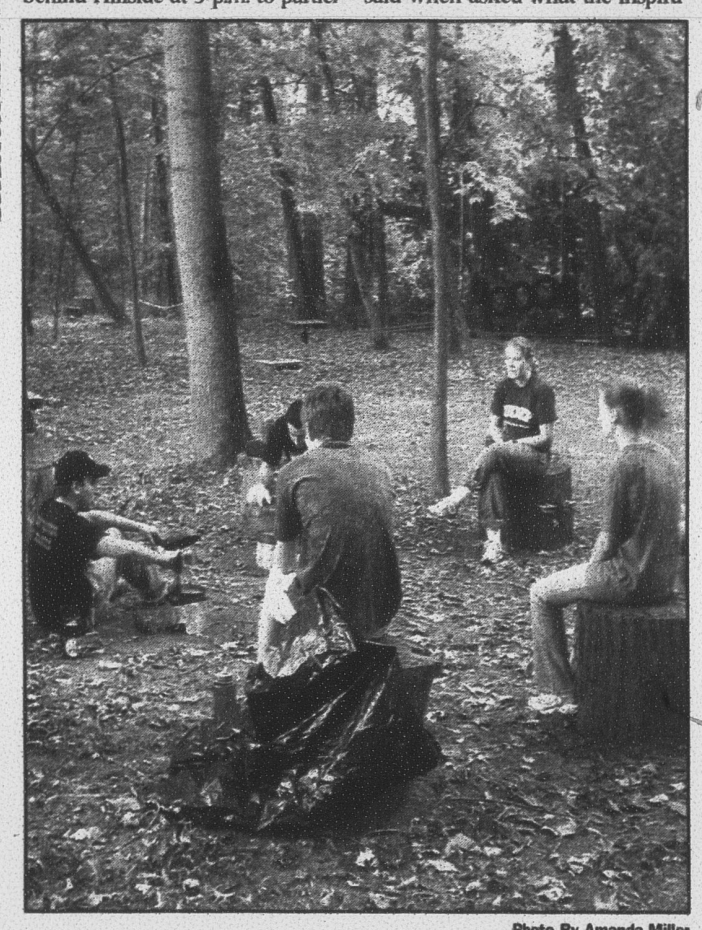
Titan Traverse holds backyard camping trip

By Brian Cosgrove
Campus Writer

Titan Traverse gave students the opportunity to escape campus, sit around a fire, and of course have some s'mores.

On Friday night, Sept. 19, three student facilitators from Titan Traverse led a group of seven of their fellow students to the ropes course behind Hillside at 5 p.m. to participate in a camping trip. Their plans included dinner, setting up camp, a bonfire, and breakfast the next day. Stephenie Noyes, Eric Chesney, and Mark Amaismeier not only facilitated the trip but also planned the entire event.

"It is the Titan Traverse students who are taking the initiative to make it happen." The Assistant Director of Titan Traverse Brian Vare said when asked what the inspiration behind the camping trip was.



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He added that they wanted to provide an experience that was "out of the norm" from usual campus activities and to allow the rest of campus to experience what many of the students in Titan Traverse have the opportunity to do. Titan Traverse often takes trips over the summer to do a variety of activities involving the outdoors.

As soon as the group arrived at the campsite, they cooked dinner. Stephenie Noyes described the meal as the "Titan Traverse Staple," which was beans and rice, a meal often ate by Titan Traverse on their own trips. They then set up camp and later had a bon fire.

For the rest of the night the group relaxed around the fire, talking and making s'mores. In the morning, the group had eggs with cheese and bagels for breakfast, took down the campsite, and headed back to campus. They arrived back around 11 a.m. the following day.

This was the first time Titan Traverse had done the camping trip. The organization considered the event a success and will most likely have the same event either next year or possibly in the spring. Titan Traverse is trying to open their activities to the campus in hopes of providing good experiences that give students the opportunity to grow, learn and have fun.

"We have a desire for Titan Traverse students to share what we have with the campus community," Vare said.

Titan Traverse also has a number of other events coming up that are also open to the campus. These events include white water rafting on Oct. 4 and a large capture the flag game on Nov. 1. Titan Traverse will be teaming up with the Residence Life staff to facilitate the capture the flag game.

Photo by Amanda Miller

Roughing it

Titan Traverse planned a campus escape on Friday, Sept 19. Spending the night behind Hillside at the ropes course, students had dinner, set up camp, built a bonfire, and ate breakfast the next day. Stephenie Noyes, Eric Chesney, and Mark Amaismeier facilitated the trip and planned the entire event.

Women's tennis remains unbeaten in PAC play

Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

The women's tennis team shut out Bethany following a loss against non-conference Saint Vincent. The team's overall record is now 7-3 and they are 3-0 in the President's Athletic Conference (PAC).

The Titans hosted Saint Vincent Sunday, Sept. 21 and suffered a loss to the Bearcats, 6-3.

"Everyone played really well against Saint Vincent," sophomore Rachel Jack said. "It is always a really tough match and everyone played their hardest against this very talented team."

Senior Beth Erwin and Jack led the Titans. Jack defeated Saint Vincent's Brittany Vignero (6-3, 6-1) in her singles competition. Jack then paired up with Erwin to defeat Nicole Peer and Jessica Paruch 8-6.

"Saint Vincent was an extremely challenging match and we knew that coming into it," Erwin said. "I believe we played our hardest and were very close to pulling a victory. For myself, I believe my partner and I played very well as we pulled out one of the three wins of the match. I always believe we put in all we have for every match and that is a victory in itself."

Juniors April Scudere and Hilary Newman also won against their Bearcat opponents Allie Botti and Alexis Cup, 8-3.

The Titans traveled to Bethany Wednesday, Sept. 24 where they competed with the Bison. With a score of 9-0, the Titans defeated the Bison. All of the Titans wins thus far have been shut-outs.

The match between the two PAC teams did not count toward league standings; instead the two teams will face off Oct. 20 in Titan territory for their league match.

Freshman Andrea Redhair, classmate Lauren Latinovich, Scudere, Newman, and Jack were both singles and doubles winners. In addition, senior Alyson Lingle won her singles match and Erwin paired with Latinovich for a doubles win.

The Titans return to action today (Friday, Sept. 26) and Saturday, Sept 27 when they face Penn State-Behrend and Waynesburg, respectively. Following weekend, the Titans have only two PAC matches and four non-conference matches left in their regular season schedule.

"I think our team has done an outstanding job this year," Erwin said. "We have meshed well together and put 100 percent effort into every match. As for the rest of the year we will take it one match at a time and never give up on a single point. I think we will do well this season because of our outlook and dedication throughout the season so far."

Lady Titans soccer improves record with shut-outs

Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

The women's soccer team improved their record to 6-2-1 following two shut out wins against non-conference teams Pitt-Greensburg and La Roche.

The Titans traveled to Pitt-Greensburg Thursday, Sept. 18 where they defeated the Bobcats, 8-0.

"Our overall play against Pitt-Greensburg was very good," sophomore Sarah Nee said. "We played with high intensity and we knew what we had to do to come out with the win. The game also gave a lot of our team members a chance to play which was great in the sense that we all got better playing as a true team."

Senior Christina Adams netted the first two goals for the Titans with two assists from Nee. In the 24th and 45th minutes, Nee added two more goals with assists from Adams and freshman Samantha Killmeyer.

Adams scored the team's fifth goal in the 50th minute on an assist from senior Abby Montgomery. Nee followed with another goal in the 51st minute assisted by Killmeyer.

Killmeyer and junior Lauren Graeser netted the final two goals on assists from Adams and junior Michelle Latta-Maloney, respectively. Overall, the Titans out-shot the Bobcats 21-2.

The Titans won at La Roche Wednesday, Sept. 24 with a final score of 5-0. The team held a 13-7 shooting advantage over the Redhawks.

Junior goalkeeper Lindsey Mellott and freshman goalkeeper Kara Kendall combined for the shutout spending 17 and 73 minutes in the net, respectively.

Killmeyer led the Titans with two goals, her fifth and sixth of the season. Montgomery, Graeser and Adams scored the remaining three goals combining for the win. Adams leads the team with eight goals on the season, five of which were game winners.

The Titans return to the field Saturday, Sept. 27 when they travel to Baldwin-Wallace. The Yellow Jackets are 3-2-2, overall. The game marks the halfway point of the Titans regular season.

"Our overall goal for the season is to be PAC champions and get a bid to the NCAA tournament," Graeser said. "We haven't started playing our conference games yet, so we have some big games ahead of us. We want to go undefeated in the PAC to ensure our spot in the playoffs at the end of the season."

Lady Titans volleyball advances record to 3-0 in PAC conference

By Corey Kendall
Sports Writer

Over the past week, the Lady Titans played two matches, both against PAC opponents.

They were able to claim victory in both giving them an overall record of 10-6 and an undefeated PAC record of 3-0.

On Saturday, Sept. 20, the Lady Titans played a home match against PAC opponent, Bethany. The Lady Titans were able to defeat the Bison with an overall score of 3-0, which included individual game scores of 25-7, 25-19, and 25-15.

Westminster outplayed Bethany. That showed drastically in Westminster's hitting percentage which was .476 compared to Bethany's .071. Junior Sam Botzum was able lead the Titans with nine kills and 10 digs while freshmen Lindsay Speidel and Jessie Szakacs were also able to put down eight kills each. Senior Traci Hassell was able to claim 27 assists and also served up four aces.

On Wednesday, Sept. 24, the Lady Titans played another PAC match at home against Waynesburg. The Lady Titans were able to notch another win in their record after defeating Waynesburg with a score of 3-0. The individual scores were 25-19, 25-15, and 25-17.

The Titans deserved the win as they played with much intensity. Speidel came through with eight kills for the Titans while Botzum and Szakacs put down five apiece. Szakacs also contributed 11 assists.

Junior Devin Kelley tallied 10 blocks setting a new career high. Of the 10 blocks three were solo and seven were assists. Westminster had three solo blocks and 22 assists total as a team. Senior Hannah Parker also contributed by claiming 16 digs.

After two great matches, the Lady Titans are gearing up for a three-team match-up on Saturday, Sept. 27. The Lady Titans will be traveling to Saint Vincent to play both the host and Thomas More. Thomas More will be the fourth PAC match of the season and with an undefeated PAC record, the Lady Titans hope to keep on the winning streak.

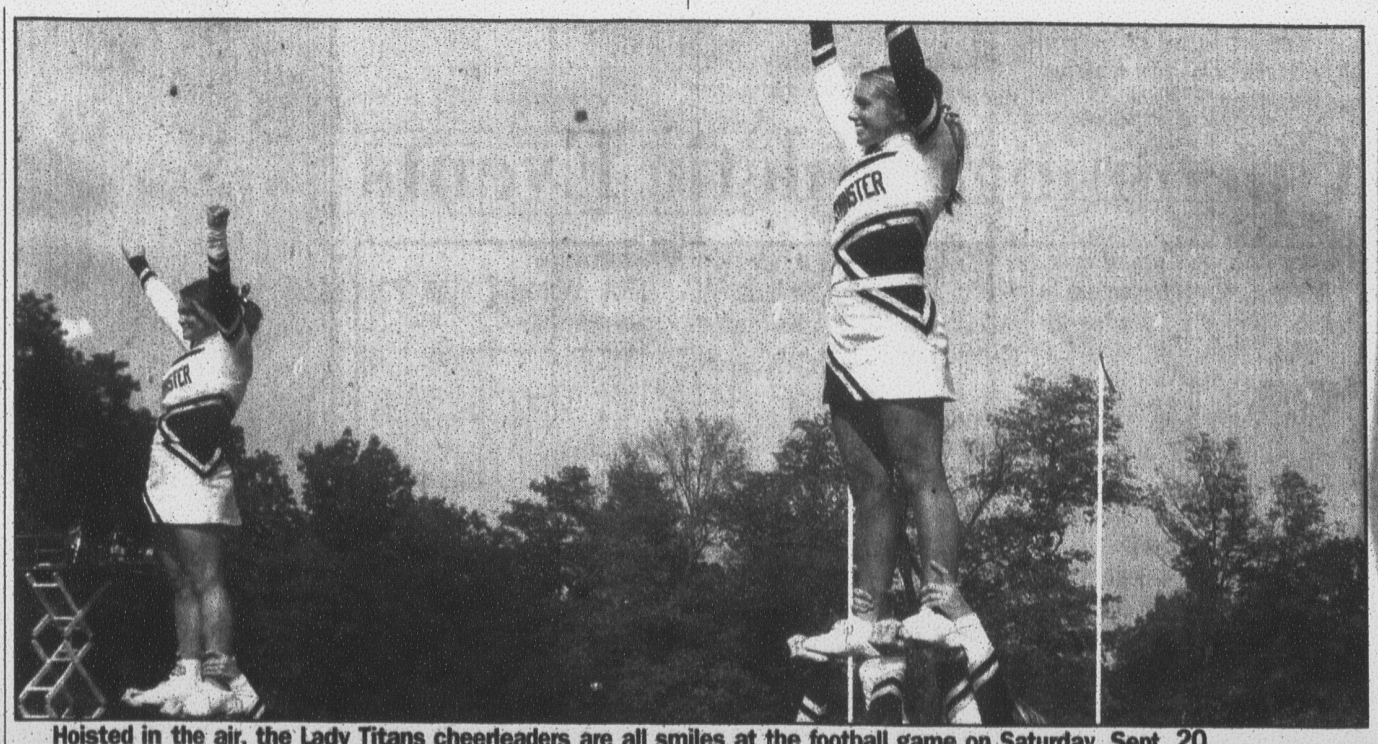
Titan Athletic honors

SAAC Athlete of the week

McKolosky

Junior football player Nick McKolosky has been named the SAAC Titan Athlete of the Week, as voted on by members of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) for the week of Sept. 16-22.

McKolosky rushed for 146 yards and two touchdowns on 30 carries in Westminster's 31-24 win over Saint Vincent on Saturday. His 59-yard touchdown run in the third quarter was the longest run of his career and his 146 rushing yards were the second most of his career.



Hoisted in the air, the Lady Titans cheerleaders are all smiles at the football game on Saturday, Sept. 20.

CALENDAR

Friday, September 26, 2008

SGA Day

11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

11:45 AM Alpha Phi Omega Exec. Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Conference Room)

1:00 PM - 1:00 AM Sigma Phi Epsilon's Jump for Hope (Quad – Close to Browne Hall)

4:00 PM WOMEN'S TENNIS v. Penn State-Behrend

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Kung Fu Panda (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (MCC Mueller Theate

Saturday, September 27, 2008

TBA Men's Cross Country @ Saint Vincent Invitational

TBA Women's Cross Country @ Saint Vincent Invitational

10:30 AM Women's Tennis @ Waynesburg*

1:00 PM Volleyball @ Thomas More* (at Saint Vincent)

1:30 PM Football @ Thomas More*

3:00 PM Volleyball @ Saint Vincent

4:30 PM Women's Soccer @ Baldwin-Wallace

7:00 PM Men's Soccer @ Baldwin-Wallace

7:00 PM Mass (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

7:00 PM SGA Informational Meeting for First-Year and Transfer Students (MCC Mueller Theater)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Kung Fu Panda (MCC Mueller Theater)

Sunday, September 28, 2008

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Kung Fu Panda (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:00 PM Vespers (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (MCC Mueller Theater)

Monday, September 29, 2008

TBA Men's Golf @ PAC Championships (at Oak Tree CC, West Middlesex, Pa.)

11:40 AM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

12:00 PM Holcad Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Conference Room)

7:00 PM Disney College Program Presentation (Thompson-Clark 314)

7:00 PM Green Party Meeting (MCC 352 Wile Conference Room)

7:00 PM Sierra Student Coalition Guest Speaker: Mark Dixon (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

7:30 PM Praise Team Practice (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night at Westminster (MCC Club/Lounge)

9:30 PM Bowling Club Meeting (Patterson 311)

Tuesday, September 30, 2008

All Day Events

Last Day to Withdraw from a 7-Week Course

TBA Men's Golf @ PAC Championships (at Oak Tree CC, West Middlesex, Pa.)

TBA Women's Golf @ PAC Championships (at Oak Tree CC, West Middlesex, Pa.)

12:40 PM Department Chairs' Meeting (Old Main 213)

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM SLAC Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Conference Room)

5:00 PM Chapel Staff Meeting (Old Main 213)

6:30 PM - 7:45 PM Eileen Torres Returns to Give Salsa Dance Lessons!! (Orr Auditorium)

8:00 PM BSU Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Conference Room)

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night at Westminster (MCC Club/Lounge)

9:30 PM Newman Club Meeting (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

Wednesday, October 1, 2008

TBA Women's Golf @ PAC Championships (at Oak Tree CC, West Middlesex, Pa.)

11:40 AM Student Pre-Law Association Meeting (Patterson 215)

11:45 AM Faires Faculty Forum: Tim Sherwood, Moving Graveyards: Course, Textbook and Curriculum Reform (MCC Mueller Theater)

4:00 PM Women's Tennis @ Geneva

5:15 PM CPC Meeting (MCC Club)

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Art Gallery Event (Patterson Hall)

7:00 PM International Cultures Club Meeting (MCC Berlin Lounge)

7:00 PM SGA Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship (MCC Berlin Lounge)

Thursday, October 2, 2008

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Career Center Hosts "Let's Do Lunch" with the Navy (MCC Club)

12:40 PM - 1:50 PM GET REAL! Series: Wheels and Deals! (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

12:45 PM IFC Meeting (Memorial Field House)

5:45 PM College Democrats Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Conference Room)

6:15 PM Japanese Anime Club (Thompson-Clark 210)

7:00 PM Volleyball @ Chatham*

7:00 PM Gospel Choir Rehearsal (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

8:00 PM Allies Meeting (Thompson-Clark 314)

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Climbing Wall Open (Memorial Field House)

8:00 PM Newman Club Exec. Meeting (MCC 352 Wile Conference Room)

8:30 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night at Westminster (MCC Club/Lounge)

10:00 PM Titan Traverse Student Meeting (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

Friday, October 3, 2008

All Day Events

International Peacemaker's Visit: Rev. Yousif Kodi from Sudan

Sixth Annual Music and Meatballs Presented by Concert Choir

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

4:00 PM Women's Tennis @ Mount Union

5:45 PM College Democrats Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Conference Room)

9:00 PM - 11:00 PM Titan's Tavern (MCC Club/Lounge)

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21-April 19).

Your feelings may get hurt when someone you trust disregards your needs. Get tough! Sometimes you have to fight for what you want, and this of one of those times. Your loveable personality will help you to mend fences after you win the battle. Friday is your lucky day. You may embrace an idea you once resisted.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

Call that soul sister/brother who brings out your outrageous and spontaneous side. While you're at it, plan a visit. You and your friend could both use a getaway, and it would give you a much-needed opportunity to let loose and relieve some stress. You're especially compatible with Sagittarius.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

When an unpleasant situation seems to be taking over your good mood, it's time to use diversionary tactics on yourself. You can turn an issue into a non-issue by focusing elsewhere. Find a topic so juicy or an object so irresistible that you can't help but become consumed with intrigue over the whole thing.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

Creativity is king in your circle. Whether the task at hand has more to do with work or play, it's all the same to you. You're able to pull together an excellent group that includes those with opposing talents and wildly different aesthetics. It all adds up to a strange and wonderful mix of sensibilities.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

You're wondering if you actually chose that thing in your life or if it was thrust upon you. It doesn't matter which is true. It's how you deal with it now. You're strong, graceful and, when it comes down to it, much bigger than your problems. By Friday you'll have made impressive progress. You'll be proud of yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

All around you, people are fighting for attention. Of course you deserve your share, but do you really want to wrestle for it? You're better off stepping back to watch all the posturing and competition. You'll have your time on Friday, and you'll be good and ready. Your presentation will be fantastic and memorable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

A wise man named Charles Parkhurst said, "The man who lives by himself and for himself is likely to be corrupted by the company he keeps." In contrast, you socialize brilliantly this week, choosing excellent influences and rising to new standards of living because of your drive to better yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

The original truth-seeker of the zodiac, you revel in the pure release of calling it as you see it. Candor is your trademark. This week you're willing to swap that compulsion to speak honestly for a dose of diplomatic grace. Someone has to keep the peace, and you tip the charisma-meter into the red zone.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

Follow the rule of public speakers this week: Know your audience. Among those listening to you will probably be more than the usual amount of tender souls who need more soothing than hard-edged truth. Guided by your compassion, you'll make a choice that benefits all -- or at least most.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

You are delighted to be in the service of others, and you have a clear notion of how you can lend meaningful help. Inspiration strikes Wednesday. You plot out a sound plan and follow through. A simple idea, well executed, can have great social relevance. Fame might come to you, though you won't seek it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

The identity you project to the world is part of who you are, although a very small part. Your real self spans beyond dimensions and universes. It's currently incomprehensible. You'll be reminded of this as you distance yourself from small upsets and focus on the huge joy that accompanies your endeavors.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

Inconvenient happenings are lucky. When you notice that things aren't occurring when you want them to or the way you want them to, it's a chance to welcome life on its own terms. Be happy for surprises. And when people teach you what you have no interest in learning, soak it in anyway -- chances are you'll use it.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS:

Everyone wants a fairy godmother. This year you have one. It turns out that the magic person who will come and solve all of the problems is you. You're thinking of changes, and then everything changes. You show the world a new side in October and get a second chance at a stellar opportunity in November. You'll hear applause in December and give a repeat performance in January. A passionate interest takes over your personal life in the New Year. Business deals are sealed in July.

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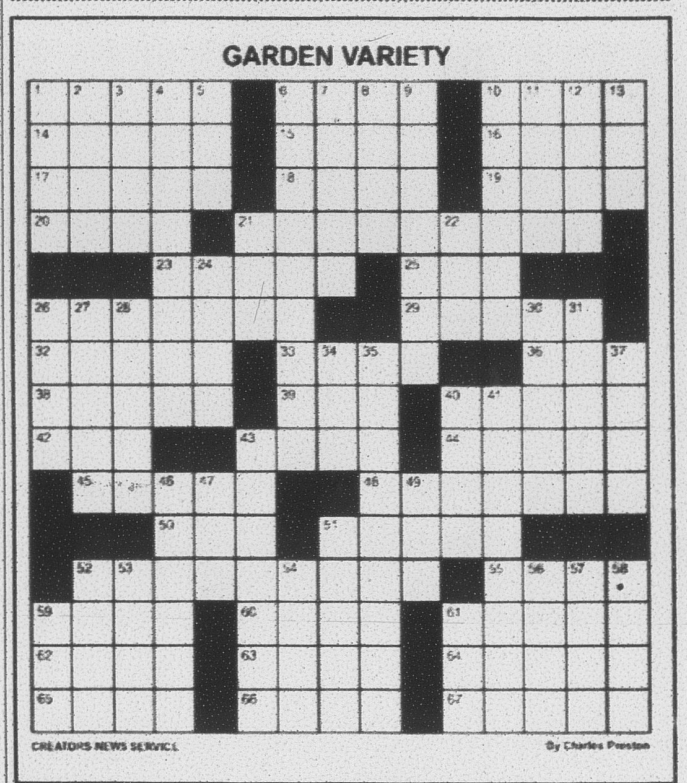

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21 Early spring bloom
23 Sugar producers
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26 Musical flourish
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32 Iridescent gemstones
33 Relative of a gull
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38 Santiago is the capital
39 Dutch commune
40 Extract
42 Squeak ouster
43 Upsets
44 Cologne coin, formerly
45 Welsh poet Thomas
48 Do one's bit
50 La Gallienne or Bartok
51 To the point
52 Fragrant flowers
55 Bobby, of hockey, and namesakes
59 Scene
60 Paris airport
61 Dostoevsky's *The* _____
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63 Like some TV entertainment
64 Passage
65 Buffalo Bill: Will _____
66 Novelist Heyer's exclamation
67 Slumber

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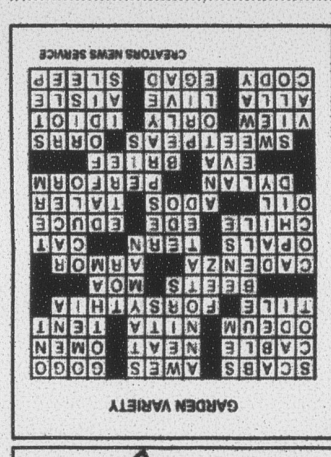

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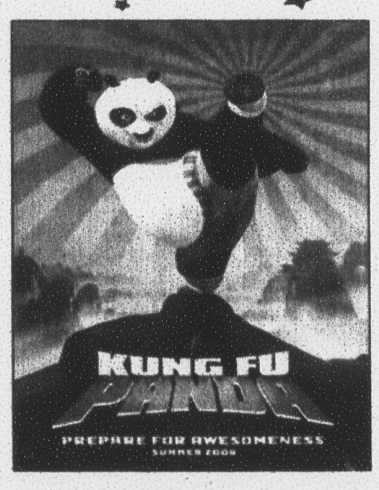

Movies Playing at Mueller Theater

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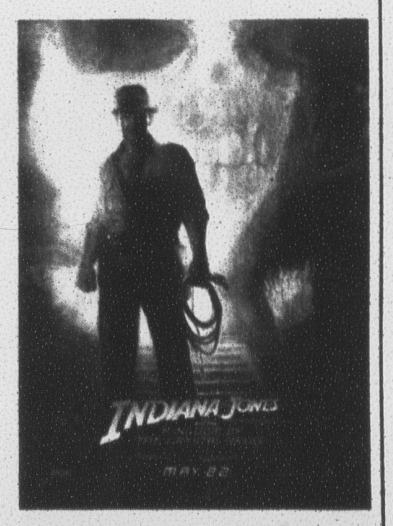


Movies provided by Club Room
Entertainment provided by CPC
Westminster ID's will be checked at all movies.
ID will admit you and one guest.
There is no charge; it's just for a count.

Late Night in the Club Room
★ Monday - 8 PM to 1 AM ★
Tuesday and Thursday - 9 PM to 1 AM

Arts & Entertainment

Anberlin frontman pens first novel

Chris Lehberger
A&E Editor

Literature is a binding fission of what's left of American intellect and education.

As the world progresses in mathematics and science and as American grade school education continues to drag its heels behind the rest of the world, we as the people of this country can at least rest our tired haunches knowing that we can read and write. Maybe that's why America has spawned such timeless authors, such as Ernest Hemingway and John Steinbeck, even though the global torrents of education may have shifted in different directions then. But this is not an argument about which country has the longest literary tradition of excellence. It's an understanding of setting and inspiration, one that takes place in Seattle, WA, one of the most rapturous cities of art in the United States.

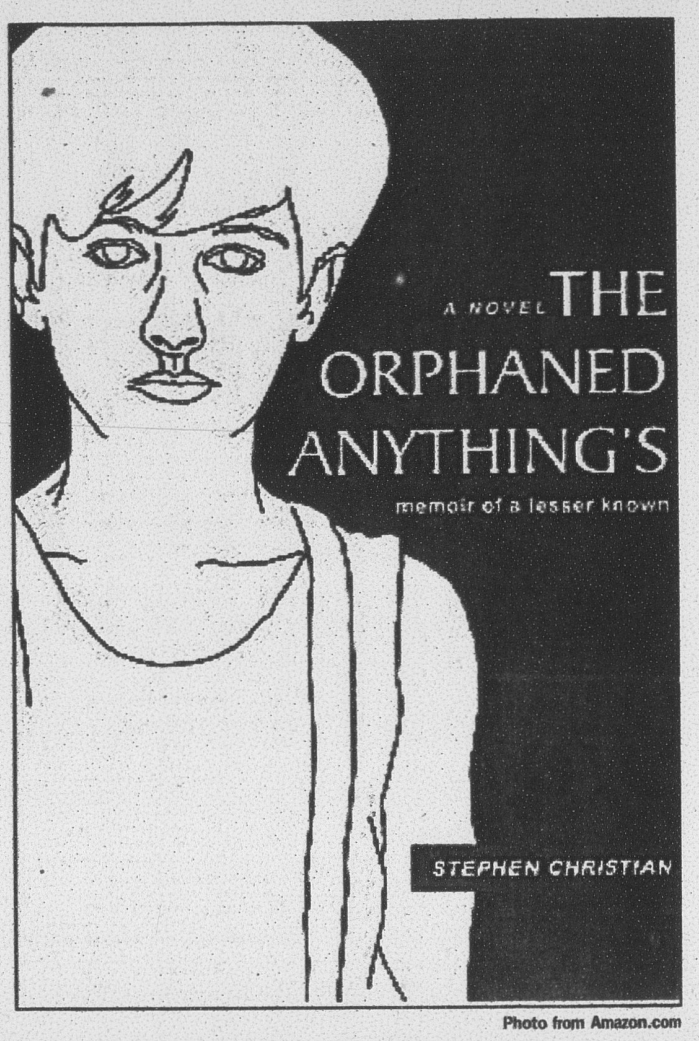
Stephen Christian's debut novel, The Orphaned Anythings, is a coagulation of everything youthful, and as a young author still in his twenties, Christian's tone matches that of the subculture he is feeding into, amassing references to myriad bands, such as Sigur Ros and Elvis Costello, and immersing his character into a movement of "an independent, leave me alone 'I know more about what's really going on in the world so I am better than you' movement."

The book is all about youth, minus its vibrant colors.

It's often gray and maroon, olive drab with a militancy of the ennui of life, so much that the main character, Ayden Kosacov, is driven to make an attempt at ending his life. His path there, however, is not one riddled with deep bouts of depression and errant feelings of despair, but is as Christian describes as "jejune", as Ayden lacks both a family and a social life. In turn, Ayden slowly and unknowingly burrows himself into hibernation, eventually forcing himself to come face to face with his life. Christian's understanding of depression, however, is clear and punctuated by the fact he believes entrapment in depression isn't a rapid downhill slope, and that one may not know he is falling until he hits the bottom.

Christian's writing is fresh and relaxed, more modern in context and relativity and less stern and gritty than that of greats Steinbeck and Rand. Christian, however, is young, and although there may be a few paltry elements scattered loosely through the book's mere 110 pages, they are overshadowed by the promise of youth of the Christian himself, who if studied carefully, can be seen paralleled through Ayden Kosacov himself, who ends up finding "there is more to living than being alive."

Indeed, The Orphaned Anythings is a modern literary work that shimmers with hope and the promise of the success of the human spirit. Although Christian may alienate an audience who may not be privy to the musical underground of the new millennium, he shows the promise of a fresh young writer with a long, bright future ahead of him.



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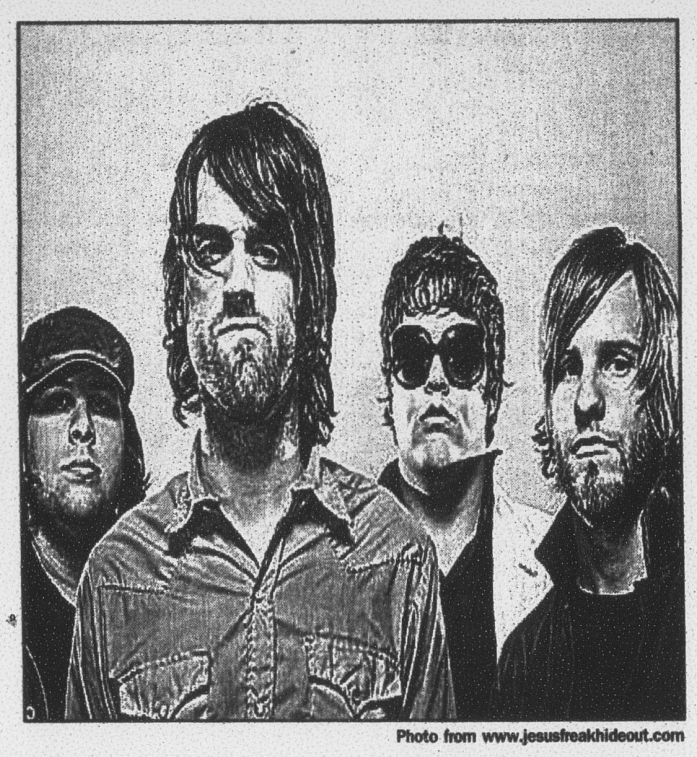
Stephen Christian sings in the band Anberlin, whose new record "New Surrender" comes out Sept. 30. Look for a review in the next edition.

Chris is a senior public relations major. He likes reading, writing, and playing "Name That Tune" with his room mates.

"Everything is gonna change"



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By Max Muska
A&E Writer

Anyone who attended the Volley Rock concert in 2006 will remember how great it was to see two nationally known bands play live on the amphitheater's dusty stage. The dance-rock of Jonezetta got the crowd warmed up in preparation for the winner of the student vote for the headliner, Anberlin.

But as the lyric from their new song "Paint a Picture" says, "Everything is gonna change." For better and for worse, this is a new Jonezetta. The danceable rhythms are all but gone. Replacing them are better songwriting and a less energetic feel.

The band has grown much more musically mature, but has lost the fun. I can't pinpoint it, but something about the majority of the songs on this sophomore album, Cruel to Be Young, induces a melancholy feeling.

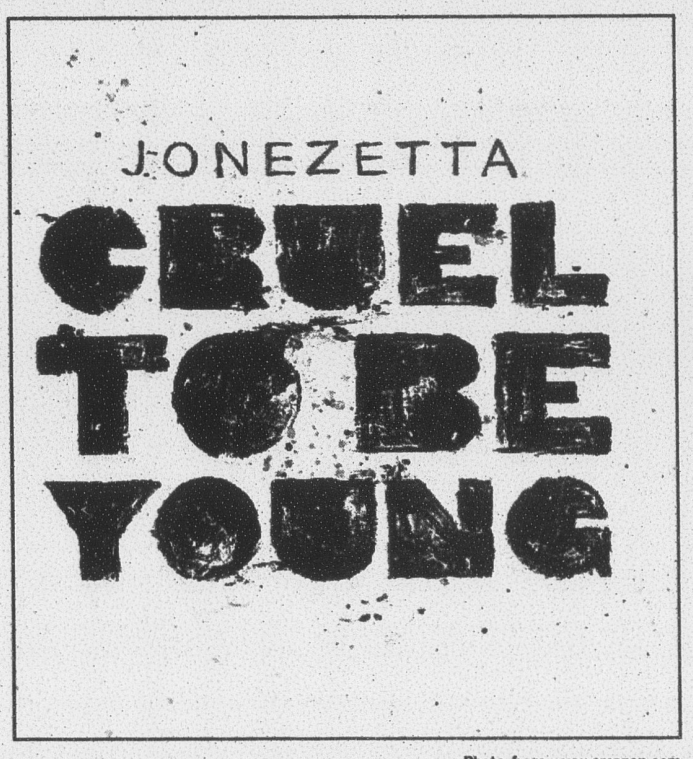
Songs like "Sick in the Teeth" and "Cruel to Be Young" seem to focus on the negative aspects of being young. Some lyrics convey a sense of hopelessness: "Things are gonna stay this way." I was hoping for a happy song near the end of the album to balance out the negativity, but that song never came. Maybe it will be on the next record.

There were some exceptions. The first track, "Wide Awake," is far more upbeat and happy with an infectious keyboard melody which the band sings at the end of the song. A very subtle guitar solo after the second chorus is a great surprise as well. This song would seem more at home on the band's first record.

The closest thing to Popularity's dance-rock sound on this album is "Busy Body." I can't help but bob my head and move around a little bit when this song comes on (it takes a lot for a song to make me do this). The drums are fast, the guitar parts are fun and the melodies make you want to sing along. There is also a nice chorus-soaked guitar solo during the bridge. This is definitely the record's stand-out track.

The band must have been listening to a lot of European rock when writing this album because I hear Coldplay, Snow Patrol, and Bloc Party in a lot of these songs. I enjoyed this, but the overall package just did not work for me.

Next time around, I hope the band incorporates more of the danceable beats that I loved hearing at Volley Rock. But I also hope they continue to expand upon the better songwriting of Cruel to Be Young. A happy medium would be nice.



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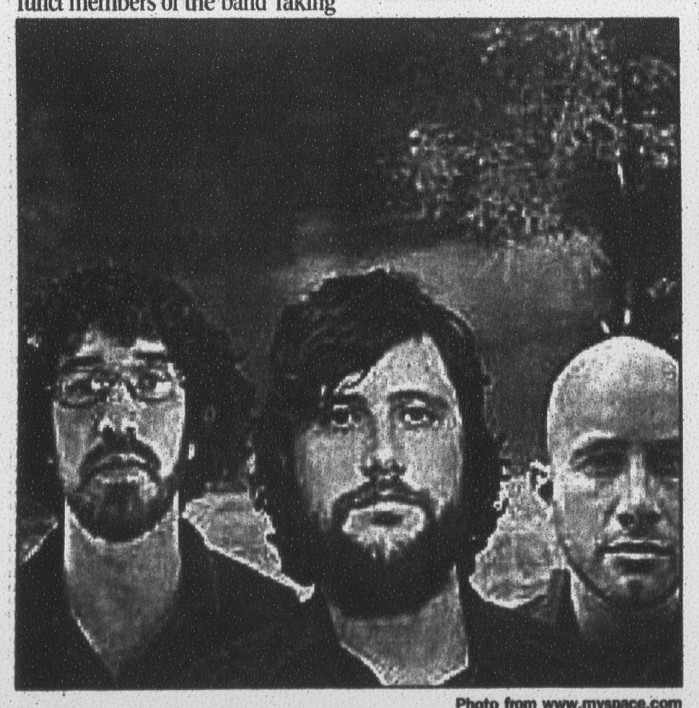
Max's Rating: ★★★☆☆

Un Mas Dos Misses Almost Every Mark

By Levi Sanchez
A&E Writer

Formed in 2003 with two defunct members of the band Taking Back Sunday, Straylight Run has since produced three full-length albums. After last year's release Needles the Space, the band lost their female vocalist Michelle DaRosa to a solo career.



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Their newest effort, Un Mas Dos, finds the band a three piece comprised of founding members John Nolan (vocals/guitar) and Shaun Cooper (bass) joined by Will Noon on drums. To put it bluntly, the three song EP isn't worth the download. The three tracks are vastly different from each other, each with their own flaws.

"Ten Ton Shoes" sounds reminiscent of The Postal Service, with its weird distorted organ and drum-machine backbeat. Nolan's vocals can't compare to Ben Gibbard, however, and his lyrics are even less worthy of the comparison.

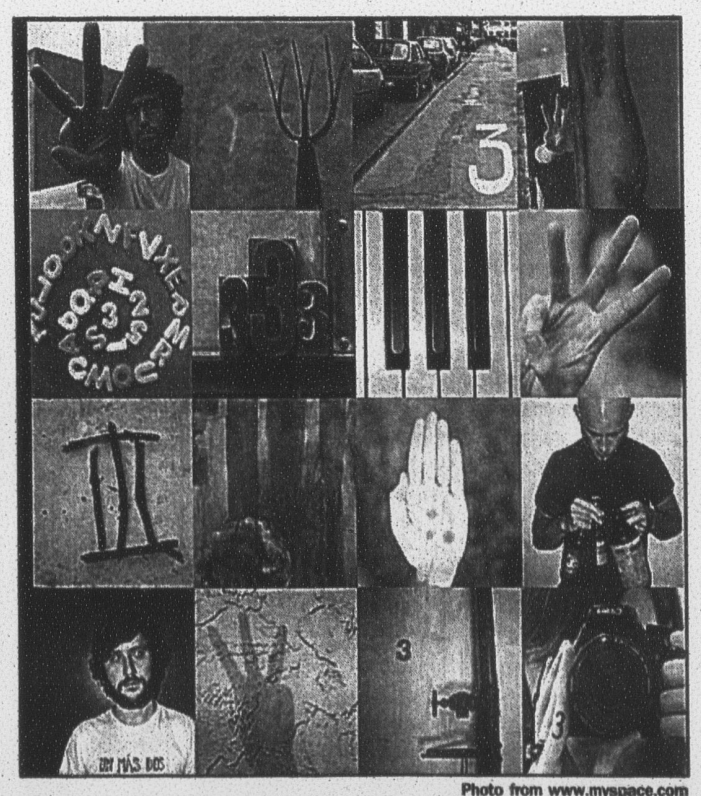
The chorus, "This time it's eating me alive," sounds like any other emo song chorus. To make matters worse, Nolan tries to get political, speaking of the candidates' tendency to lie. What could be more obvious?

"Wait and Watch" starts off promising too, but the lyrics definitely let it down. One of the repeating lines is "I'm going to wait and watch the world die." I hope I'm not the only one with distaste for pseudo "deep" lyrics like this. Further, the harmony on the vocal lines definitely doesn't add anything to the song. It brings to mind generic pop-punk from the late nineties.

"Try" is by far the worst song on the EP. It doesn't even have solid music to back it up. It's very "teenage-angst" for a group that's most likely in their thirties. How many songs can you write about how the world doesn't understand you? In addition, it sounds like every song I heard 100 times a day while working in retail stores.

When I started writing reviews I promised myself I wouldn't rip apart albums unnecessarily, but I didn't have a lot to go off here. While two of the songs are at least musically interesting, the lyrics definitely ruin them for me. The rhymes are obvious, the themes are over done and they sound like the songs I wrote when I was 15 that I vow never to let human ears hear.

Perhaps the only redeeming aspect of this EP is its cover: a semi-interesting photo collage. That being said, if you're not lyrically obsessed like me and you actually listen to bands like Taking Back Sunday, you may like this EP. Do me a favor, though, and don't tell me.



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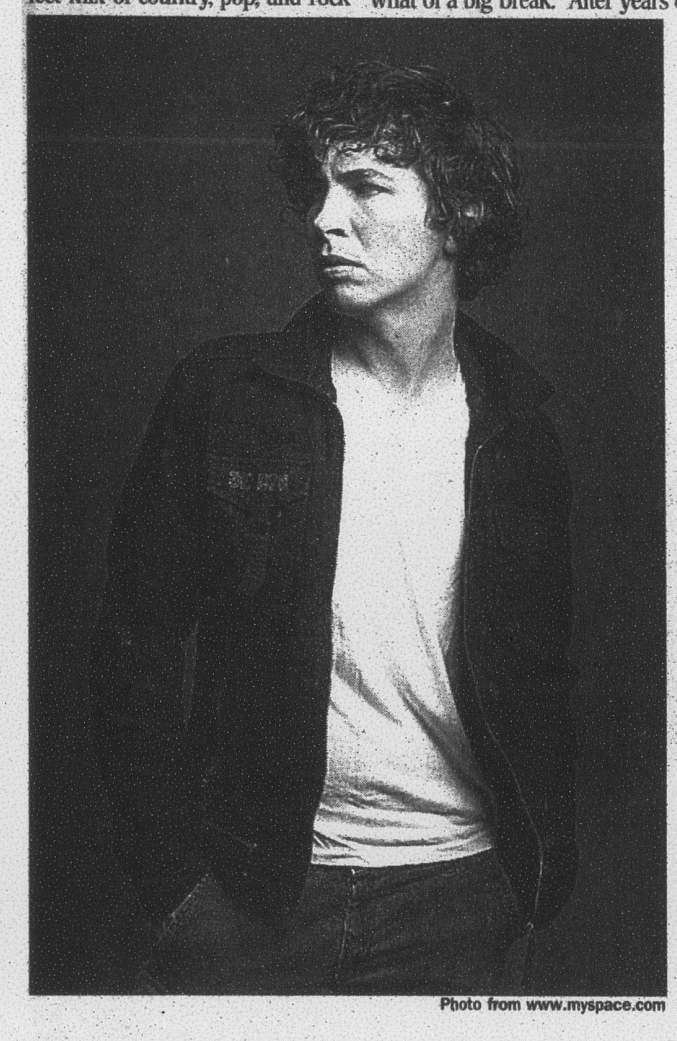
Levi's Rating: ★★☆☆☆

Arts & Entertainment

Wertz knows summer music

By Ben Portz
A&E Writer

Pop music is good for certain occasions–like listening to it from about 10 miles away with earmuffs cemented to your head. It's just full of plain old choruses beaten to death by an average singer. Okay, now there are some good pop songs and noteworthy artists worth talking about, including the artist whom I have for this week: Matt Wertz. This Nashville based singer/songwriter blends the perfect mix of country, pop, and rock all into one. You anti-country fans, don't get scared, he's not THAT country. You pop-haters, no worries; he's not unintelligent pop. You rock-lovers, he isn't anything like the Rolling Stones, sorry. Just listen to me.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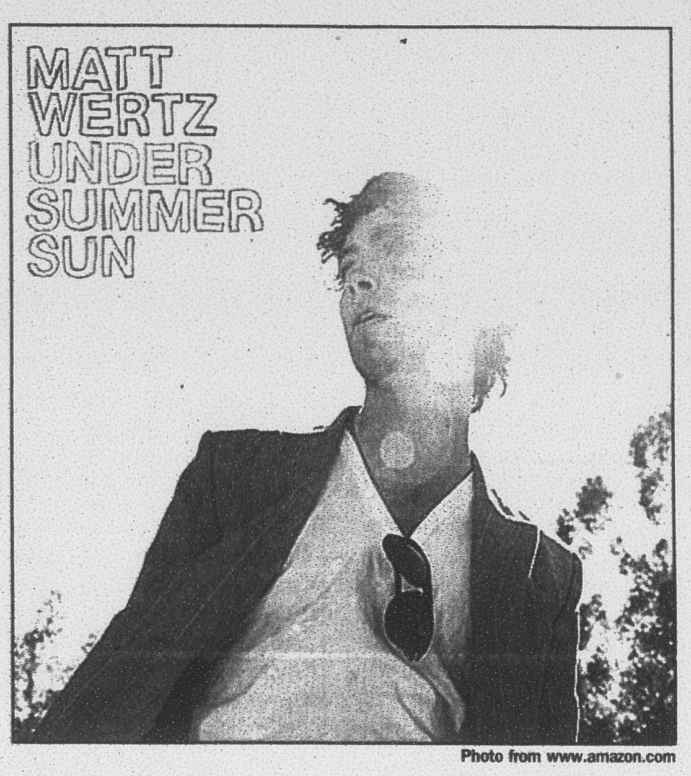
Wertz discovered his passion for songwriting while he attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign as an industrial design major. Apparently he gained a fan base while performing at Young Life camps, Christian camps for youth, across the nation. At the age of 29, Wertz finally got somewhat of a big break. After years of continually releasing and selling albums to all of about 10 people, he signed with Universal Republic Records. Turns out all his hard work was finally worth it–and not for industrial design purposes…thank goodness.



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His latest album entitled *Under Summer Sun* is packed with some re-mastered songs from his previous albums and about four new tracks. I'm actually surprised that this album was released in September because it is evident this album would've been great to actually listen to under the summer sun. How ironic.

Oh well, I'll stop complaining. Some of my favorite tracks are actually some of his older ones including "With You, Tonight" and "Everything's Right." The first is a song about how awful it is being away from the person that you love. It shows off Matt's vocals during the chorus and his ability to create catchy melodies. "Everything's Right" is basically a feel good song and truthfully, it does the job. Once again, Matt creates a hook that will cause you to sing it back to him after the first time you hear it.

I would not call Wertz a musical virtuoso, but he doesn't need to be. It seems like he knows exactly how to create a song that is simple and lyrics that are easy to grasp. I feel like he would ruin the songs if he decided to add Coldplay-esque lyrics that no one fully understands. All of his songs are about tangible things that most teenagers encounter in his or her life.

Overall *Under Summer Sun* is a cute, not-so-fancy album that is definitely worth buying.

Ben's Rating: ★★★☆☆

Sons of Anarchy play by their own rules

By Brett Gerthoffer
A&E Writer

Tis' the season for great new episodes of your favorite TV shows. *Grey's Anatomy* and *The Office* premiered last night while *House* continues to save the lives of patients with complicated conditions. However, there is a new show in town and it is worth watching.

Every Wednesday at 10 p.m. on FX a gang of bikers fights for their perceived 'freedom' in America. *Sons of Anarchy* portrays a gun trafficking gang whose intent is protecting their small town from drug dealers, other gangs, and overzealous law officers. Buying out dirty cops and fighting with various other gangs are just a taste of what the 'Sons' get involved in.

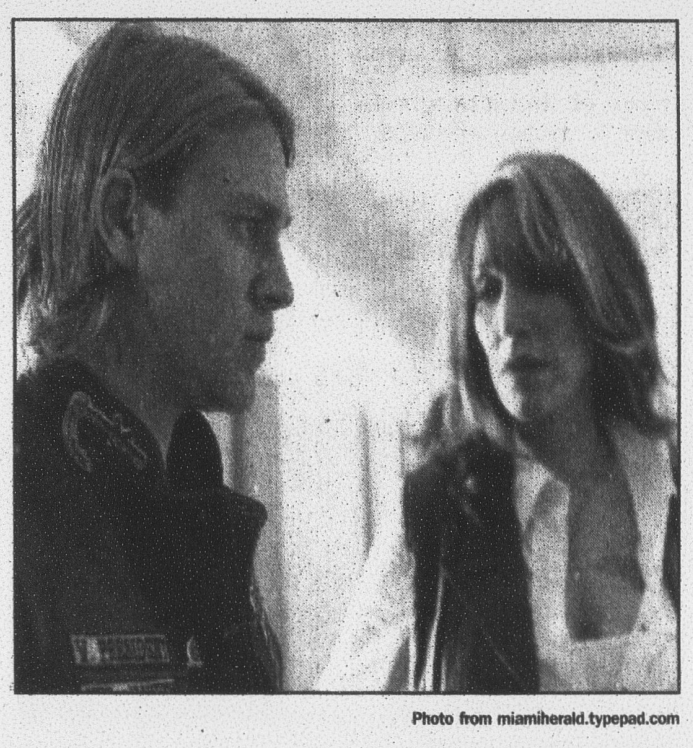
Main character Jackson "Jax" Teller (Charlie Hunnam) is trying to find a balance between being a new father and an involved member of the Sons. From the start of the season it is apparent that Teller is growing soft within the gang.

He always suggests a negotiable route in the gang's actions rather than causing death and destruction. He sees the lawlessness of the 'Club' and aims to steer them in a more civilized direction. Teller will only cause harm to others when he is cornered or sees his friends in danger, but generally he prefers to solve issues with trust and forgiveness.

His emotions and kindness stunt the bikers' ability to commit a clean felony. President of the Sons, Clay (Ron Perlman), attempts to steer Teller back to his spontaneous and rugged ways, but he is shut down by Teller's kindness again and again. The only person Clay feels can reach him is Teller's mother.

This role is played by a familiar face to the television industry, Katey Sagal, who has been seen in shows, such as *CSI*, *Boston Legal*, *The Shield*, and more famously *Married with Children*. Sagal also plays the voice of the tough but kind Lela from *Futurama*. Similar to Lela and her parts in other shows, Sagal plays a tough and strong-spirited woman, Gemma Teller, with good intentions.

In *Sons of Anarchy*, her intentions can be described as good for the gang, even though they are for the sake of crime. She has also noticed the softness in her son's eyes and strives to push him into the leadership position the Sons require. While she realizes this is a difficult task, it is not hard to accomplish with such a deceitful mind.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Gemma Teller remarried Clay after John Teller (original leader of the starting 9 of the Sons of Anarchy) died. Her attempts to hide his past from Jackson were shattered in the early stages of the show when Jax found his fathers' writings about the Sons. In these writings, Jackson found the true meaning of the Club and started questioning his role in the gang (these understandings were intentional by his father). Despite Jackson's closed ears Gemma continues to turn him to the dark side.

Digging into his life more and more, Gemma attempts to crumble his relationships with his ex-wife, the crack head mother of his 10 week premature baby, and his past love Dr. Tara Knowles. Knowles accused Gemma of killing Jax's ex-wife to rid him of her bad virtues and incompetence of being a mother and wife. We don't know yet if this is true but it is implied that it is. This is one of Gemma's big moves in severing the ties of all that is not the Sons of Anarchy.

She also begins to alienate him from ex-girlfriend, Knowles, who might possess some of the power to take Jackson away from the Sons for good.

For the next nine episodes, Gemma will continue to push Teller into doing the bad deeds for the 'Club' that, according to Gemma, he should never have stopped doing. His will for lawfulness and disobedience will pose a major threat to his mom and the biker gang.

Watch outstanding actress Sagal as she brings Teller back to the justice of the Club as they protect their isolated town with vigilance every Wednesday at 10. And let freedom ride against corruptive development and persistent lawmen.

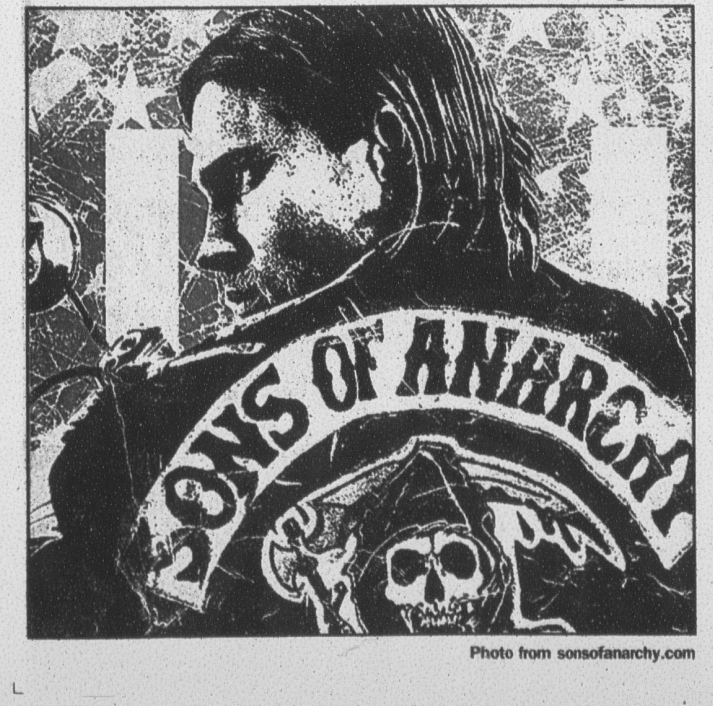

Photo from sonsofanarchy.com

Concert Calendar

Rock out with your favorite artists at these upcoming local shows!

September:

27: Punchline CD Release @ Diesel: 7:00 pm

October:

4: Emarosa @ Strummers: 6:15 pm
8: Maylene and the Sons of Disaster @ Mr. Smalls: 6:30 pm
10: All Time Low @ Gravity: 7:00 pm
12: Relient K @ Club Zoo: 7:00 pm
14: Once Nothing @ Mr. Smalls: 7:00 pm
15: Family Force 5 @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
16: VersaEmerge w/ Eye Alaska @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
17: A Cursive Memory @ Diesel: 6:00 pm
18. Cali AC CD Release @ Diesel: 6:00 pm
20: Atmosphere @ Mr. Smalls: 8:00 pm
21: NOFX @ Club Zoo: 7:00 pm
21: Clap Your Hands Say Yeah @ Brillobox: 8:00 pm
25: Matisyahu @ Mr. Smalls: 8:00 pm
28: Anberlin w/ Straylight Run @ Mr.Smalls: 7:00 pm
29: Underoath w/ Saosin @ Gravity: 7:00 pm

November:

3: Pierce The Veil @ Strummers: 7:00 pm
5. Ted Leo & The Pharmacists @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
5: Norma Jean w/ Haste The Day @ Mr. Smalls: 7:00 pm
9: 3OH!3 @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
10: Mest @ Strummers: 7:00 pm
13: Senses Fail w/ Dance Gavin Dance @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
21: Cobra Starship @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
22: Hawthorne Heights @ The Rex: 6:30 pm
22: Frank Caliendo @ The Benedum: 8:30 pm

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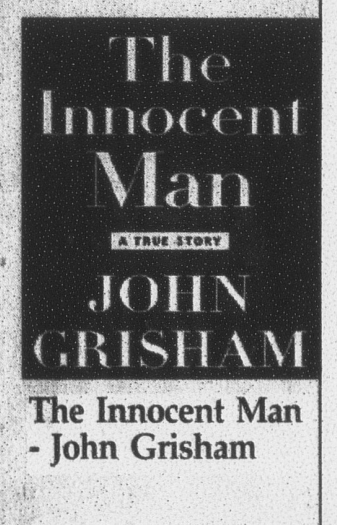


I was excited when master of the legal thriller, John Grisham, decided to try his hand at non-fiction. The Innocent Man is written in the same fast-paced eloquent fashion as his fiction novels.

If you liked Capotln Cold Blood, you will like this.

The Innocent Man - John Grisham

American Boy - Estelle ft. Kanye West

This song of Kanye's has a lot of British slang words such as "rubbish" and "bloak" that remind me of my semester in Oxford.

A young girl searches for the secrets of her father's past,her mother's disappearance, and the mystery of the timeless villain, Dracula.

I was up all night, not just because I couldn't put it down, but because of the chills running down my spine.

The Historian - Elizabeth Kostova

Features

Special events mean opportunities for fun

Megan Hoffman
Features Editor

College is supposed to be the best years of your life. One way to make the most of your college experience is to take advantage of all the opportunities offered by groups such as the Student Government Association and the Campus Programming Council.

Events already held this year were the Gateway Clipper Dance and last week's Pirates game. Not only were these events fun, but they were offered at a reduced rate. Let's face it, we are all college students with small incomes, so taking advantage of these opportunities is a way to still have fun at a price we can afford.

Take the Pirates game for instance. The tickets were $15 and included our seats, five dollars food money, one to two free T-shirts, and the bus ride to and from the stadium. Over the summer, I went to a similar College Cove game and the tickets alone cost $25, not to mention gas money and parking.

Another reason the trips are fun is because you are surrounded by a bunch of people you know from school. It was nice going to the game and seeing so many familiar faces among the thousands of people in attendance.

I have attended several of the SGA and CPC special events in the past and have found them all to be unique opportunities at nicely reduced rates.

Last year I went on the SGA trips to the Phantom Fright Nights at Kennywood in the fall and on the Chicago trip last spring.

I had never been to Chicago before, but could not pass up a weekend trip for only $95. In Chicago, my three friends and I traveled all over the city going to places such as the Navy Pier, the Shedd Aquarium, the Field Museum, and we even saw an 'improv' show at the legendary Second City.

That weekend I made memories with friends that will last a lifetime and it was such an exciting opportunity to spend a weekend exploring Chicago. However, had it not been for SGA and taking advantage of the opportunity, I would still be able to say that I've never been to Chicago.

Although I have mentioned only the trips offered off campus, the ones held on campus are just as worthwhile. I'm sure any upperclassman will tell you that Volley-Rock is one of the best campus events especially because the whole campus gets involved.

Another great SGA event is happening today with SGA Day. Once every fall and spring, SGA throws an all-day celebration with donuts in the morning; pizza for lunch; and golf cart rides to your classes. The best part of this day is that it's all free.

Other free events are offered by CPC, such as the musicians, comedians, and other entertainers they bring to the Berlin Lounge. If you like comedy, check out the Berlin Lounge when CPC brings Johnny Walker to campus on Oct. 17. Walker is one of the hottest up and coming young comedians and you have the opportunity to attend his comedy show simply by heading over to the Berlin Lounge.

My college experience has definitely been positively impacted by these special events offered throughout the year, but don't just take my word for it. Here is what other students had to say about the events.

"The Gateway Clipper Dance was a fantastic time. To get to see Pittsburgh and have fun with your friends for only five dollars really makes it a great experience, especially at the beginning of the year." **– Junior Derek Deremer**

"I went to the Pirate game sponsored by SGA last week and it was a lot of fun. I like how SGA organizes events like this for students because they give us a chance to hang out with our friends off campus. I always try to take advantage of the trips SGA offers during the year." **– Senior Jenn Byers**

"Being a freshman it was really neat to have my first college activity be so much fun. The Gateway Clipper Dance was only five dollars and included the transportation and the entire night on the boat! I met so many people and had such a great time." **– Freshman Jared Palonis**

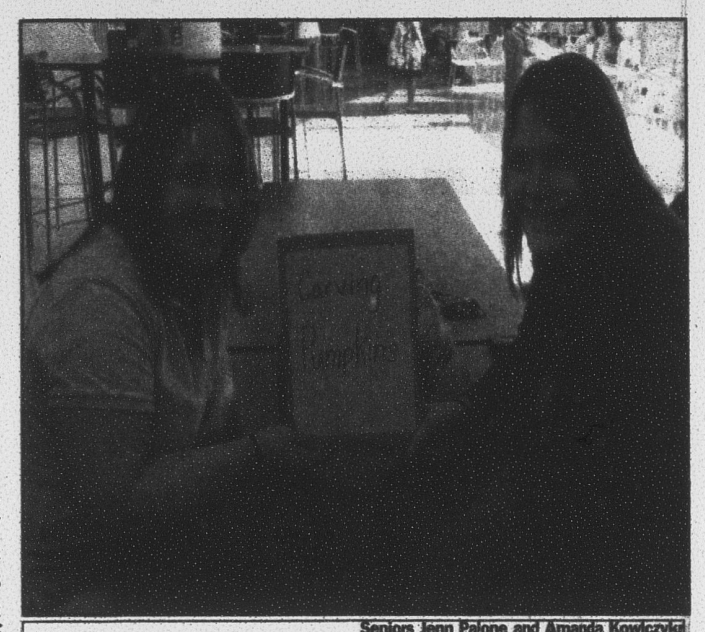
"Last year SGA offered a weekend trip to Chicago! It was a great trip and it was really cheap. My roommates and I went to one of the largest aquariums in the nation, hung out at the Navy Pier, and even went to see a show. We took a lot of pictures to remember the thrilling experience." **– Sophomore KaraLisa Bender**

"My freshman year I went on the SGA trip to New York City with three of my friends. It was a great weekend because it gave us the opportunity to get away from school for a few days at the end of the year. It was awesome to be on our own in the city for the weekend. The hotel was really nice and in the middle of the city, and the trip only cost $75. I would definitely recommend taking advantage of any of the trips SGA plans, even if they're just to Pittsburgh. They're always a great deal and a lot of fun!" **– Senior Jenna Rosenbauer**

Megan is a senior public relations major who is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority and Dance Theater. When she's not breaking her foot, she can most likely be found in the TUB or creeping on Facebook.

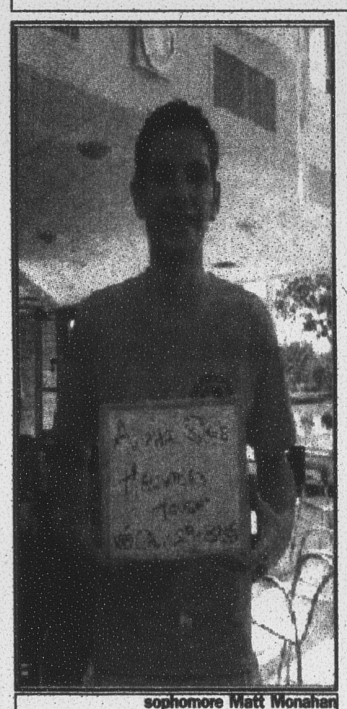
Question of the week

What's your favorite fall activity?

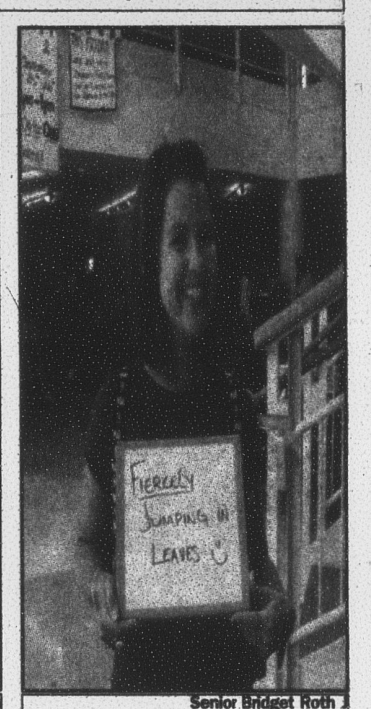


Seniors Jenn Palone and Amanda Kowiczyki

Juniors Kayla Rosati and Kirstyn Gecina



sophomore Matt Monahan



Senior Bridget Roth

Kickin' candid campus

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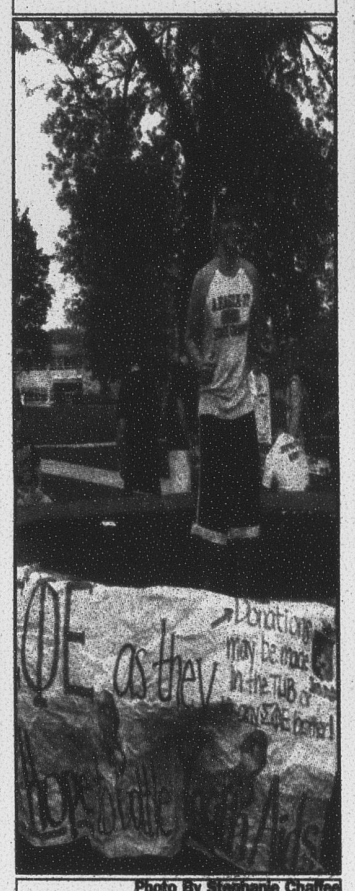

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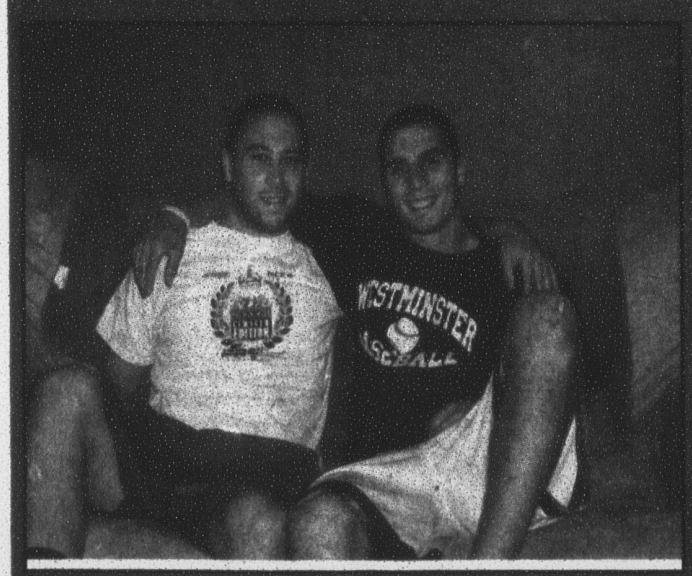
Above: These boots were made for kicking. The dance line shows off their kicking skills during their feature at halftime. Right: Sigma Phi Epsilon gives hope to children with AIDS.

WC CRIBS

Megan Hoffman visits Ben and Jimmy Joe in the upper annex of Sigma Nu Fraternity



Reasons to stay on campus this weekend:

Friday:

SGA DAY

Chapel sponsored all-campus retreat

Sigma Phi Epsilon's Jump for Hope in the Quad

Women's tennis v. Penn State- Behrend at 4 p.m.

Movie in Mueller: *Kung Fu Panda* at 8 p.m. and *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of ' Crystal Skull* at 10:30 p.m.

Saturday:

Chapel Sponsored all-campus retreat

Taco Bar in McGinness for dinner

Mass in Wallace Memorial Chapel at 7 p.m.

SGA informational meeting for freshman and transfer students at 7p.m.

Movie in Mueller: *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull* at 8 p.m. and *Kung Fu Panda* at 10:30 p.m.

Sunday:

Chapel Sponsored all-campus retreat

Vespers in Wallace Memorial Chapel at 7 p.m.

Movie in Mueller: *Kung Fu Panda* at 3 p.m. and *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull* at 9 p.m.

If you know of any weekend activities worthy of staying put and want it to be included in *The Holcad*, please contact Features Editor, Megan Hoffman at Hoffmams@westminster.edu

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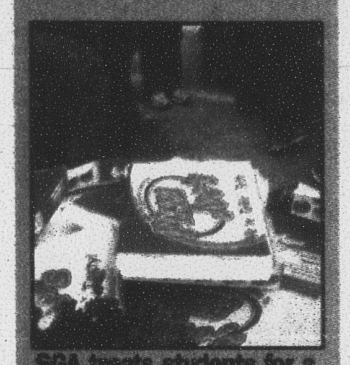

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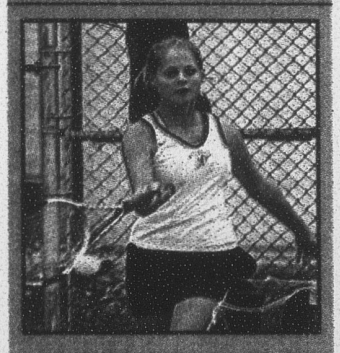

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Pounds of food waste per month from McGuinness Dining Hall

Weekend Weather
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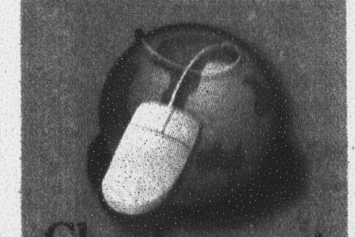
Showers
57°/38°

Saturday
Partly Cloudy
61°/38°

Sunday
Partly Cloudy
64°/45°



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Theta Chi hosts 6th annual Greek Sweep

By Jessica Davis
Staff Writer

Theta Chi hosted the annual Greek Sweep on Saturday, Sept. 27, with other Greeks to help clean the streets of New Wilmington.

For more than six years, Theta Chi has hosted Greek Sweep. Originally, all fraternities on campus were involved, but Theta Chi took over the philanthropy event and has hosted it ever since. Brothers of Theta Chi encourage other Greeks to join them in cleaning the community and to prepare a cook-out for all the volunteers.

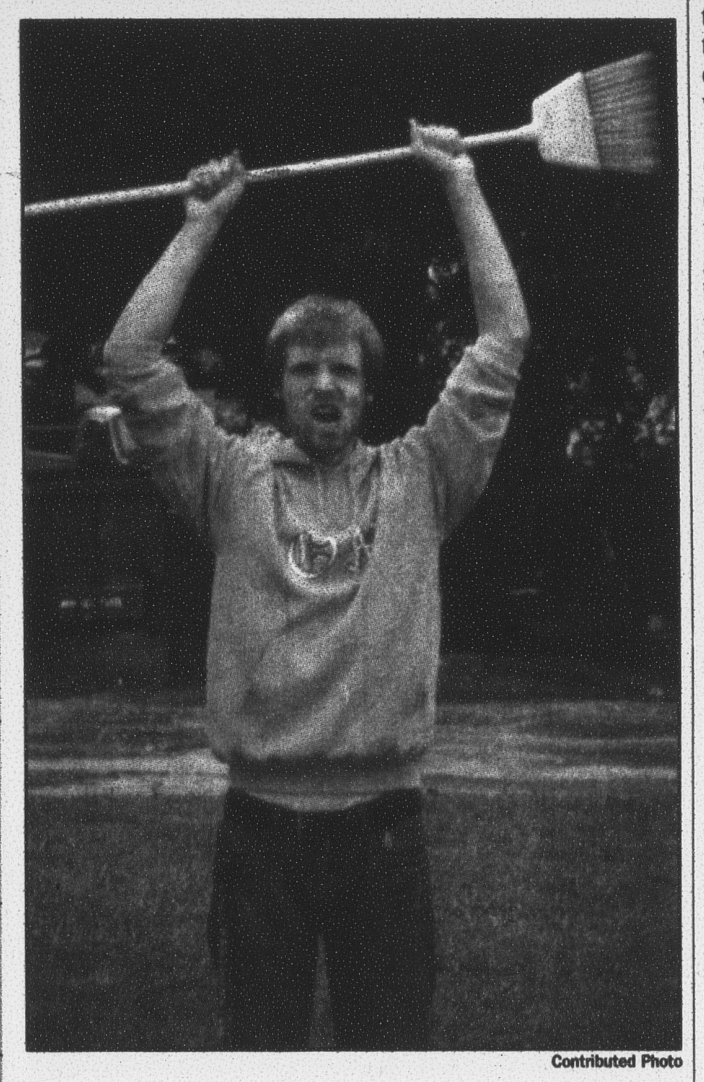
"I think it serves to help the students better appreciate the community that we call home for four years," Theta Chi President Ryan Kirk said. "As for the town, they benefit from having cleaner streets for at least a few months."

According to Theta Chi's Web site, brothers of the fraternity have been known as the "Kings of Philanthropy" on campus.

Supplying volunteers with gloves, brooms, dust pans and garbage bags, Theta Chi provided all the necessities for Greek Sweep. Volunteers were divided into teams and assigned streets to clean throughout New Wilmington. This year, the brothers decided to separate trash into recyclables and non-recyclables. After volunteers cleaned up the streets, brothers of Theta Chi and members of Phi Mu prepared a cook-out. Theta Chi provided hotdogs while other participating organizations brought sides and beverages.

"We make this place our home and a lot of the times we don't really give back as much as we should," Theta Chi Philanthropy Chair Anthony Gomez said. "This is our way of saying 'thank you' and that we care about New Wilmington."

While all Greek organizations organize philanthropic services, Theta Chi's creed encourages that brothers lend a helping hand to all who seek it. Their efforts benefit The American Red Cross, the Spina Bifida Association, the Crisis Center of Lawrence County and the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Lawrence County. Gomez hopes to organize another Greek Sweep next semester for spring cleaning.



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"The Listening Project" provides international perspectives on U.S.

By Erika Clayton
Staff Writer

On Thursday, Sept. 25, about 240 students attended the co-curricular film, "The Listening Project."

It began at 7 p.m., and the film lasted for 75 minutes. It was sponsored by the International Cultures Club, Peace Studies, and Campus Programming Council (CPC). These committees brought two listeners from the film, Co-Director Dominic Howes and Human Rights Activist Han Shan, to introduce the documentary and then hold a Q & A afterwards. The film was about how the world viewed America.

CPC President Alissa Cochenour said they decided to bring this event here because they thought it would go over well and would be something new and fresh. They also wanted to fit it in before elections because it's a documentary that would really get everyone talking.

ICC President Karli Champ thought it was important to show this film because we need to understand the world that is not always represented in school.

"Everyone's opinions matter; these opinions were the very basis of the film," Champ said.

There were a lot of responses and comments, both good and bad. Some nations point out how we're selfish and mainly think of ourselves, instead of others in need. For an example, the people of Bangalore, India said that we don't understand how, unlike us, they have a harder time searching for a job.

Their main point was that we need to take a moment out of our lives and try to understand that there are people that live completely different than us.

When asked "What is the very first thing you think of when America is mentioned," a few responses included pop culture, George Bush, money, terrorism and government.

People from Bangalore commented that we have a better opportunity to be educated, which often leads to wealth. After Sept. 11, however, different reactions were encountered.

More people in the nation of Israel empathize with the U.S., because we now know what it is like to live in fear, which is what they go through on a daily basis.

When the War with Iraq followed Sept. 11, some countries commented that Bush was being stupid and we should go home now..

The U.S. has a large impact on several conutries, both postive and negative.

The people of Masai, Kenya, for instance, said they hate our actions but despite that, there is just something about us that touches them.

People from Tokyo, Japan agree. They have mixed emotions. They trust us and believe that we've changed history, and they also support our fight against terrorism. On the other hand, they said that we love to shove ourselves and our culture onto others.

In Cape Town, South Africa, some mentioned that we affect them in a bad way–as in, they realized that people they knew who moved to America had lost their true African culture.

Russia commented on how we keep repeating the same mistakes, such as the war with Iraq.

One French man said that the U.S. thinks it is their mission to convince others to live as we do. The reality, however, is that there is a whole world out there to be listened to, as everyone lives differently. In other words, the world is trying to tell Americans that life outside of America is actually interesting and not all negative.

Many students were quite impressed with the film.

"I thought it was enlightening to see that other nations had so much insight in our country," said freshman Dana Flick.

Photo By Amanda Miller

"The Listening Project" Co-Director Dominic Howes and Human Rgihts Activist Han Shan answer questions after the film.

Titan Radio returns to normal power source

Station relied on emergency power for more than a week following wind storm

By Laura Henry
Staff Writer

Titan Radio previously operated under emergency power due to storm damages from Sunday, Sept. 14. However, the power is back up and running as of Monday, Sept. 22.

During the storm a large tree knocked down the power line, located on St. Rt.158 by the water tower. The damages disconnected the feeder line, which feeds the Titan Radio and cable systems. The main commercial power company for Pa., Penn Power, provides power for Titan Radio's transmitter. When the transmitter went down only a few houses were affected, and therefore the fix became a low priority for the company. The power was down for eight days before it was fixed. During that time Titan Radio managed on emergency power, or a 7000 watt back up generator which kicks on automatically after 45 seconds of power loss. The generator consists of two 100 lb. propane tanks which Chief Engineer Charles Chirozzi had to refill every other day. The refills cost $500 in propane to keep the station on the air. Chirozzi explained the importance of staying on the air at all times.

"We provide the Emergency Alert System for all of Lawrence County," Chirozzi said. "We have to stay on the air in case of an emergency, even if we lose power."

Although the transition from normal power to emergency power went unnoticed by listeners, it caused a slight problem for the station. The generator only allowed the station to run on 1000 watts rather than the normal 4000 watts, causing the coverage area to drop considerably. The normal coverage extends all the way to Ellwood City and past Ohio, but with the low power Titan Radio was unable to reach the normal area. Junior broadcast communications major Andrew Borts felt that even with a lower coverage the broadcast still ran smoothly.

"We didn't even know we were on emergency power until Tuesday," Borts said.

Chirozzi views the campus power outage to be trivial.

"It wasn't really that big of a deal," Chirozzi said. "It could have been a lot worse, but things went alright. I think eight days is kind of long to wait for power, but all went well. They [Penn Power] had other problems going on so I can understand."

On Monday, Sept. 22, the Lawrence County utility crew finally repaired the remaining power outages in the area, including that of Titan Radio. The broadcasts are back to normal and continuing to excel.

Titan Radio earned recognition as one of the "Best College Radio Stations," beating out major institutions across the U.S., according to the 2009 Princeton Review college rankings. The Princeton Review held its annual survey, analyzing the opinion of 120,000 students, and Titan Radio ranked as number 18 of the top radio stations in the country. Dr. David Barner, professor of communication studies, theatre and art, is very excited to receive the award.

"To be named the 18th best college radio station is a wonderful surprise for our students, staff, and faculty," Barner said. "We try to run a professional station, serving the campus and the community the best we can. Our students do a lot of the work and experience broadcasting first hand."

Along with many others, Barner feels that Titan Radio does a great job and deserved the award. Junior broadcast communications major Michelle Bistrica spends many hours in the station and is proud to be a part of Titan Radio.

"The award was a shock and a privilege," Bistrica said. "It speaks volumes about the success to come. The award caused all of us to get so excited and really step it up. We are all so enthusiastic and really enjoy what we do."

Even with storm obstacles and power outages, Titan Radio continues to thrive and deliver news and music for both the campus and the community.

Opinion

RANT & RAVE

TUB lettuce has more bacteria than a toilet seat...I know because we cultured both in Bio lab!

Put the grill back to the old way

It is hard to wait 15 minutes for a grilled chicken when you have places to be

I'm creepin'!

Jeff needs to take lessons on being QB.

Can we change the seating back? Can we change the TUB back to the way it was with food out and ready?

You don't even know!

Do WC Cribs Bigelow's Ponch

Chocolate. Peanuts. *Caramel.* Stick it in your mouth. Chew it.

It's delicious.

Alex and I grossed out Mr. Weaver

Zombie kid likes turtles.

Who pulls over a hearse?

Sexy Pelicans

Those are some nice lapels

Let's journey outside the bubble

Nice Raincoat!

My size Napoleon

This tea is calming me down... Really? Because this Earl Grey is PUMPING ME UP!

Canada and Barry Bonds

Smog, yeah it went away.

'Cuz I look good in red.

I don't use large spoons unless there's icecream on the end of them.

Someone really has preposition confusion.

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Bailout reveals frightening lack of trust in government

Lindsey Nuzzo
Editor-in-Chief

I was planning to write about the issue of computer usage on campus this week until I walked into my townhouse Monday evening, turned on CNN and saw the historic financial fiasco surrounding the rejected $700 billion bailout plan. As the fallout unfolded, I thought there were more important issues to be discussed this week than the campus' lack of available printers and Windows Vista malfunctions.

I'm not an economist. I'm not going to try to explain the bailout plan in-depth because I don't entirely understand. I know big businesses have gone or are about to go bankrupt and the government is trying to help by shelling out A LOT of dough. To be honest, I have no clue whether or not this plan would be more beneficial if passed. To me, it really just seems like a lose-lose situation, but I could be wrong. I really just don't know

What bothers me most isn't necessarily the potential monetary consequences –I know money is important (I don't even want to think about what this will do to my student loans) but I recognize a much deeper issue here. An issue of trust.

As I flipped back and forth between news channels Monday afternoon, I paused briefly on MSNBC where a political analyst, Chuck Todd, was chatting about the failed bailout plan just like every other. But instead of rambling about the stock market suffering its largest point drop, or the Republicans blaming everything on Nancy Pelosi, he said that a major factor in the bill's rejection was because so many Americans citizens opposed it.

State representatives attested to mailboxes, inboxes, and phone lines being clogged with protests from Americans who did not want to their tax dollars going toward the bailout. Despite being "assured" that the plan would "pay for itself in the end," average taxpayers wanted no part of it.

And who can blame them? Does anyone remember No Child Left Behind? Or The Patriot Act? How about those infamous weapons of mass destruction? They are all empty promises that have ultimately lead Americans to lose complete trust in their government, and we literally can't afford to have it happen again.

Despite the financial woes, we are lucky to have an election right around the corner, giving us the opportunity for a government overhaul, and I encourage everyone to speak up by voting. It is so crucial because, eight years from now, we will be the ones paying taxes, buying homes and supporting families. If we can't trust our government by then, we'll be in trouble.

I'm not on economist, I'm just some random PR major who runs a small college newspaper. Still, I'm smart enough to know that it's a scary day in Washington when we realize the American people don't have an ounce of faith left in their government.

Whatever the ultimate outcome of this decision, let's hope it not only restores out financial markets, but also re-instills trust in our country.

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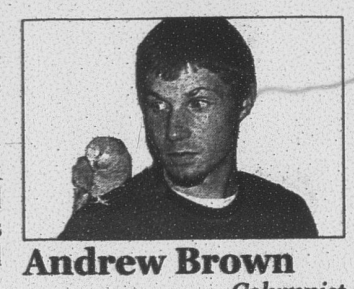
Ground-breaking election



Andrew Brown
Columnist

This year's elections will be a break in virginity, regardless of the outcome. Either America will have the first African-American President, or the first female Vice President. This election also earns a first for having both the Democrat and Republican presidential candidates being born outside the continental United States.

With November approaching, the worlds of one wise man seem to resonate in my head. Current President George W. Bush said, "America's the greatest country in the world and will remain so if Americans take seriously their right and responsibility to vote. If you care about our culture, and the values we pass on to our children, about our country, then vote Tuesday and ask your friends and family to vote too. One person can make a difference. Your vote matters. Those who vote will decide America's future."

The beauty of America is the foundation of democracy and freedom to vote. Those that live in the land should all be able to decide the laws and leaders of the land, but I think the word "able" needs to be defined further.

Everyone has their own reasons for choosing a candidate. While some people devise perfectly constructed examinations that are based on logical framework and reason, other people error to the side of ignorance, thereby falling far short of a doctoral thesis. It's rather agreeable that Sarah Palin may be the most attractive women to ever have stepped foot into politics, and Barack Obama may add new color to the White House that was never imagined. However, these opinions do not bear acceptable justification for casting a vote.

To be "able" to vote, one needs to be responsible. Research is vital when analyzing each candidate. Watching television advertisements would not be sufficient, as these constantly stretch the truth and turn effective communication into a name-calling circus. Televised debates are much more appropriate, but even these focus mostly on major issues facing the country. A more effective way to be a responsible voter is to pick characteristics and views that one finds to be representative of an ideal president.

The next step would involve reading all available literature, and being careful to avoid one-sided points of view. This sounds too cumbersome, but then again, choosing a leader of the country should be decided by Americans who have the best intentions for America's future.

Far too often, it seems as if people only vote to obtain grumbling rights if something goes wrong in the White House, and the "right" president wasn't elected. Sadly, grumbling rights are sometimes deserved as we prepare to plummet into the depths of another depression with the current banking crisis. Perhaps this is the fault of voters who just voted to say they voted.

Another tragedy is that often times the right answer does not exist. There are Republicans who believe they are absolutely right, and democrats who think they are absolutely right. Thus the importance of voting responsibly is highly immeasurable. Should it be taken seriously? I definitely want a change, but WOW, Sarah Palin is HOT!

Andrew is a senior chemistry major, marketing minor who loves riding his bicycle. He is also in Chemistry Club and enjoys eating corn on the cob in his free time.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Clarification of the electoral college

Thank you for the article about our Constitution Day event in the Holcad of Sept. 26. It was nice to get some coverage and to further spread understanding of the electoral process.

There are a few descriptions of the Electoral College and its processes that are stated incorrectly in the article.

1) The electoral college process, the use of electors chosen at the state level, was in the Constitution from the beginning. It is just that the term "Electoral College" never appears in U.S. law until 1845.

2) The electoral ballots are opened in Washington, D.C. They are opened by the "President of the U.S. Senate" who normally is the Vice President of the United States.

3) When electors are "faithless" (vote for someone other than the person who the majority of the voters in their state voted for), the electors themselves are sanctioned, not the states. Some states cancel the "faithless" vote, replace the elector, and fine the faithless one. Some states impose criminal sanctions on such electors.

4) Presidential candidates could easily pair themselves with a vice presidential candidate after ratification of the Twelfth Amendment in 1804.

Again, thank you for your coverage of Constitution Day 2008.

Dr. Timothy Cuff
Associate Professor of History

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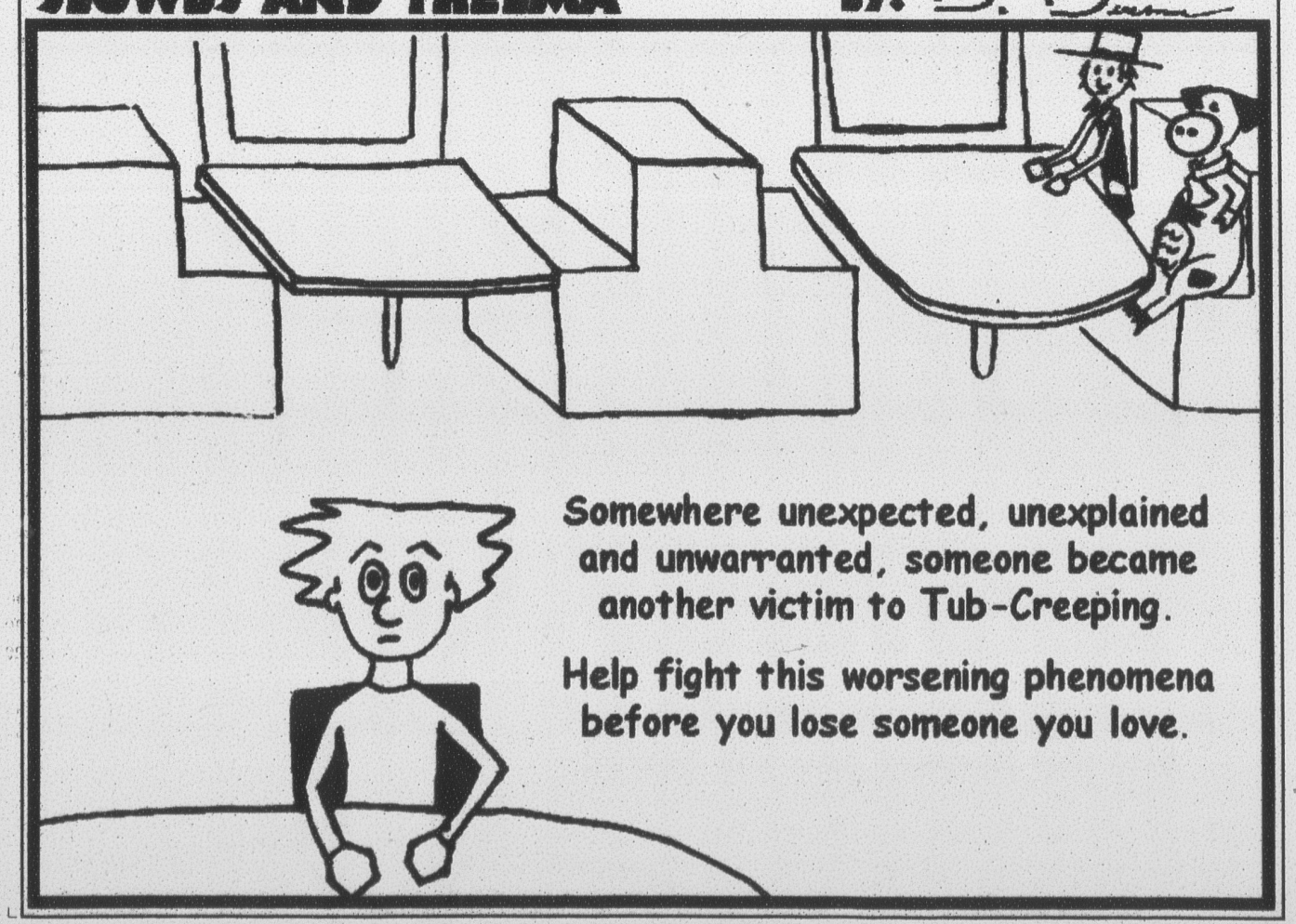

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REGIONAL

Pa. trying to keep up with gas-drilling rush

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) _ Pennsylvania needs more inspectors and greater wastewater treatment capacity to better handle the strong interest in drilling on Marcellus Shale, a mostly untapped reservoir of natural gas that holds huge potential, a top state environmental official said Tuesday.

John Hanger, the acting secretary of the state Department of Environmental Protection, told a state House panel that while his department is able to adequately protect the environment, he also has concerns.

For instance, his department will need dozens more people to process drilling permit applications in a timely fashion and inspect drilling sites to help ensure that the drilling operations are not contaminating waterways or groundwater, Hanger said.

In addition, the state's capacity to treat contaminated drilling water is running out as more exploration companies begin drilling, he and industry officials testified.

"We're just at the beginning of this rush and there will be even more activity in the very near future and we need to frankly gear up," Hanger said in an interview after the hearing.

To date, exploration companies have spent about $2 billion on leasing land, performing seismic studies and other activities in pursuit of Marcellus Shale gas, an industry official said. Companies as large as ExxonMobil Corp. have shown interest in Pennsylvania, which is one of four states that sit atop the 54,000 square-mile formation.

With the price of natural gas tripling in recent years, exploration companies are more willing to spend millions of dollars to drill into the shale, a process that can involve the high-pressure injection of a million or more gallons of chemically treated water to break up the shale and release the gas.

About 40 percent of the water used returns to the surface, said Tom Beauduy, the deputy director of the Susquehanna River Basin Commission.

Department of Environmental Protection officials said that, so far, they have detected no environmental contamination problems from the drilling, although they have received a couple complaints about well-water supplies being temporarily interrupted by the drilling.

Drilling activity on the Marcellus Shale formation is taking place at about 275 well sites, and less than 20 sites are producing gas, Hanger said.

Lawmakers could consider raising the $100 fee for a drilling permit – it has not been changed for many years – to help pay for more state employees, although Hanger pointed out that his boss, Gov. Ed Rendell, has instituted a hiring freeze because of sagging state revenues.

Hanger also said the state is considering issuing permits for three new industrial wastewater treatment plants that companies have proposed specifically to treat the huge amounts of contaminated water left over from the drilling process.

Stephen Rhoads, the president of the Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Association, told lawmakers that companies are looking into the possibility of storing the contaminated water in underground wells regulated by the federal government. Hanger said the companies could also use available technology that allows them to recycle the water onsite.

W. Pa. to be extradited to Bosnia for murder

PITTSBURGH (AP) _ A suburban Pittsburgh man accused of fatally shooting another man in his native Bosnia and Herzegovina almost 15 years ago has been ordered to return there to face charges.

U.S. Magistrate Amy Reynolds Hay ordered the extradition of Sadik Begic, 38, on Tuesday. Begic had been living in the Pittsburgh suburb of Whitehall and was arrested Sept. 10 in Connecticut, where he was working for a Pittsburgh-based company.

Begic, of Srebrenica, is accused of firing a Kalashnikov rifle at Alemic Ibis during a party outside Ibis' house on Oct. 9, 1993, according to federal prosecutors and court documents from Bosnia and Herzegovina. He was indicted in January 1995 by a justice of the Bosnian District Military Court.

Witnesses said Begic was drinking and had threatened to shoot the band playing at the party before arguing with and firing at Ibis, documents said. He had also been firing the rifle randomly.

Begic admitted drinking brandy at the party and said the rifle discharged accidentally as he sat with the rifle on his knee on a fence, documents said.

Begic will remain in the custody of U.S. Marshal's Service until he can be turned over to Bosnia and Herzegovina officials.

NATIONAL

Stocks little changed after snapback rally

NEW YORK (AP) _ Financial markets uneasily awaited a Senate vote on the government's proposed financial sector bailout Wednesday, with stock prices showing sharp fluctuations and credit markets still extremely tight. The Dow Jones industrials, down more than 200 points in early trading, recovered to show a slim gain.

After stocks suffered a steep drop Monday and recovered partway Tuesday, investors were reluctant to make major moves before the Senate vote late Wednesday on a revised version of the plan defeated by the House. The new proposal includes tax breaks for businesses and the middle class and increases deposit insurance.

A disappointing economic report also weighed on the market. In its assessment of the manufacturing sector in September, the Institute for Supply Management revealed a troubling drop in new orders. The group's overall index of manufacturing activity fell to 43.5 in September from 49.9 in August. Wall Street had expected a reading of 49.5, according to economists polled by Thomson/IFR.

"We're now seeing in those numbers that we're getting a contraction in economic activity," said Jim Dunigan, managing executive of investments at PNC Wealth Management.

At this point in the credit crisis, weak economic numbers are coming as no surprise to Wall Street – but September's numbers are expected to be particularly bleak because of the seizing up of the credit markets that occurred during the month. The reports are further reminders of how much pain is being felt in the economy, and the data are likely to motivate more investors to pull money out of stocks.

The greatest concern on the Street remains the stagnant credit markets.

"We've taken the credit markets for granted much like you do the electricity coming on every day but in this particular case the power grid is down," said Dunigan. "If we don't have a functioning credit market banks aren't lending to each other – credit is dried up. That ultimately affects economic activity."

Nervousness about debt has made banks hesitant to extend loans; banks have preferred to hold onto their cash. But some analysts and policymakers are worried that drop in lending will curtail economic growth. And the fear paralyzing the credit markets is making it more difficult and expensive for some companies to fund their day-to-day operations, putting basics like payroll at risk.

The London Interbank Offered Rate, or Libor, on overnight dollar loans dropped to 3.79 percent on Wednesday from Tuesday's record 6.88 percent. Libor measures how much banks are charging one another to borrow. Many consumer lending rates, including about half of all U.S. adjustable-rate mortgages, are tied to Libor.

But overnight Libor remains well above the target Fed funds rate of 2 percent, showing that banks are still tending to hoard their cash rather than lend it.

Demand for the safety of government debt increased Wednesday. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, fell to 3.71 percent from 3.83 percent late Tuesday. The yield on the 3-month T-bill, the safest type of investment, fell to 0.85 percent from 0.88 percent late Tuesday. The decline in yields indicates that investors are willing to accept even modest returns to protect their money.

Financial markets likely will remain nervous until the voting on Capitol Hill is complete. In midday trading, the Dow rose 16.81, or 0.15 percent, to 10,867.47. The Dow fell 778 points Monday, its steepest drop in years, after lawmakers rejected the bailout plan, then rallied 485 points Tuesday on hopes party leaders would find the votes to pass the measure.

Broader stock indicators were narrowly lower. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 1.09, or 0.09 percent, to 1,163.65, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 11.74, or 0.56 percent, to 2,080.14.

Light, sweet crude fell $2.90 to $97.74 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange after the government reported a surprise increase in U.S. crude supplies.

Investors are hoping the government can help fix the stopped-up credit markets. Champions of the plan say it is necessary to absorb the soured mortgage and other bad debt from banks' books as a way to restore faith in the credit markets, while detractors said the plan was too costly and risky.

"It will help to restore confidence and confidence is the No. 1 issue now," said Charles Widger, chief executive of Brinker Capital."

He said while stocks could rally if Congress extends relief to the financial sector investors are also facing heightened concerns about the economy.

"You've got to believe that after this major disruption in the financing of the economy – the absence of cash for working capital – that it's going to slow economic activity and that therefore we're going to be in a recessionary environment," he said.

Not all economic news arriving Wednesday was downcast, however. The Commerce Department reported that construction activity remained unchanged in August even though spending for residential projects saw its first increase in 17 months, a welcome upturn amid the housing downturn. Wall Street had expected construction activity to decline 0.5 percent.

The dollar was mixed against other major currencies, while gold prices rose.

Declining issues outnumbered advancers by about 2 to 1 on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to 432.3 million shares.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies fell 7.15, or 1.05 percent, to 672.43.

Overseas, Japan's Nikkei stock average rose 0.96 percent. Britain's FTSE 100 rose 1.17 percent, Germany's DAX index fell 0.42 percent, and France's CAC-40 fell 0.56 percent.

Study traces AIDS virus origin to 100 years ago

NEW YORK (AP) _ The AIDS virus has been circulating among people for about 100 years, decades longer than scientists had thought, a new study suggests.

Genetic analysis pushes the estimated origin of HIV back to between 1884 and 1924, with a more focused estimate at 1908.

Previously, scientists had estimated the origin at around 1930. AIDS wasn't recognized formally until 1981 when it got the attention of public health officials in the United States.

The new result is "not a monumental shift, but it means the virus was circulating under our radar even longer than we knew," says Michael Worobey of the University of Arizona, an author of the new work.

The results appear in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature. Researchers note that the newly calculated dates fall during the rise of cities in Africa, and they suggest urban development may have promoted HIV's initial establishment and early spread.

Scientists say HIV descended from a chimpanzee virus that jumped to humans in Africa, probably when people butchered chimps. Many individuals were probably infected that way, but so few other people caught the virus that it failed to get a lasting foothold, researchers say.

But the growth of African cities may have changed that by putting lots of people close together and promoting prostitution, Worobey suggested. "Cities are kind of ideal for a virus like HIV," providing more chances for infected people to pass the virus to others, he said.

Perhaps a person infected with the AIDS virus in a rural area went to what is now Kinshasa, Congo, "and now you've got the spark arriving in the tinderbox," Worobey said.

Key to the new work was the discovery of an HIV sample that had been taken from a woman in Kinshasa in 1960. It was only the second such sample to be found from before 1976; the other was from 1959, also from Kinshasa.

Researchers took advantage of the fact that HIV mutates rapidly. So two strains from a common ancestor quickly become less and less alike in their genetic material over time. That allows scientists to "run the clock backward" by calculating how long it would take for various strains to become as different as they are observed to be. That would indicate when they both sprang from their most recent common ancestor.

The new work used genetic data from the two old HIV samples plus more than 100 modern samples to create a family tree going back to these samples' last common ancestor. Researchers got various answers under various approaches for when that ancestor virus appeared, but the 1884-to-1924 bracket is probably the most reliable, Worobey said.

The new work is "clearly an improvement" over the previous estimate of around 1930, said Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases in Bethesda, Md. His institute helped pay for the work.

Fauci described the advance as "a fine-tuning."

Experts say it's no surprise that HIV circulated in humans for about 70 years before being recognized. An infection usually takes years to produce obvious symptoms, a lag that can mask the role of the virus, and it would have infected relatively few Africans early in its spread, they said.

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Fall color prediction for Lawrence and Mercer counties

HARRISBURG– State forestry officials now say the best time to enjoy the fall colors in our region is in mid-October and in Lawrence and Mercer counties that coincides with Westminster College's Homecoming events. This year's homecoming takes place October 17-19 in New Wilmington with the 50th anniversary of the homecoming parade. Meanwhile the predictions for the peak of the fall foliage for areas like McConnells Mill State Park in Lawrence County puts the best leaf peeping experience in the middle of month. However, predicting the autumn color season is tricky. Moraine and McConnell Mil State Park Assistant Manager Jeremy Rekich says predicting the foliage forecast is like predicting the weather.

"There are a lot of variables involved from the shortening of the days, the temperatures at night and all of tehse things change season to season," Rekich told TR News reporter Allyson King. "It's very difficult to actually follow and predict some of these things, especially with the way the weather has been lately."

Dog causes car to sink in Mercer County lake

MERCER, Mercer County-- A Mercer County man's dog is being blamed for an accident that send a car rolling out of control and into a lake. It happened Thursday at a boat launch ramp at Shenango Lake. Police say Rich McDowell pulled up to the ramp when his 200 pound Rottweiler knocked him out of the vehicle and it drifted into the lake and sank. McDowell and his dog were not hurt.

INTERNATIONAL

Color, glitter enliven Saudi women's black abayas

JIDDAH, Saudi Arabia (AP) _ For years, the only thing sold openly in Saudi stores selling women's cloaks were of the all-black, drab covering variety. Now, streaks of vibrant color, bands of glittering crystal – even sheaths of sexy leopard skin prints – are showing up on the racks.

And that's not all. Women are snapping them up and even sometimes wearing them in public.

For stores to openly stock the new generation of cloaks, or abayas, and for some women to wear them in public are not just fashion statements. They are risky acts of defiance in a nation where the powerful religious police have for years raided stores to confiscate "illegal" abayas as part of their mandate as guardians of the kingdom's rigid interpretation of Islamic teachings.

These days, the "legal" abayas that conform to the strict standards of the religious police have been relegated to the back of many stores in major Saudi cities. In their place are the new ones.

While salesmen and designers say women are snapping up the new abaya models and feel pressured to produce more styles to meet demand, some Saudis are unhappy that what is supposed to hide women's curves and detract male attention is becoming a fashion statement sure to turn a man's head.

"You look around you and you find abayas that are embroidered, fitted or with wide sleeves. Most abayas now need abayas to cover them," says a religious pamphlet available at malls in Riyadh, the Saudi capital.

"When some girls go out they (look) like prostitutes who invite people to carry out lewd acts. How else can you explain how some women adorn themselves with their abayas ... ?" it says.

Girls in Saudi Arabia are required to wear abayas when they hit puberty. And all women expatriates have to wear them in public. The religious police say the abayas should be loose, worn on the head and left to fall down to the ground without outlining the body. They should not be transparent or ornamented, they say.

Things were not always that strict.

Sarah Kennedy, an American who has lived in Saudi Arabia for almost 30 years, said that in 1979 when she first arrived in the kingdom foreign women were not obliged to wear abayas. But as the kingdom became more conservative in the 1980s, foreign women began wearing abayas too, but ones that looked like capes and fell just to mid thigh.

"But then, suddenly ... you couldn't find the ones you normally wanted," said Kennedy. "So you bought them anyway."

No one really knows why or how it became OK to sell the new stylish abayas. Major stores in big cities carry them openly and there have not been reports in the local media of religious police confiscating them.

But like everything else in the kingdom, the change was subtle and incremental.

Glitter started adorning wrists or was sprinkled on the edges of the veil that must be worn on the head. Then color began creeping on the black fabric and the loose shapeless cloaks became more fitted. The cumbersome panels that hooked to the shoulders to ensure that nothing peeked from underneath the abaya as a woman walked slowly disappeared.

Today, the new abayas are without the panels and close straight down like a long coat.

The new styles cropped up first in the more open western seaside city of Jiddah and in the Eastern Province.

"We in Jiddah are fashion conscious," said abaya designer Ghada al-Sairafi. "I try to come up with a new model every week because of the demand."

Hanan al-Madani, another Jiddah designer, said abayas are "no longer just abayas."

"Today, they reflect a woman's taste and personality," said al-Madani, whose custom-made abayas sell between $402 and $2,145.

Jiddah boasts the most daring abayas. In one store, there were cloaks with red lace hanging down from the black sleeves, some with crystal sprinkled around the collar and waist and a few double-layered ones with bold reds, greens and yellows underneath a sheer black chiffon top.

The best-seller among these was one with a leopard skin pattern underneath the top cover.

But not everyone in fashionable Jiddah likes the new abayas. Tahani al-Jihani, 42, is one.

She bustled into one Jiddah store to choose abayas for her daughter and her sister and later announced: "I don't like the new styles but my sister and my daughter love them.

"I feel they attract too much attention," said al-Jihani as she watched her daughter try on one with balloon arms.

Hala Ahmed, a 21-year-old interior design student, said she wears the new styles to weddings and to college, which are segregated.

"They're more like dresses, so I wear them to places where no men will see me in them."

Campus News

SGA Day: a campus favorite seven years later

By Meagan Ostrowski
Campus Writer

After ordering 75 pizzas, 25 dozen doughnuts, and countless soft pretzels, SGA Day, held Friday, Sept. 26, was considered a huge success by students on campus.

After seven years, SGA Day continues to be an enjoyable event for the campus. This day, held once each semester, is all about the students. From free pizza to rides to and from class in golf carts, the members of the student government worked hard to produce a fun and relaxing day for the students. With all the food disappearing so quickly, the 70 person senate had to work extra hard so the pizza shortage disaster that occurred last year didn't happen again.

Sarah Geist, the public relations chair of SGA, organized the entire event. While she says SGA Day is a lot of work, seeing everyone munching on their pizza and waiting for their ride to class made it worthwhile.

"SGA Day is all about the students. We just want to show them how much we appreciate them," Geist said. "It feels good to know that the students enjoy this day."

Students around the campus agreed with Sarah, saying that SGA Day brought the college together and made everyone feel that their hard work all week had been valued. Many prospective students' campus visitations coincided with SGA Day. Seeing students gathered outside the TUB waiting for drinks and cookies or witnessing the golf carts making their rounds could make any potential student feel a sense of excitement during their visit.

Ashley Carnahan, President of SGA, was excited for this year's SGA Day.

"This year we did a couple new and different events," Carnahan said. "This time around we had live music from Titan Radio, and also SIFE's cash cart was on the loose!"

Photo by Amanda Miller

Freshman SGA senator Bryce Beeghley and senior vice president Jenna Cunningham stop for a photo on their way from escorting a student to class. Free golf cart rides is just one of the student perks off SGA Day.

Photo By Stephanie Chaffee

Travis Gulling, a member of Students in Free Enterprise, asked riders in his golf cart financial questions. If they answered correctly, he gave people money for the amount of questions they got right. This idea was based on the show Cash Cab, and SIFE did this project for a competition. They recorded all their riders and are going to edit all the tapes and make one finished film for their competition. Some questions asked were when tax day is; what's the difference between a credit and debit card; and what does the term CD mean in banking? This new idea was a huge hit with students around campus.

The majority of students and faculty across the campus had positive remarks about SGA Day.

"Who doesn't like getting a ride to and from class? Knowing I can sleep in that much more makes SGA Day my favorite day of the semester," sophomore Brian Kotun said.

SGA day lasted from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the senators all taking shifts on the golf carts every half hour. While most students love SGA Day, some have their doubts.

"What is the point of today?" one student said. "Where is the money coming from for the pizza, cookies, and drinks? Who paid for their new shirts, and what exactly are we getting appreciated for?"

With so many questions, a suggestion for SGA would be to have this information readily available for those students who may inquire.

For the most part, students considered SGA Day to be a huge hit this semester. SGA will be working hard to produce a great SGA Day next semester too. Members of SGA would like to thank all the students for patiently waiting in line for the pizza and helping make SGA Day a great success.

SGA sponsors fall break trip to Cedar Point

By Joel Montgomery
Campus Writer

Club Blood, Terror Island, CornStalkers and 17 terrifying roller coasters await students who sign up for SGA's fall break trip to Cedar Point.

Participating students will spend the weekend of Oct. 10-12 at the roller coaster capital of the world during its 12th annual Hallo-Weekends event, during which the entire park takes on a Halloween theme and certain sections of the park transform into haunted houses, scare zones and other special ghoulish attractions. The trip, organized by SGA Activities Chair, Aimee Gerber, is being offered instead of the trips to New York and Chicago that SGA has sponsored in the past.

"I was trying to think of something different to do," Gerber said. "I thought going to Cedar Point for a weekend would be a good idea because you usually don't get to go to Cedar Point unless you're a senior during Senior Week. I just thought it would be some place fun to swing."

Many of the attractions from previous Hallo-Weekends events are still in the park, as are the 75 other rides that the park normally offers. According to Cedar Point's Web site, some of the new attractions at the park this Halloween season are another haunted house, called "Club Blood" and two new scare zones, called "Terror Island" and "CornStalkers." There are also several new live shows and places to eat specially designed for Hallo-Weekends.

Junior Kylee Bennett, SGA's diversity chair, is one of the 24 students signed up to go on the trip.

"[I'm looking forward to] relaxing for a couple days and staying in a room with a couple of my sisters," Bennett said. "And, honestly, I love roller coasters."

Besides looking forward to riding the roller coasters, Gerber also particularly hopes to encounter something that actually scares her in the Halloween sections.

"No one can ever scare me," Gerber said. "I just sit there and giggle the entire time."

According to Gerber, the trip itself is regularly priced at $120 a person for two nights in a hotel located right next to the park and two days admission in the park, including admission an hour earlier than the park officially opens.

However, SGA is able to bring the total cost of the trip down to $60 for students only because of student activities funds. Even with this reduction, some students who are interested in the trip still find the price to be too high on a college budget.

Senior Marissa Young said she feels that $60 is a good deal for the trip, but it's still too much for her to be able to pay.

"If I did go, I would be missing work," Young said, "and it would ultimately cost me more."

She added that trips to Kennywood, like SGA used to sponsor, would be more affordable for students, but that Cedar Point is definitely a more appealing destination.

Gerber said that she originally had the trip worked down to $40 a person, but the cost for the bus to take students from campus was more than she had intended due to higher gas prices.

"We always try to keep the cost as low as possible," Gerber said. "It's cheaper than every other thing that we've done, and it's going a long way."

The deadline to sign up for the trip is past, but Gerber said that there is space for one more group of four people to go on the trip. However, interested students need to act fast to grab it. Gerber said that the rooms are allowed to be co-ed and must be limited to Westminster students, so if students are still interested in the trip, they should contact her immediately to make arrangements.

Although the trip is themed for Halloween, Cedar Point's Web site discourages park-goers from bringing their own costumes. They say there will be plenty of park employees there to scare everyone.

PRSSA holds annual picnic for recruitment

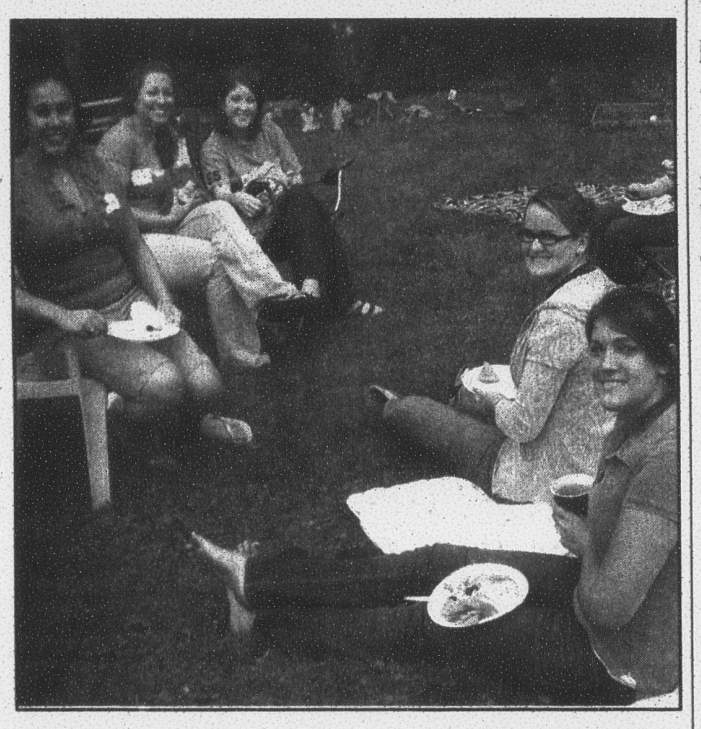


Photo by Stephanie Chaffee

On Thursday, Sept 25, students interested in public relations attended a recruitment picnic to mingle and learn more about PRSSA.

By Jamie Swarm
Campus Writer

The Public Relations Student Society of America, PRSSA, held their annual informative picnic at Dr. Suzanne Prestien's house on Thursday, Sept. 25.

Executive board members explained their main focuses and goals for this year. This includes a news letter, a fieldtrip, and designated committees to become more involved on campus. Such ambitions support the goals of PRSSA, which is devoted to making connections with pr professionals and upholding ethical standards.

Equipped with a student panel, question and answer session, and dinner, the picnic provided resources to recruit new members for organization.

"It's never too early to meet people in your profession," President Janie Ingersoll said. "Being in PRSSA, and then later PRSA as an adult, makes you more credible in the PR field since licenses are not required."

"This year we will be starting our own newsletter. We hope to produce one a semester, and they will highlight PR in general, students on campus, and internships," Ingersoll said. "Also, we will be offering the opportunity for students to attend the PRSSA National Assembly in New Orleans."

Due to the diverse nature of public relations, its strategies and tactics can be involved in many different fields. Due to this varied field, senior Bridget Roth explained the importance of internships. Being involved in PRSSA enhances students' abilities to network, which ultimately aids in finding internships.

"PR is everything; it's everywhere," Roth said.

The picnic concluded with a discussion about past trips to Pittsburgh PR firms, such as Ketchum and the pr department for the Pirates. These are not simply trips to Pittsburgh, but potential future business opportunities for students.

"It's good to get out into the real world, network, and have people remember you for future reference," said vice president Melissa Murphy.

Round-the-clock jumping gives hope to AIDS-stricken children

Sigma Phi Epsilon alters "Jump for Hope" event to raise more money

By Derek Deremer
Staff Writer

This year marks the second annual "Jump for Hope" philanthropy event sponsored by Sigma Phi Epsilon starting at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 25.

The fraternity set up a trampoline in front of Galbreath and began their 24 hour jumping endeavor. Chris Kadvan headed the event and it became a great success raising over $755 for the Youth Aids foundation.

HIV/AIDS is a worsening pandemic gripping many parts of the world, especially in Africa. Youth Aids is an organization dedicated to educating and preventing further spread of the disease to young people across the world.

The Sig Eps jumped around 86,400 times, about one jump every second. Every fifteen jumps a new young person was diagnosed with HIV, and every sixty jumps another child died from the disease. By the end of the event, 5,760 new people received the disease and 1,440 children died from it. By raising money, Sigma Phi Epsilon is one of organizations to answer the humanitarian call.

After acquiring the trampoline idea from the Sigma Phi Epsilon national convention last year, the fraternity planned on making the event an annual occurrence and hoped to increase participation every year. This year the event was organized by Chris Kadvan. He worked with the national committee for the advertisements and created many of the banners and fliers that publicized the event. Sig Eps President Jake Shaffer stated that all of this year's success was thanks to his hard efforts.

A lot of changes were made since last years "Jump for Hope." Last year's event raised $152 dollars, but the fraternity believed they could do much better. This year's event persuaded the brothers to each donate money to the cause through fraternity perks, raising over $400 before the jumping even began.

"Jump for Hope" was also planned in conjunction with SGA Day, so more students would be aware of the activity due to a higher traffic of people passing through the area than last year. Different brothers took turns jumping on the trampoline at different times to ensure that someone was always on the trampoline and the load would be shared by the whole fraternity.

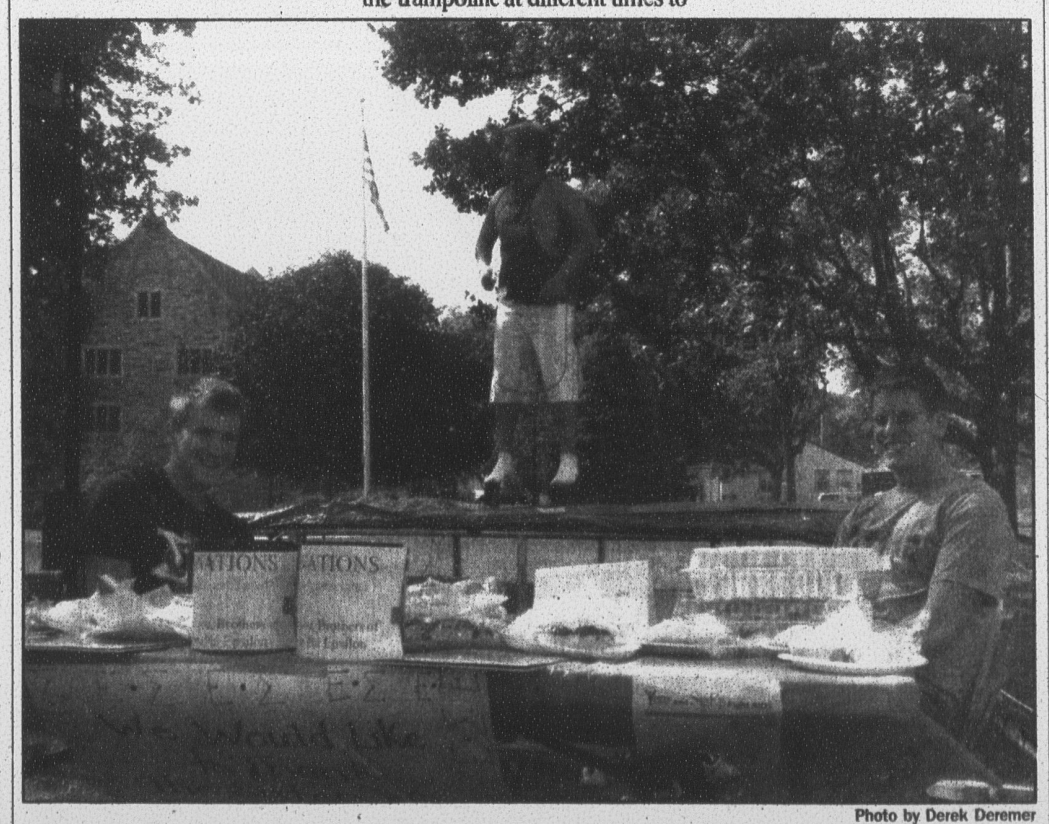
Each sorority donated baked goods for the event to be distributed to those that stopped to donate or learn more about the fight against AIDS/HIV throughout the 24 hours.

Senior Steph Niziol helped bake for the Sig Eps and supported their cause.

"It was really cool to see them doing so much for their philanthropy," Niziol said. "If baking some cupcakes with my roommate can help to support such a great cause, then it's even better."

Youth Aids is Sig Eps' national main philanthropy but last spring they combined with Theta Chi to sponsor the successful "Take Back the Night" event for the Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County. The two fraternities plan to sponsor the event again in April of 2009

"The Sigma Phi Epsilon would like to thank the campus and community for their support and also the great sororities of this campus for their generous donations of baked goods," Shaffer said.



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Campus News

YERT, more than just an awkward acronym

A year-long excursion to gain perspective on what people think about environmental issues

By Kelly Gould
Staff Writer

On Monday, Sept. 29, Sierra Student Coalition sponsored the presentation of Mark Dixon, founder of YERT, who gave a lecture about his year-long environmental road trip.

YERT stands for Your Environmental Road Trip. A team of three people traveled to all 50 states in a year conducting interviews to find what people thought about the environment. They interviewed about eight hundred people during this study.

This road trip occurred from July 2007 to July 2008. The timing of the trip was impeccable, Dixon explained, because people were becoming more aware of living a greener lifestyle. With problems such as lead in children's toys and salmonella in tomatoes, people started to re-think some of their personal investments in products. Dixon explained that some ways people could try to live a greener life was to use reusable grocery bags or metal water bottles instead of buying individual plastic bottles.

The goals of this trip were to educate the public on a greener lifestyle; see the country; find a career; talk to people; enjoy the adventure; and most importantly, to personalize sustainability.

There were also road rules on this trip to make it a little more interesting for the team. Each person was allowed one shoebox worth of garbage a month, no incandescent light bulbs and 25 gallons of water a day per person.

With all the rules in place, their trip began in Pittsburgh, PA on July 4, 2007.

They learned several things on this road trip, including that it was not easy to be sustainable. In fact, they felt that they were doomed, and they weren't going to make it through the trip. Through the hard times, however, they also discovered that they were having a great time.

Along the way, they also learned several tips on how to live a greener lifestyle. There are three simple steps to be greener:

Simplify. Always take the simpler approach. Make simple changes that make a huge difference.

Localize. When it comes to buying organic or fresh foods, always go with the locals. They are most likely organic or use their own fertilizer that does not have a lot of pesticides. Locals also tend to be cheaper.

Community. Try to reach out to the community. Tell people about what an impact it makes to the environment to live with a green mind.

One question that was brought up during the lecture was how are college students supposed to afford these organic foods? The answer was quite simple. Buy in bulk. Things like carbohydrates and proteins are better to buy in bulk. Then one can usually buy vegetables from a farmer's market at an inexpensive price, and the heart of the meal, carbohydrates and protein, is organic.

The road trip ended on July 4, 2008 in San Francisco, CA.

This lecture provided insight about how students could change their lifestyles and live a greener life. Everyone can make a difference by changing small things in their life, like recycling, buying organic foods, and using fluorescent light bulbs.

YERT now plans on getting more funding from non-profit organizations and donations to spread the word of their discoveries. They hope to make a movie or a television series.

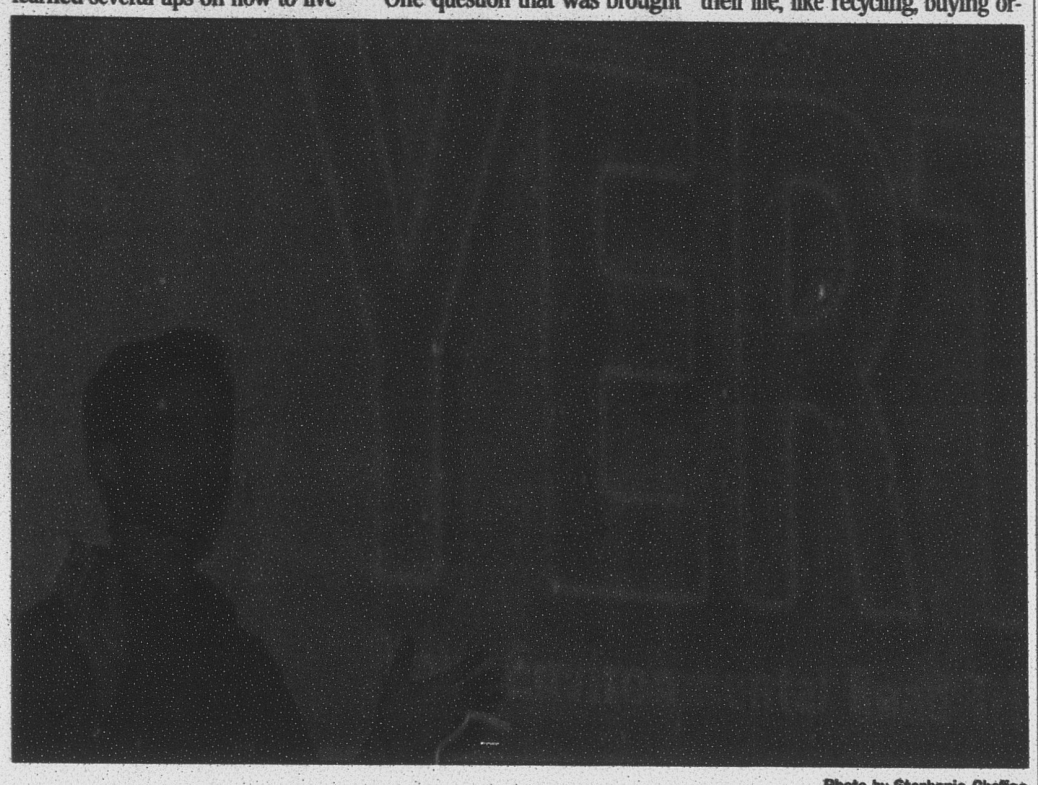

Photo by Stephanie Chaffee

Mark Dixon, founder of Yert, explained the logistics of their trip including the 'rules' they lived by, during his speech on Sept. 29.

A facelift for the 19-year-old playground

By Olivia Sweeney
Campus Writer

On Monday, Sept. 29 at 4 p.m., a group of 28 students, faculty and community members assembled in the preschool lab to dedicate the new playground facility on campus.

The 19-year-old playground facility already needed to be updated when preschool teachers Diana Reed and Debi Roud said that, "the opportunity presented itself". Debbie Lynch, a grandmother of two children in the preschool program and member of the Hoyt Foundation, approached the teachers with the opportunity to obtain a grant to build a new facility.

"Had we not had that opportunity, the existing playground would have been repaired instead," Reed said.

Dr. Mandy Medvin, professor of psychology, began the ceremony with an introduction of a group of guest speakers and words of gratitude to all individuals involved in the playground project funded by the Emma May Hoyt Foundation of New Castle.

Following Medvin's welcome and introduction, President Richard Dorman offered words of appreciation to the Hoyt Foundation and praised the teachers for their dedication.

"The preschool is one of the best examples of the experiential education that is so unique to our school" Dorman said.

Charles Mansell, Director of the Hoyt Foundation, then commended Reed and Roud through a "dissertation of alliteration" using words beginning with the letter "D." He explained that the two teachers were vital to the preschool institution, and that they really know how to seek support.

Dr. Alan Gittis, chair of the department of psychology, ended the ceremony by thanking all individuals involved in the project and the community for their enthusiasm and support.

"My office has the best view of the playground," Gittis said.

The new playground, which is open to the preschool as well as the public, meets current American Disability Act standards. Features, such as lower steps and bars, enhance the playground's accessibility for all children, including ones with disabilities. The grant money was also able to fund extra features, such as the spinner bowl in which children can sit.

"I love the new playground," Shannon Bobbert, a junior and student aid, said. "Every time we go outside to the spinner the children yell, 'Spin me! Spin me!'"

Following the dedication, the attendees gathered outside to watch children play on the new facility and enjoyed a reception sponsored by Central Heating and Plumbing.

Although the preschool does not currently have any large scale plans for other improvements, it will receive new carpet in the lab as part of the psychology department's long range plan for updating the facility.

A new generation of smarts

Photo by Stephanie Chaffee

Freshman honors students are challenged each semester of their college career with honors classws, whereas the progam until now started in the junior year. They are embarking on this unique experience that is sure to be a resume booster.

By Amanda Ratliff
Campus Writer

Fourteen students are participating in the inaugural year of the All-College Honors Program.

This class of freshmen will take honors classes throughout their college careers, unlike in the past where the Honors Program started in a student's junior year. To enroll in the All-College Honors Program, high school seniors needed to have a 1300 SAT or 29 ACT score and a recalculated high school GPA of 3.75.Students who met these requirements were invited to apply to the program and then come to campus to complete a one-hour essay and an interview . Students accepted into the All-College Honors Program also received the Vance Honors Scholarship, the highest academic scholarship on campus.

"We went to a four-year program because the faculty wanted a fuller program," Professor Bolger, chair of the honors committee, said. "We are trying to form a more cohesive group in terms of identity and in terms of influence or doing things with other people on campus."

The honors scholars will take Honors Inquiry, Honors Writing, three Honors courses similar to IP classes and an Honors Seminar during their sophomore year. These students will also take a discipline-specific research course their junior year and complete and defend an honors thesis or project during their junior and senior years.

Dr. Kang-Yup Na is the Honors Program Coordinator and professor of the Honors Inquiry class. According to Na, his class is different from other inquiry classes because the expectations are higher and the honors scholars are expected to be more independent.

"The biggest thing is that we're expected to perform at a higher level, not so much have a bigger work load," freshman Honors Scholar Jennifer Edder said. "The amount of work, I'm sure, will increase as we get farther into the program."

The honors scholars are also expected to participate in community service, and Na has created an assignment in which the students explore characteristics of another culture and the global impact of that culture. Na wants his class to realize that college is not just about the intellectual aspects, but also it is about giving back to the community. He also encourages his class to be both problem identifiers and problem solvers.

"Critical thinking is a key point," Na said. "This class is very self-motivated and creative, and these students are probably one of the most delightful classes I have taught."

Each year there can be a total of 20 honors scholars from a class. Freshmen in their second semester on campus can apply for the All-College Honors Program. They will need to have a 3.7 GPA and signatures from their professors in the fall.

Students also must complete the essay and the interview. More information will be sent to the campus in the spring.

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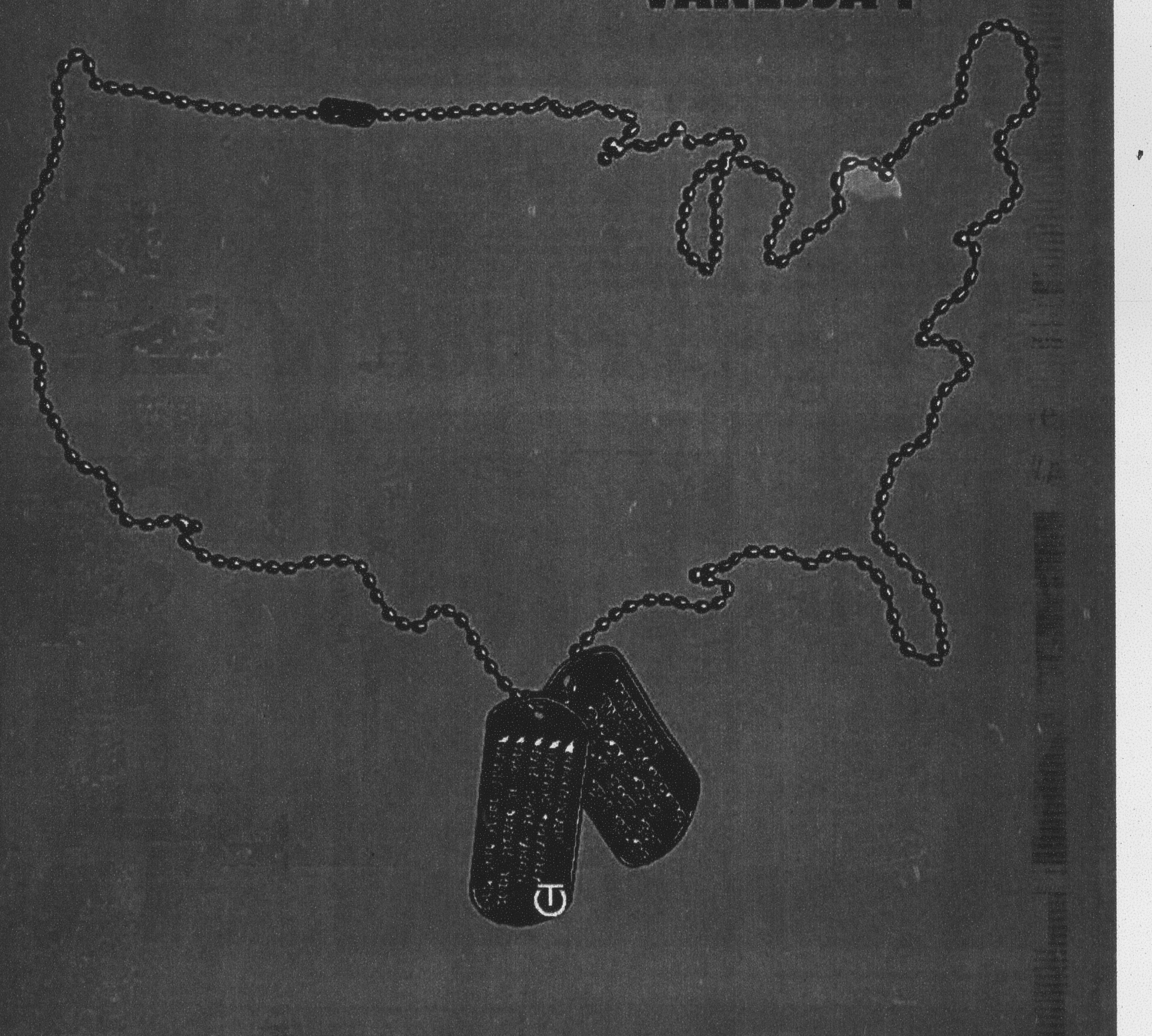

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Lady Titans tennis continues to improve winning record

By Andrew Kubincanek
Sports Writer

The Lady Titans tennis squad defeated Penn State-Behrend, winning six of nine matches, on Friday, Sept. 26. They are currently 8-3 overall.

The team won five out of six singles matches and one of the three doubles matches. Junior April Scudere and freshman Andrea Redhair won the first doubles match 8-5. Junior Hilary Newman and Freshman Dana Griesmer played in match two while sophomore Rachel Jack and senior Beth Erwin played in match three. Penn State-Behrend took matches two and three 8-6 and 8-4 respectively.

"In match two we had a new pair playing together…but we had too many unforced errors," Head Coach Scott Renninger said. "We just didn't play as well as we are capable of playing."

In the singles competition, Scudere won 6-3 and 6-3. Redhair won 6-4 and 6-1 and Newman won 6-4 and 6-0. Griesmer and sophomore Natalie Hruska both lost their second game but went on to win their singles matches. Griesmer won with scores of 6-2, 1-6 and 7-5 while Hruska won with scores of 6-1, 5-7, 6-3. Jack lost her matches 6-3 and 6-4.

Photo by Emily Winn

Senior Alyson Lingle, hits a winner down the alley at the match on Friday, Sept. 26. The Lady Titans defeated PSU Behrend 6-3.

The same lineup defeated Geneva in all six singles matches and three doubles matches. Westminster played Geneva twice last season, losing 0-9 once and later beating them 7-2.

"Our players are just taking care of business," Renninger said. "We aren't flashy; we just go about our game."

Redhair echoed that sentiment and said that after a tough win against Penn State-Behrend and with tough games ahead, the team was focused and united.

"The team's biggest strength is unity. Everyone plays with one goal in mind which is winning, so everyone puts in 100%," Redhair said.

The Titans' next game against Waynesburg, originally scheduled for Sept. 27 was postponed to Oct. 10. The lady Titans face Geneva on Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 4 p.m. They are currently 4-3 overall. Westminster played Geneva twice last season, losing 0-9 once and later beating them 7-2. The Titans will then travel to Mount Union on Friday, Oct. 3 for another 4 p.m. game.

Neither game is a conference rivalry but Renninger acknowledges that Mount Union especially has played hard in the past. Last season the Titans lost 0-9 to Mount Union.

"That's always a dog fight," Renninger said. "…they're scrappy. We're going to have to beat them because they won't beat themselves."

The Lady Titans are 3-0 in the President's Athletic Conference, behind only Grove City who is also 3-0 in the PAC and 7-0 overall. Third-place Thomas More is 3-1 in the PAC but 3-4 overall. The Lady Titans will face Grove City at home on Oct. 8.

Football falls to PAC opponent

By Andrew Kubincanek
Sports Writer

In their first PAC game of the season, the Titans fell to Thomas More 31-10 on Saturday, Sept. 27. The loss puts the Titans at 2-2 overall and 0-1 in the PAC.

Though Thomas More scored first, Westminster responded with a touchdown pass to junior Chad Rosatelli on the next drive to make the game 7-3. The Saints drove for a touchdown of their own but Westminster tied the game at 10-10 before the half with a field goal by junior Fred Romeo. The game was more one sided in the third quarter with a Thomas More touchdown, an interception and two more touchdowns.

The Titans were unable to answer the Saints' 21 points in the remainder of the third and fourth quarters. The result mirrored the previous week's game against Saint Vincent when the Titans scored three touchdowns in the third quarter to win.

"Every football game is a series of momentum shifts," Head Coach Jeff Hand said. "[It] shifted in Thomas More's favor and we did not grab the momentum back in the third quarter."

Thomas More held the Titans to only 260 yards while gaining 410 themselves. Prior to this game, junior Nick McKolosky led the PAC with an average of 98.3 yards per game. Against Thomas More he gained only 28 yards in 15 carries. However, Hand chose to focus on the more positive aspects of the game, particularly the team's performance in the first half.

"The team learned we can play toe to toe with any opponent when we play as a team, fight through adversity and step up and lead," Hand said.

There were several personal accomplishments as well. Junior quarterback Kevin Franz was 27 of 43 for 229 yards. Franz has thrown for over 200 yards in each game this season. He now has 4,812 career yards, surpassing Joe Micchia's 4,619 yards from 1987-89, and third place in Westminster history. He is less than 200 yards behind the second place holder, Sean O'Shea, who has 4,952 yards between 1991 and 1994.

James Graham (1997-2000) holds the record with 5,826 career yards. Rosatelli also had a personal career high with 10 catches for 74 yards. The Westminster record for catches in a game is 13. Overall the Titans improved from their last meeting with Thomas More that ended in a 34-7 loss.

The Titans return home to Bury Stadium to face another PAC opponent, Thiel, on Saturday , Oct. 4 at 1:30 p.m. Last season, the Titans defeateed Thiel 20-16. They are currently 0-4 overall and 0-1 in the PAC with a loss to W&J. Hand is optimistic to play against the last-place team in the conference.

"The team is excited to get back on track in the conference race…," Hand said.

The Titans will face all of their conference opponents in a row with games against Waynesburg, Bethany, W&J, and Grove City –the top four teams in the conference - coming up. W&J is currently in first place with a 4-0 overall record and 2 wins in the PAC. Thomas More is in second place followed by Grove City and Waynesburg. Waynesburg is just ahead of fifth-place Westminster with the same record (2-2, 01). With a win against Grove City, Westminster was 1-3 against those teams last season.

Volleyball holds onto PAC top spot with weekend win

By Corey Kendall
Sports Writer

After a successful season thus far, the Lady Titans returned to action this week to add to it. The Lady Titans played two games and were able to split them by coming out victorious in one and just nearly losing the other. The Lady Titans now comprise an overall record of 11-7 and an undefeated PAC record of 4-0.

On Saturday, Sept. 27, the Lady Titans traveled to Latrobe, PA for a triangular match against Saint Vincent and Thomas More. The Titans' first match of the day was against Thomas More and also counted in Presidents' Athletic Conference play.

The Lady Titans took the court with hopes of keeping an undefeated PAC record. The Titans came out hard taking the first game with a score of 26-24. Thomas More came back in the next game defeating the Titans with a reversed score of the previous match, 26-24. With the sight of keeping their record, the Lady Titans fought back coming out victorious in the next two games with scores of 25-22 and 25-15 respectively.

Junior Devin Kelley had a career-high 15 kills leading the Titans in their victory against Thomas More. Juniors Beth Copp and Sam Botzum followed closely posting 10 and 9 kills, respectively. Senior Hannah Parker served up two aces while also adding 25 digs. Senior Traci Hassell posted 44 assists to aid the team for the win.

"The team executed the game plan very well and played great defense," Head Coach Tammy Swearingen said. "When you do those two things well you usually get the win."

After such a hard fought battle and a great victory, the Lady Titans still had another match to end the day. The Lady Titans unfortunately fell to Saint Vincent in a hard fought duel by both teams. The Lady Titans lost in the final tie breaking game. The overall score was 3-2 with individual game scores of 9-25, 25-22, 25-20, 19-25, and 15-11.

"We lost in 5 games," Hassell said. "We should have won but we made too many errors."

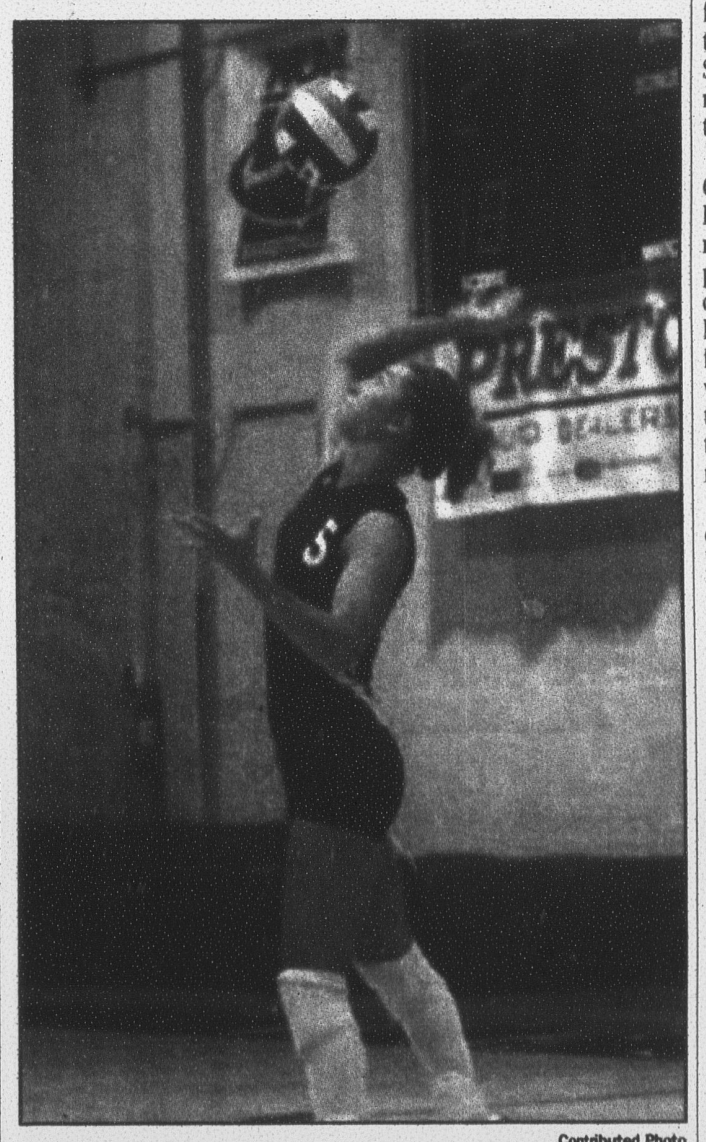
Although the Lady Titans put forth an effort, they were unable to come out on top. Botzum led the Titans with 15 kills while Kelley followed with 13. Parker posted 16 digs while Hassel gave out 28 assists.

"We didn't play with the same intensity against St. Vincent as we did Thomas More," Coach Swearingen said.

The Lady Titans are looking forward to a big weekend as they host two PAC competitors, Grove City and Thiel. The Titans are certainly hopeful to continue on the undefeated streak in PAC play.

"Grove City and Thiel always get up against us and play their best games," Swearingen said. "We will have to play very well to defeat both of them."

The Lady Titans will take on Grove City at 11:00 a.m. and Thiel at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, Oct.4.



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Senior Hannah Parker, seen above, contributed to the Lady Titan's conference win over Thomas More Saturday, Sept. 27 with two aces and 25 digs. Her performance boosted her career dig total to 2,014, the most in Titan Volleyball history.

Upcoming Athletic Events

Friday:
4:00p.m. Women's Tennis at Mt. Union
Saturday:
TBA Men and Women's Cross Country at Slippery Rock Invitational
11:00a.m. Volleyball v. Grove City
12:00p.m. Women's Soccer at Thomas More
1:30p.m. Football v. Thiel
2:00p.m. Men's Soccer at Thomas More
3:00p.m. Volleyball v. Thiel
Monday:
TBA Men's Golf v. Westminster Invitational
Wedne sday:
2:00p.m. Men's Soccer at St. Vincent
4:00p.m. Women's Soccer at St. Vincent
4:00p.m. Women's Tennis v. Grove City
7:00p.m. Volleyball at Bethany
Thursday:
12:30p.m. Women's Golf at Allegheny Invitational
Friday:
TBA Men's Golf at Grove City Invitational
3:00p.m. Women's Tennis at Waynesburg

First round forecast

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

Whether it is because we have officially made it through an entire season without Barry Bonds or Roger Clemens, or because of the opportunity to see Sweet Lou Piniella's veins in HD when a call goes against the Cubs, or because Ned Yost invited you over to watch the games at his house; whatever the reason, the thrill and excitement of the Major League Baseball playoffs has finally arrived.

Before examining the playoffs, I would be remiss if I did not discuss the race just to secure a playoff berth. It came down to the wire in both the American and National Leagues this season. In the National League, it took until the final day for the Milwaukee Brewers to eliminate the New York Mets (Mets fans feel free to throw something right now).

Even more exciting than seeing the Mets do their best choke artist impression for the second year in a row was the race for the AL Central's playoff spot. A division thought to be won by Cleveland or Detroit came down to a one game playoff between Minnesota and the White Sox version of Chicago's baseball teams. The White Sox, led by Jim Thome, were able to beat the Twins to become this postseason's final entry.

Out of all of the playoff series, one has my particular attention because it pits the two best teams against each other in the playoffs. The Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim and the Boston Red Sox are the two most complete teams in baseball. From a great starting rotation to a heart of the order that makes any opposing pitcher's heart throb to the game's two most dominate closers, the Red Sox and Angels are the two most talented teams in the postseason.

While this should be a great series, injuries to Red Sox ace Josh Beckett and solid batters J.D. Drew and Mike Lowell gives the edge to the Angels. Although all three are expected to play despite injury, the fact that they are not at full strength hurts the Red Sox chances of winning a tough series.

Staying in the American League, I like the Tampa Bay Rays to win their inaugural playoff series. The White Sox rotation is a disaster after having to claw into the playoffs. I think the White Sox are spent and ready for a stinging from the Rays. The Rays young rotation of Scott Kazmir, James Shields, and Matt Garza is well rested and will carry the team into the next round.

In the National League, it is the Cubs who will use the arms of Rich Harden and Carlos Zambrano to beat the Dodgers weak pitching staff. Besides, with the exception of Manny Ramirez, the Dodgers lineup is not scary. Before acquiring Manny, the Dodgers were the lowest scoring team in the league. This series pins two of the games best, yet most opposite, managers head-to-head.

Like the White Sox, the Brewers are spent. With Ben Sheets unlikely to pitch in the playoffs, the Brewers cannot beat the Phillies. Both squads have heart of the lineup hitters that are as lethal as any hitter in the league. However, with the exception of C.C. Sabathia, the Phillies have the Brewers outmatched in every pitcher pairing. Plus, Sabathia just threw on three days rest to catapult the Brew Crew into the postseason. Simply stated, the Phillies rotation beats the Brewers rotation.

Whether it is to see the passive-aggressive smirk on Joe Torre's face when he is asked about the Yankees or to watch an October in which A-Rod has a legitimate excuse for going hitless, celebrate baseball fans; the playoffs are finally here.

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Sports

Titans and Lady Titans soccer teams work to maintain winning records

Titans play "best soccer" against nationally-ranked Baldwin-Wallace

By Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

The men's soccer team fell to nationally ranked Baldwin-Wallace Saturday, Sept. 27. The Titans traveled to Yellow Jacket territory and nearly handed the opposition their first loss with a final score of 3-2.

The Titans' overall record falls to 6-4 as they head into their first conference game against Thomas More.

"The game against Baldwin-Wallace was the best soccer we've played all year," junior Ian Hill said. "We were a man down for 70 some minutes so we had to pick up the intensity and level of play and that is what we did. If we would've had a full squad out there they wouldn't have been so lucky."

Senior Garrett Horvath scored the Titans' first goal in the 24th minute. Tyler Leister of Baldwin-Wallace tied the game with a goal in the 27th minute. Hill scored another goal in the 42nd minute giving the Titans the advantage at halftime.

The Yellow Jackets responded to the Titans lead in the second half scoring two more goals in the 52nd and 85th minutes.

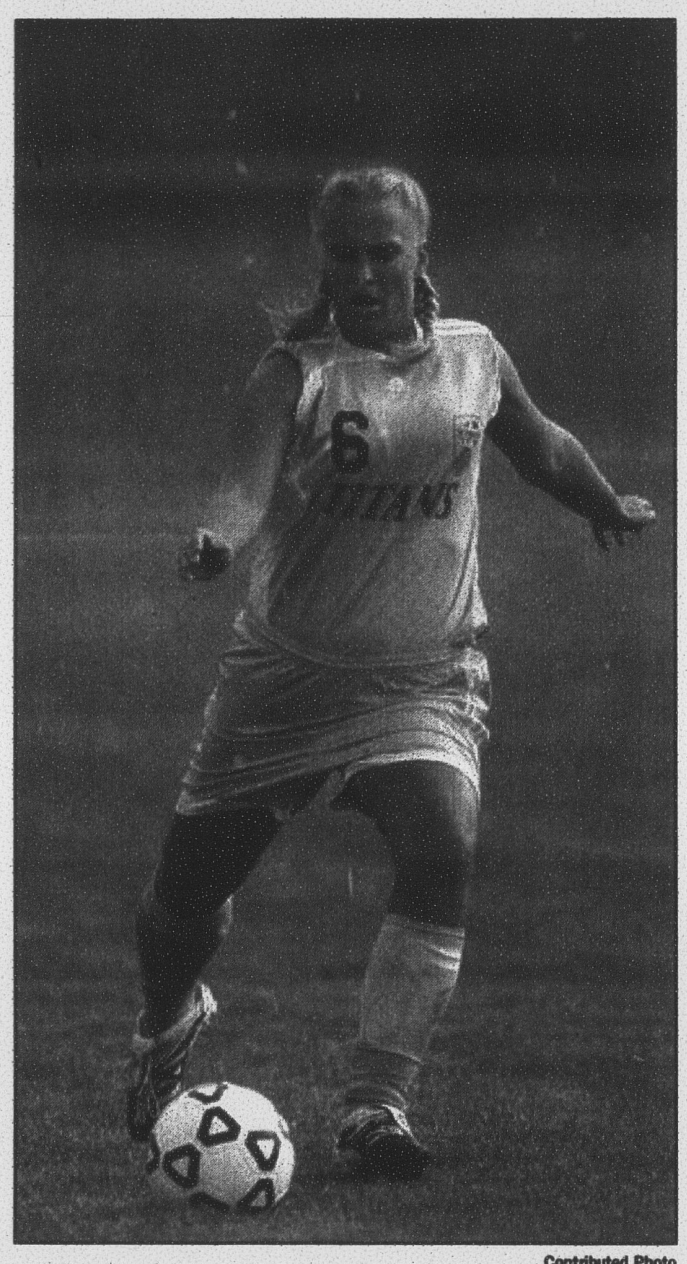
The Titans and the Yellow Jackets had 15 shots apiece. Sophomore goalkeeper Mike Codita had seven saves.

"Being a senior on this year's squad, I have played in many games and I would have to say that the Baldwin-Wallace game was probably the best soccer I have ever played with these guys," Justin Rivas said. "We showed a lot of heart and played some amazing soccer. Some things didn't go our way but the effort we gave was incredible."

The Titans return to the field Saturday, Oct. 4 when they travel to Thomas More. The Saints are 7-1 overall.

The most recent meeting between the two teams occurred in the President's Athletic Conference (PAC) playoffs last year when the Saints defeated the Titans 3-1 in the semifinals.

"The team is really excited to get into PAC play," junior Justin Flowers said. "After our gritty performance last Saturday, the whole team can't wait to get back on the field. The game against Thomas Moore means a little more to us, going back to last years PAC playoffs."



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Senior defender Jessi Losteter passes the ball to a teammate during a recent home game. With seven of their last ten games on the road, the team has relied on senior leadership and encouragement to maintain a record of 7-1.

Leadership and team chemistry contribute to Lady Titans' win

By Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

The women's soccer team improved their overall record to 7-2-1 after defeating non-conference Baldwin-Wallace on the road Saturday, Sept. 27. Sophomore Sarah Nee led the Titans to their 2-1 win scoring both goals.

"I feel that the girls came out extremely prepared for this game," senior Abby Montgomery said. "The upperclassmen stressed to the girls that this was our toughest opponent thus far and I think it motivated the girls to bring their A-game."

Nee put the Titans on the board in the 57th minute. Her second goal followed just over a minute later. Christina Adams was credited with the assist on the first goal and Samantha Killmeyer assisted on the second.

Allie Wojtkun scored for the Yellow Jackets in the 66th minute on a penalty kick. The Titans held the shot advantage, 15-8 and junior Lindsey Mellott made one save earning the win.

"Overall we did not have the best first half but the second half we came out strong and really took it to them," Montgomery said. "I was amazed at how impressive our team chemistry was. The two goals we scored were because our girls worked together and were not selfish. If we keep it up we are bound for success."

The Titans return to action Saturday, Oct. 4 when they travel to Thomas More (5-4) to compete in their first President's Athletic Conference (PAC) game.

The last game between the Saints and Titans resulted in an overtime loss for the Titans, 1-0.

"The first league game is always the hardest; we do not know what to expect from Thomas More this year," Mellott said. "However, all of the games prior to this one were to prepare us for all of the league games. Judging by our performances so far, I am excited to see how the we do on Saturday."

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Senior Abby Montgomery

Cross Country teams return to action

Men and women capture 6th place at St. Vincent Invitational

By April Scudere
Sports Writer

After having a weekend off, the men's and women's cross country teams were back in action on Saturday running at St. Vincent. Both Titan teams finished sixth overall in the team standings. The men combined a total of 151 points for their finish out of nine teams while the women earned 164 points to earn their top spot out of the eleven teams.

The leader for the Titan men was freshman, Morgan Hanes, placing 23rd with a time of 28:43. The President's Athletic Conference (PAC) recognized Hanes for the week of Sept. 22-29 by honoring him with the PAC Men's Runner of the Week award. Also at Saint Vincent, junior Jeremiah Patterson followed Hanes with a 25th place finish at 28:53.

Leading the women was junior, Elizabeth Beardsley, who clocked in at a time of 21:49 to finish 18th overall. Also, junior teammate, Rachel Hudson, was right behind her with a time of 22:04, giving her a 24th place finish.

Such success can be attributed to great coaching and hard workouts.

"We have a long run every week usually about ten to eleven miles, two hard work outs, and then easy days for the remainder of the week," junior Amanda Everett said.

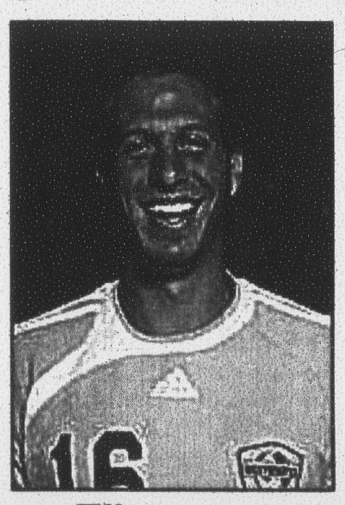
The Titans only have two meets remaining before their big PAC meet on Nov. 1.

"We definitely want to do well at the PAC meet," Elizabeth Beardsley said. "Grove City and W&J are right there within our reach and I think we can really surprise some people at PACs this year."

This weekend, the cross country team will try and make it one step closer to their goal at their meet at Slippery Rock on Saturday, Oct.4.

Titan athletic honors

PAC/SAAC athletes of the week



Ellwanger

The Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) honored senior Chris Ellwanger with a weekly award on Monday for the week of Sept. 22-29.

Ellwanger was named PAC Men's Soccer Defensive Player/Goalkeeper of the Week for helping the Titans' back line hold Penn State-Beaver without a shot in a 7-0 win while also holding unbeaten and No. 7-ranked Baldwin Wallace to 15 shots in a 3-2 loss.

Ellwanger is a three-year starter and letterman who earned first team all-PAC honors.

Westminster is now 6-4 on the season.

Nee

The Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) honored sophomore Sarah Nee with a weekly award on Monday for the week of Sept. 22-29.

Nee scored the only two goals in a 2-1 win at Baldwin-Wallace and assisted on two goals in a 5-0 win at La Roche. Nee's goals give her a team-high nine on the season.

Nee is one-year starter and letter-winner. She played in 23 matches with 18 starts as a freshman and earned all-PAC honorable mention.

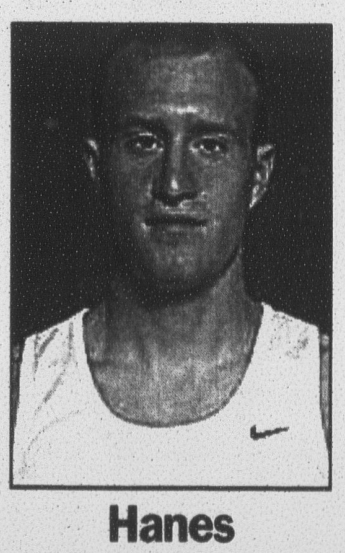
The Lady Titans are now 7-2-1.

Kelley

The Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) honored junior Devin Kelley with a weekly award on Monday for the week of Sept. 22-29.

Kelley recorded 2.5 kills and 2.08 blocks per set last week, including a career-high 15 kills in a 3-1 win over Thomas More and a career-high 10 blocks in a 3-0 win over Waynesburg. Kelley also posted 13 kills in a 3-2 loss to Saint Vincent.

Westminster is now 11-7 and in sole possession of first place with a 4-0 PAC record.



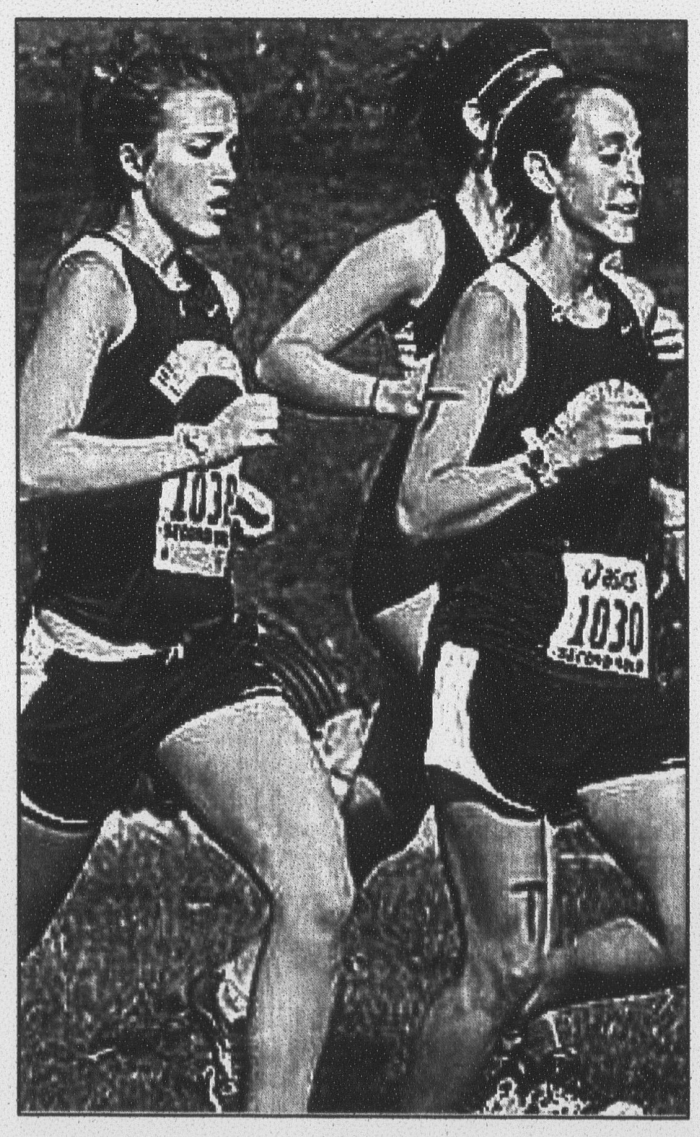
Hanes

The Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) honored freshman Morgan Hanes with a weekly award on Monday for the week of Sept. 22-29.

Hanes helped the Titan cross country team finish sixth at the Saint Vincent Invitational with a 23rd-place time of 28:43.

Hanes paced the Titan men at the Penn State- Behrend Invitational with a 10th-place time of 28:15.

Cross Country will compete next on Saturday, Oct. 4 at the Slippery Rock Invitational.



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Keeping pace

Senior LeighAnn Jordan and freshman Carissa O'Connor pass an opponent at the Westminster Invitational on Saturday, Aug. 30. Recently, the Titans and Lady Titans competed in the St. Vincent Invitational where both teams placed 6th, with the men scoring 151 points and the women, 164.

CALENDAR

Friday, October 3, 2008

International Peacemaker's Visit: Rev. Yousif Kodi from Sudan

Music and Meatballs Presented by Concert Choir

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

4:00 PM Women's Tennis @ Mount Union

5:45 PM College Democrats Meeting (MCC 255)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Wall-E (MCC Mueller Theater)

9:00 PM - 11:00 PM Titan's Tavern (MCC Club/Lounge)

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM BSU Pajama Jam (MCC Berlin Lounge)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Mamma Mia! (MCC Mueller Theater)

Saturday, October 4, 2008

FAMILY DAY

International Peacemaker's Visit: Rev. Yousif Kodi from Sudan

Titan Traverse Whitewater Rafting Trip to Ohiopyle

TBA Men's Cross Country @ Slippery Rock Invitational

TBA Women's Cross Country @ Slippery Rock Invitational

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM FAMILY DAY: Coffee and Meeting with President Dorman (MCC Berlin Lounge)

9:30 AM - 3:30 PM FAMILY DAY: Titan Gift Shop and Bookstore Open (MCC)

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM College Rings Display/Purchase Day (MCC TUB)

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Athletics/Football Visitation Day (MCC MUeller Theater)

11:00 AM VOLLEYBALL v. Grove City*

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM FAMILY DAY: Barbecue (Anderson Amphitheater)

11:45 AM Alpha Phi Omega Exec. Meeting (MCC 255)

12:00 PM Women's Soccer @ Thomas More*

1:30 PM FOOTBALL v. Thiel*

2:00 PM Men's Soccer @ Thomas More*

3:00 PM VOLLEYBALL v. Thiel*

5:30 PM Athletic Department's Hall of Fame Dinner (MCC WItherspoon Rooms)

7:00 PM Mass (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

8:00 PM CPC Presents Craig Karges (MCC Club/Lounge)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Mamma Mia! (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Wall-E (MCC Mueller Theater)

Sunday, October 5, 2008

International Peacemaker's Visit: Rev. Yousif Kodi from Sudan

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Wall-E (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:00 PM Vespers Communion (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Mamma Mia! (MCC Mueller Theater)

Monday, October 6, 2008

International Peacemaker's Visit: Rev. Yousif Kodi from Sudan

TBA MEN'S GOLF v. Westminster Invitational (at New Castle CC)

10:00 AM Campus Ministry Team Meeting (MCC 352)

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM ARGO Distribution (MCC TUB)

11:30 AM - 12:50 PM Tri Beta's Betta Fish Sale (MCC TUB)

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

12:00 PM Holcad Meeting (MCC)

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM ARGO Distribution (MCC TUB)

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Tri Beta's Betta Fish Sale (MCC TUB)

6:00 PM Phi Alpha Theta Colloquium (Patterson 132)

7:00 PM Bleasby Colloquium: Gary Gildner, Poet (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

7:00 PM Fraternity Life Safety Presentation by New Wilmington Volunteer Fire Department (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

7:00 PM Green Party Meeting (MCC 352 Wile Conference Room)

7:30 PM Faculty Jazz Ensemble (Orr Auditorium)

7:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night at Westminster (MCC Club/Lounge)

9:30 PM Bowling Club Meeting (Patterson 311)

Tuesday, October 7, 2008

12:40 AM Faculty Meeting (Phillips Lecture Hall)

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM ARGO Distribution (MCC TUB)

11:30 AM - 12:50 PM Tri Beta's Betta Fish Sale (MCC TUB)

3:40 PM Distinguished Speaker Series: Open Discussion with Sandra Steingraber (MCC Berlin Lounge)

4:00 PM Religious Life Council Meeting (Old Main 213)

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM ARGO Distribution (MCC TUB)

5:00 PM Chapel Staff Meeting (Old Main 213)

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Tri Beta's Betta Fish Sale (MCC TUB)

7:00 PM Distinguished Speaker Series Perspectives on the Environment: Sandra Steingraber (Orr Auditorium)

7:30 PM Jacob Erhardt International Film Series: The Lives of Others (Germany, 2006) (MCC Mueller Theater)

8:00 PM BSU Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Conference Room)

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Climbing Wall Open (Memorial Field House)

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night (MCC Club/Lounge)

9:30 PM Newman Club Meeting (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

Wednesday, October 8, 2008

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM ARGO Distribution (MCC TUB)

11:30 AM - 12:50 PM Tri Beta's Betta Fish Sale (MCC TUB)

11:45 AM Faires Faculty Forum: Barbara Faires, The Scottish Cafe (MCC Mueller Theater)

2:00 PM Men's Soccer @ Saint Vincent

4:00 PM Women's Soccer @ Saint Vincent

4:00 PM WOMEN'S TENNIS v. Grove City*

4:30 PM CPU Meeting (Patterson 311)

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM ARGO Distribution (MCC TUB)

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Tri Beta's Betta Fish Sale (MCC TUB)

5:15 PM CPC Meeting (MCC Club)

7:00 PM Volleyball @ Bethany*

7:00 PM International Cultures Club Meeting (MCC Berlin Lounge)

7:00 PM SGA Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

8:30 PM Circle K Meeting (Patterson 112)

9:00 PM - 10:00 PM Study Abroad Awareness (MCC Mueller Theater)

9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship (MCC Berlin Lounge)

Thursday, October 9, 2008

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Information Table in the TUB: Studying in the UK (MCC TUB)

11:00 AM Support Staff Meeting (MCC Club)

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM ARGO Distribution (MCC TUB)

11:30 AM - 12:50 PM Tri Beta's Betta Fish Sale (MCC TUB)

12:30 PM Women's Golf @ Allegheny Invitational

12:45 PM Guest Speaker: Melissa Hart, (R), from Pennsylvania's 4th District (MCC Berlin Lounge)

12:45 PM IFC Meeting (Memorial Field House)

1:30 PM - 8:30 PM Drinko Center Poverty Simulation (MCC Witherspoon Rooms)

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM ARGO Distribution (MCC TUB)

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Tri Beta's Betta Fish Sale (MCC TUB)

6:00 PM Habitat for Humanity Chapter Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

6:15 PM Japanese Anime Club (Thompson-Clark 210)

7:00 PM Gospel Choir Rehearsal (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

8:00 PM Allies Meeting (Thompson-Clark 314)

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Climbing Wall Open (Memorial Field House)

8:00 PM Newman Club Exec. Meeting (MCC 352 Wile Conference Room)

8:30 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes (MCC Berlin Lounge)

9:00 PM Lambda Sigma Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night at Westminster (MCC Club/Lounge)

Friday, October 10, 2008

Incomplete Grades Due

TBA Men's Golf @ Grove City Invitational

11:30 AM - 12:50 PM Tri Beta's Betta Fish Sale (MCC TUB)

11:45 AM Alpha Phi Omega Exec. Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Conference Room)

3:00 PM Women's Tennis @ Waynesburg*

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Tri Beta's Betta Fish Sale (MCC TUB)

6:00 PM Residence Halls Close

7:30 PM Celebrity Series: Alter Boyz (Orr Auditorium)

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21-April 19).

You're living large in a million small ways this week. The mood strikes for spur-of-the-moment celebrations, connecting with people in bold ways, practical jokes, games of chance and emotional risks. Your attention means so much to someone special on Thursday.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

Your wilder dreams are more likely to come true than the ones that seem within your grasp. If you've ever wanted to live in another country, have an exotic pet or strike it rich panning for gold, all you have to do is start talking about these zany kinds of goals and progress starts to happen immediately.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

Your impulse to hide the irritation you feel is a good one. Being nice is so important this week, and you'll be glad if you err on the side of kindness. Sure, you can see a hundred ways to improve a situation, but it's probably useless to point that out.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

The doors you want to open are heavily guarded. It's as though you need a pass for entry and don't know how to get it. Observe others. This is your week for finding strategic allies and mentors. Your desire is strong, and you have the talent, too. Stay on the path. Your time is coming.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

You like to share your success stories. It's part of the way you celebrate. It reinforces that what you did worked, and it inspires you to do even more. Some will not have the response you expect to your tale of winning. They might be envious or want something from you. Be selective in your choice of supporters.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Getting your feelings out will give you the strength and clarity needed to deal with new challenges. Your viewpoint is fresh and original. Don't be afraid to voice your dissenting opinion at the workplace. Your co-workers will ultimately be grateful for your contribution.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

Strong personalities are drawn to you. These types can cause problems that seem more complicated than they really are. When you feel at a loss, remember love. Bringing love to any difficult situation will draw all you have within you to help and heal. Wednesday is a turning point, and it gets easier from there.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

You like to test yourself to make sure you've really learned certain life lessons. Theoretically, you've developed ways of dealing with life that help you avoid certain foods, activities and people in favor of healthier choices. But theories sometimes get disproved. The important part is that you're gentle with yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

It would be hard for anyone to impose upon or intimidate you these days -- you radiate fearlessness. At the mere scent of a challenge you rush forward, ready for action. Dates are best on Tuesday. Thursday presents a unique circumstance, and with the right partners you can take advantage of it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

You and a lot of other people are competing for the same reward. You may be feeling pretty edgy about this midweek, but by Friday you should be able to mellow. You can stay in the spirit of the game, all the while remembering that it is, ultimately, only a game. Relationships are what matter.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

Inner balance is all about making the necessary adjustments to stay up, whatever changes occur. You'll get plenty of practice this week. The relationship you have to the universe and to your closest people will give you a strong center to work from. Saturday brings the money you've been waiting for.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

You'll sense that in order to get what you need, you must first be a student. Observe and learn. The midweek includes a stealth mission. Continue the trend into the weekend, just for fun. You'll delight in building a mystery in the things you say and your manner of dressing.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS:

You won't tame your rebellious energies this year, but you will figure out how to make them work for you. Channeling your inner "rage" into positive pursuit takes you to amazing places. Friendships are a blast to maintain through October, and you'll add a few more interesting characters to your brood over the next 10 weeks. A topsy-turvy romance adds sparkle to your holidays. Couples create new rituals together, strengthening their bond.

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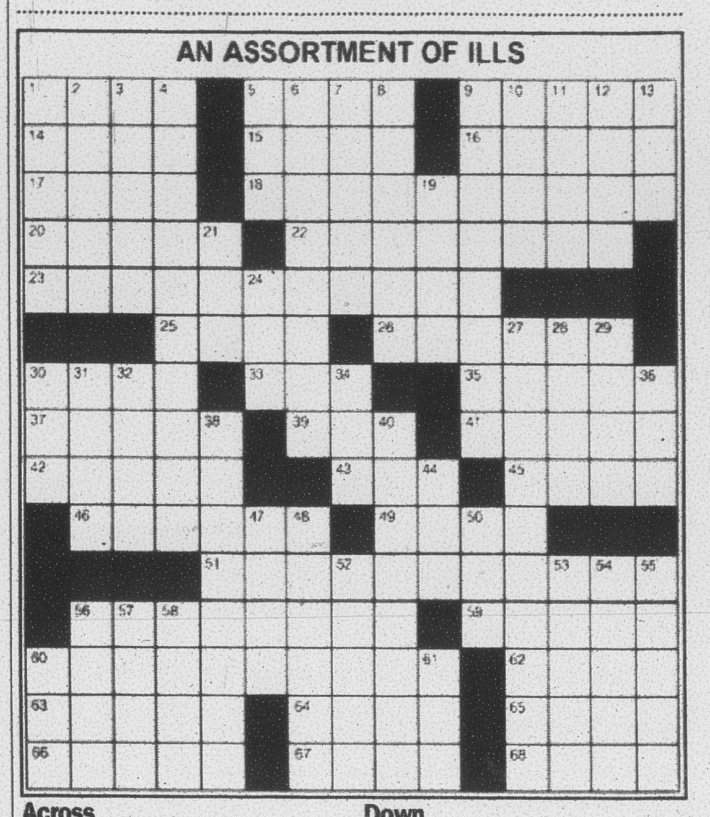

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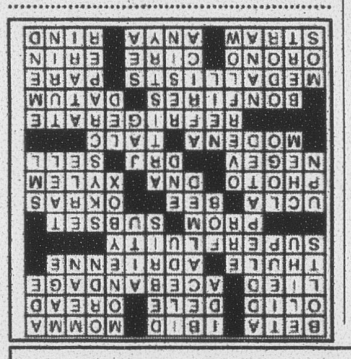

McKelvey Weekend Entertainment

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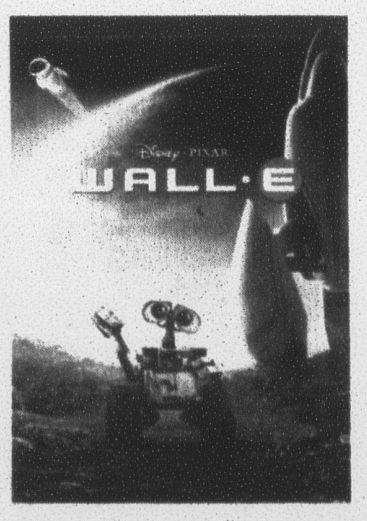
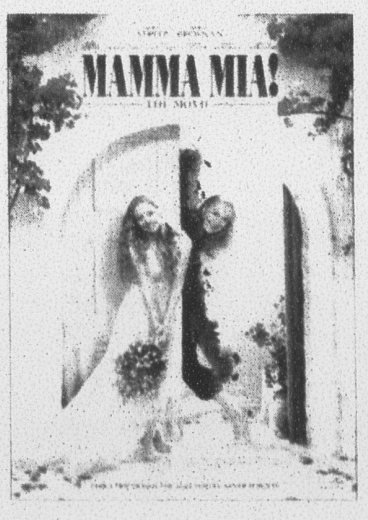


Movies Playing at Mueller Theater



8:00 PM	Friday	10:30 PM
10:30 PM	Saturday	8:00 PM
3:00PM	Sunday	9:00 PM

Movies provided by Club Room
Entertainment provided by CPC
Westminster ID's will be checked at all movies.
ID will admit you and one guest.
There is no charge; it's just for a count.

Late Night in the Club Room
Monday - 8 PM to 1 AM
Tuesday and Thursday - 9 PM to 1 AM

Arts & Entertainment

The Beatles then and now

Chris Lehberger
A&E Editor

I'll be on the quad at 4 p.m. tomorrow for verbal and physical abuse; I'm not a Beatles fan.

Well, I should probably unpack that statement. I used to not be a Beatles fan. That's right. The band that boasts some of the most timeless songs in the history of everything music, I didn't like.

But I'm not here to talk about why I didn't like them. I'm here to talk about how my eyes were opened to a band that had the eyes and ears of the world on them.

Photo from www.tollbooth.org

In 1966, The Beatles played their last show ever at Candlestick Park in San Francisco. They'd had enough of the touring life, enough of being stuck in hotels, enough of not hearing each other on stage.

So they quit playing live and focused all their creative energy on recording with George Martin at Abbey Road Studios. In 1967, they came out with *Sgt. Peppers Lonely Hearts Club Band*, an album that changed the face of rock and roll with its conceptual intonations and unorthodox songwriting. It was this spirit of musical craftsmanship that I hadn't been privy to for 22 years of my life.

But things were different in the late sixties. America was submerged in the Vietnam War. Martin Luther King and thousands of other young people were fighting for Civil Rights. During all of this, a band named in tribute to Buddy Holly and the Crickets were writing a song about LSD.

Photo from www.amazon.com

You're right. It's fair to say that 2008 is a far cry from the social instability of America in the late sixties. The biggest thing we have to worry about is approving the biggest government bailout in history ($700 billion dollars for those who have been walking around blindfolded with their ears encased in Jell-o).

But economic woes aside, what pounding artistic force is left to take the world by storm? Are the Pussycat Dolls penning the next musical masterpiece?

Of course, the answer is no. But even though it's not 1967, The Beatles still live on in excellence. As they did in the 60's, they still capture the ears of nearly everyone over the age of 18. The only difference between then and now is that the world isn't divided between those who like The Beatles and those who like The Rolling Stones. Instead, it's masked by its superficiality. Where have the Lennons gone? Where have the Dylans gone? Granted, we do have our social reformers. But none as influential as those who hosted "bed-ins" for peace and walked off the set the most popular television show in America because they couldn't sing the song they want to sing. What we have is a watered down revolution, one devoid of creativity and social commentary. What we have is a romanticized America.

Over forty years later after it all started, after one assassination and one death, leaving two solo Beatles, the band still retains the watermark of excellence on the world's artistic granite facade.

Even though the lake of musical excellence has slowly been losing its retention to water over the years, the band still remains as one of the most influential acts of all time, one that sparked a revolution and left generations to come wishing they could have been a part of it.

The Beatles used their brains, their hearts, their souls, and their spirits to take part in an era that was nothing short of radical and wonderful, changing the world forever in the process, earmarked forever to sing, "all you need is love."

Chris is a senior public relations major. He likes reading, writing, and playing "Name That Tune" with his room mates.

Turn off TV On The Radio

By Max Muska
A&E Writer

I often enjoy music that most people would not like. But TV on the Radio's *Dear Science* is too strange even for me.

Maybe it will grow on me over time but right now I cannot even listen through the first few songs without wanting to take the CD out and listen to something better.

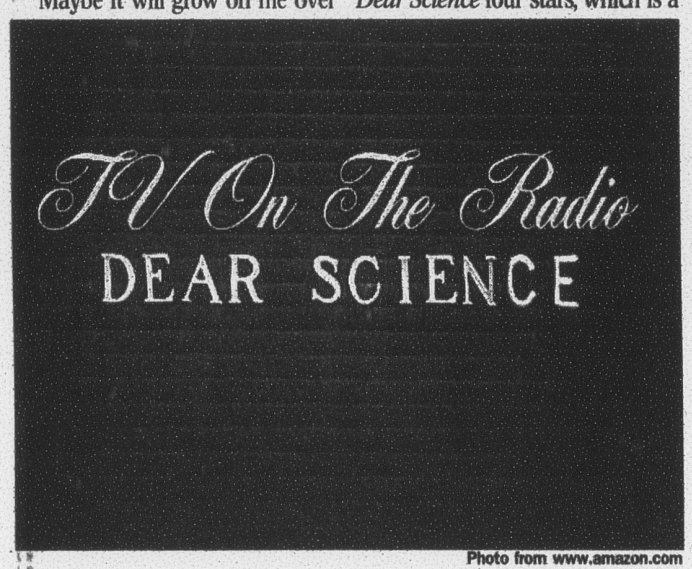


Photo from www.amazon.com

This band has been critically acclaimed for their previous work, and Rolling Stone magazine gave *Dear Science* four stars, which is a great accomplishment. Other magazines and websites gave the record similarly high ratings. Maybe I am just behind the times with my musical tastes.

When I first popped the CD in, I was hopeful. I liked the opening beat of "Halfway Home" and the first vocals on the album remind me of early pop-punk like the Ramones. But the excitement was short lived. The song changed abruptly into the awkward sound that fills the majority of the album.

Repetition runs rampant, which is not necessarily a bad thing. It is in this case, though, because what is repeated is odd electronic rock that seems to be intentionally strange.

I think the critical acclaim this band receives stems from the artistic creativity of the music, but it truly sounds to me like this band just tries to purposely create the weirdest sounds possible. The resulting sound is utterly annoying to me.

The strangest thing about this music is that I hear similarities to some of my favorite artists. Sometimes the vocals and beats remind me of Gorillaz. Some of the electronic instruments remind me of PlayRadioPlay.

The first few tracks and parts of some of the later songs sound like they came out of Peter Gabriel's trash can. It just sounds like the band members, especially the vocalist, are purposely taking progressive music to the extreme in a bad way.

Two tracks are listenable. Both "Family Tree" and "Love Dog" are much more structured and melody based. These tracks are slower and simpler. "Family Tree" reminds me of some 80s bands like Depeche Mode and "Love Dog" has a catchy rhythm and vocal melody.

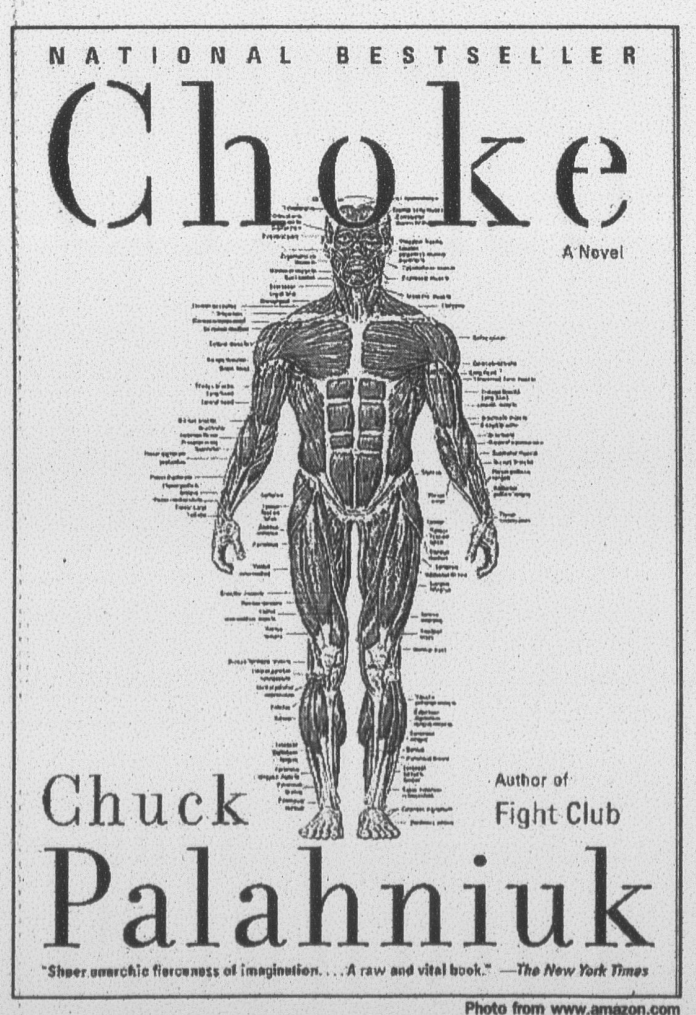
Unfortunately, the rest of this album just hurts my ears. If you are into hearing the newest sounds, you might still want to check out this album.

Photo from www.thehoodinternet.com

It is definitely different from anything I have heard before, but different and new does not always mean better.

Max's Rating: ★☆☆☆☆

Palahniuk's *Choke* chokes



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Levi Sanchez
A&E Writer

So let's say there's a book about a sex addict who works in a historically accurate colonial town for tourists.

Let's add that to help pay for his ailing mother's hospital bills he pretends to choke in restaurants, creating heroes out of everyday people. These people are so happy to have a purpose in their lives that they make this sex addict their pet project and send him money. Just one more thing, this sex addict might be the son of God. Sounds like a compelling plot line, right?

Wrong. Chuck Palahniuk takes this controversial and highly original plot line and runs it into the ground. Perhaps the greatest complaint I could lodge against Palahniuk is his use of overstatement and complete lack of subtlety.

Everything in Palahniuk's books is taken to the extreme. His characters are terrorists attempting to liberate the poor, survivors of death cults that become religious icons, and men waiting in line to break a world sex record.

This might seem like an interesting artistic choice, others have certainly done the same. After all Kurt Vonnegut, the high priest of weird himself, writes very odd books full of off-color characters and outlandish plots. A certain national newspaper even dubs Palahniuk as Vonnegut's successor.

But the difference between the two is all too apparent. Palahniuk lacks Vonnegut's sense of humor, which turns his satiric novels into soap boxes. Victor Mancini, the cracked protagonist of *Choke*, becomes the mouthpiece for Palahniuk's complaints with modern society.

As he recounts his hodgepodge education from his drug-addicted activist mother, Victor interjects his own beliefs about modern man's discontent. He says that we all have it too easy, and that our lives have become meaningless. Further our only god is our mother, and if you're like Victor, your god isn't too good.

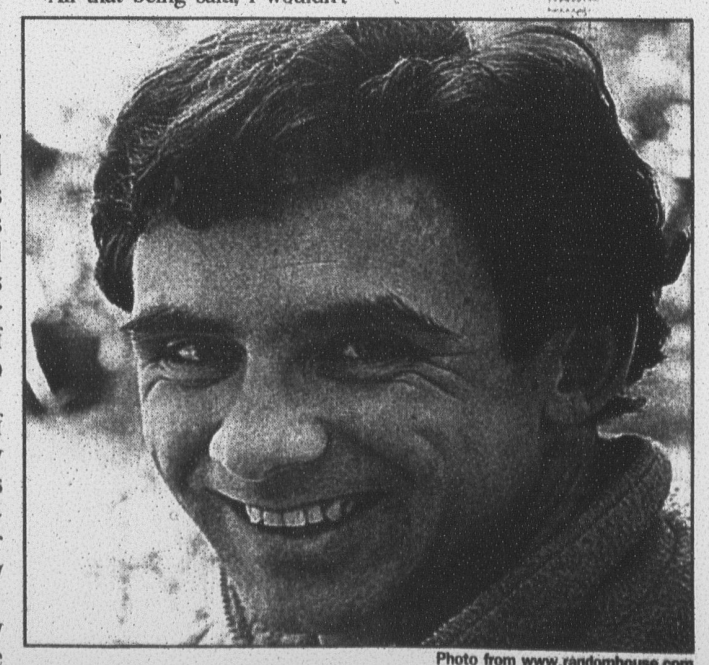
To compensate for this lack of purpose people attempt a laundry list of things: they become doctors so they can save people; they develop addictions that bring order and certainty to their lives; or they criticize everything.

While some of these ideas may ring true, the way in which they're delivered totally ruins their effectiveness. Palahniuk says what he wants to say, without metaphor or symbols.

Some may appreciate this upfront, smash-mouth brand of philosophy, but it strikes me as ranting. Instead of a sophisticated analysis of contemporary society, Victor's social theory is adolescent and self-centered.

All that being said, I wouldn't totally write off *Choke*. It has its place among other artless books meant for mass consumption; it's mildly entertaining and a very light read.

If you've got a marathon flight or an afternoon to kill, *Choke* is your book. However, if you're looking for the literary genius that critics promise of Palahniuk's writing, you might look elsewhere.



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Arts & Entertainment

Actor Paul Newman dies at 83

By Eric Chesney
A&E Writer

On Sept. 26, WWII veteran, actor, racecar driver, political activist, and philanthropist Paul Newman passed away at age 83 after a long battle with cancer.

It was reported that Newman, a former chain smoker, was diagnosed with lung cancer in June of 2008. Newman had officially retired from acting in 2007, mainly citing health reasons as the reason for his departure.

Newman was born on Jan. 26, 1925 to Theresa and Arthur Samuel Newman in Shaker Heights, a wealthy suburb of Cleveland, OH.

After graduating from Shaker Heights High School in 1943, he attended Ohio University where he was initiated as a brother in Phi Kappa Tau fraternity.

However, his college career was cut short by service with the Navy in WWII where he had hoped to become a fighter pilot, but was turned down when he was found to be color blind. He served as a radioman and gunner until his discharge in 1946.

He finished his degree at Kenyon University in 1949 and went on to pursue drama at Yale, graduating in 1954, as well as studying under Lee Strasberg at the Actor's Studio in New York City.

He was known for his cool blue eyes and roughish persona on screen. Playing in a handful of films in the 1950's, such as the critically acclaimed *Somebody Up There Likes Me* where he starred as boxer Rocky Graziano.

Making a smooth transition into 1960's cinema with his rebel image, Newman starred in hits like *The Hustler, Cool Hand Luke,* and *Butch Cassidy and The Sundance Kid.*

In the 70's, he made some hits such as *The Sting* with his co-star from Butch Cassidy, Robert Redford, while his other films from that decade did not do so well.

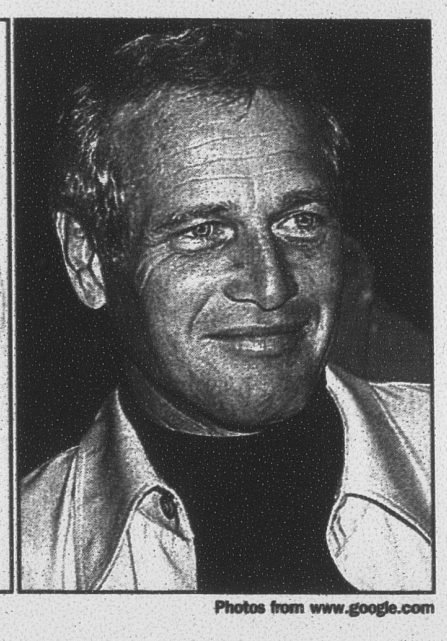
He finally received an Oscar for best actor in 1987's *The Color of Money* after six prior nominations. In his last screen appearance, he was an Irish mob boss in 2002's *The Road to Perdition,* also starring Tom Hanks.

Among playing the lead role in many films, Newman was also famous for his philanthropic efforts. His business, Newman's Own, produces salad dressing, pasta sauce, lemonade, popcorn, wine, and other food products. After taxes, all the profits from Newman's Own go to charity.

He also founded the "Hole in the Wall Gang" camp, a summer camp for terminally ill children. Phi Kappa Tau, Newman's college fraternity, has adopted "Hole in the Wall" as their national philanthropy.

Newman was also an avid fan of auto racing, where he competed in Sports Car Club of America races over the past several decades. In addition, he was very politically active, known to support liberal causes such as gay rights and same-sex marriage. It was even rumored that he was a candidate for the 2006 Connecticut U.S. Senate slot, until another candidate was chosen.

A man of numerous talents and passions, he will be missed by many, but will live on through his performances on film.



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Great debut from James

By Ben Portz
A&E Writer

Everyone should keep their ears open for Brendan James. This singer/songwriter from Derry, New Hampshire emerged around last spring with his debut album titled *The Day is Brave.*

This record deserves recognition because it is rare to find artists such as James in this day. His expressive piano playing make him comparable to David Gray, and his introspective lyrics are similar to those of Jackson Browne. When people like him come around, they should be noticed.

Brendan grew up in New Hampshire, and later attended University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. He first discovered his love of music in college.

While a sophomore, he began to write songs and soon took a year off from school and moved to L.A. to focus more on the music scene and teach himself piano. Eventually, he went back to Chapel Hill and earned his degree.

After college, he moved to New York where he now resides, and worked at an Urban Outfitters during the day and played gigs during the night. Typical for a struggling musician. In order to practice, he would sneak into different hotel ballrooms to find a piano to play. On his myspace he comments on having to find places to practice saying, "I'd dress to look like a guest at the Plaza Hotel, so I could walk in there unnoticed."

Fortunately, it paid off. He eventually was discovered by Mikal Blue, Colbie Caillet's producer, and helped him complete his first album.

The first thing that stuck out to me about Brendan was his voice. When I listened, it almost seemed that there was an accent underneath that crisp-light voice of his. But after research and many youtube videos, there is no evidence that he indeed does have an accent. Oh well, it catches your attention regardless. The first single off the album is entitled "Green". This love song is about a girl he met while working at Urban Outfitters. It shows off his piano chops and his way of musically articulating himself.

Some of my favorite tracks are "Manchester" and "The Other Side". "Manchester" is a pretty heart-felt song about the town that he lived in during his parents divorce. "The Other Side" is an upbeat track about how he did not fit in when he was young, and when he finally realized that not fitting-in does not matter and to just be you.

One of the political tracks on the album is entitled "Hero's Song". It is about the soldiers in Iraq and how awful it must be over there.

If you like mellow, buy this album. It would be a great record to listen to during the fall.

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Ben's Rating: ★★★★☆

Eagle Eye fails to impress

By Brett Gerthoffer
A&E Writer

Basically what we are looking at here is a story that has been done before.

When a filmmaker attempts to construct a well thought out movie over a storyline that has been used many times, something original has to come out of it.

Although four writers, Dan McDermott, John Glenn, Travis Wright and Hillary Seitz, were able to supply my ever-demanding mind for original ideas with one or two good ideas and themes, it just didn't cut it.

If you are going to rip off other great movies that revolve around incredibly smart AI enemies like *I-Robot, Terminator, Minority Report* and even *Live Free or Die Hard,* you have to be able to produce something original. This task was not achieved.

Eagle Eye is about two strangers Jerry Shaw (Shia LaBeouf) and Rachel Holloman (Michelle Monaghan) who are reluctantly forced into a traumatic partnership. These two characters are required to travel together and must obey everything a "voice" tells them to do.

The voice is a supercomputer and it communicates to them through cell phones, electronic billboards and signs, even phone booths and other people.

Shaw and Holloman must help the supercomputer carry out a project called "Guillotine". This project is aimed at killing every head chair of the government, including the Vice President and President of the United States.

The supercomputer is called ARIA and is a secret weapon used by the government stationed in the Pentagon. ARIA has complete control over everything anyone does, every single security camera in the world, can hear cell phone calls and see texts.

She can also control anything electronic and has the ability to act and think on her own. She gives recommendations to head officials in politics and when the President disobeys her orders to abort a mission resulting in killing an innocent Middle Eastern town, she strikes against US officials.

ARIA's purpose is to protect the people of America, so when this order is disobeyed it pulls up "Project Guillotine" and takes it upon itself to destroy the destructive tendencies of the highest government positions.

An attempt by the filmmakers to give ARIA some sort of personification was destroyed by their inability to produce a good story. This goes along with the major problem that viewers receive absolutely no emotional attachment to any of the actors (including the supercomputer).

ARIA threatens the life of Holloman's son if she doesn't obey her orders. The problem with this is that I felt no concern for little Sam every time Holloman worried about him because I felt no connection with her character.

This is a HUGE problem in the filmmaking industry. If there is no emotional connection between the audience and the characters on the big screen, we start to feel distant and uninterested in the movie. This problem presented itself early in the film.

The same issue arises even more quickly with LaBeouf's inability to portray heavy emotions. The same role he plays in every movie puts a hold on the emotions his character must portray in Eagle Eye.

LaBeouf plays a rebellious technology genius who somehow knows how to kick the crap out of a bunch of military trained professionals. Unless the director left out some sort of military training for LaBeouf's character in this movie, some of the things he is able to perform become quite unbelievable.

Don't get me wrong here, I love LaBeouf. He plays a great rebel role, which he usually plays in movies like *Transformers, Disturbia, I-Robot* and the new *Indiana Jones,* but the emotional role this movie required was not suited for LaBeouf.

It was suited for him in the sense that it required a smart, young, and witty person to get involved in action-packed scenes and disobey officials. He is a whiz at that.

Despite the poor writing, the writers were able to inspire ethical and political questions, such as overly advanced artificial intelligence and highly secretive government operations and projects.

The idea of ARIA is very complex and well thought out, but its lack of originality shadowed its positive attributes.

Eagle Eye is a very entertaining movie with a lot of intense action, witty dialogue, a decent cast (including Billy Bob Thornton) and a well-planned, but not well-written, story.

If you are looking for a movie that you can simply enjoy and not get caught up in the characters' problems and emotions, it is a pretty decent movie to see. But don't expect to feel a sense of accomplishment or joy for the survival of the good at the end of the movie.

Concert Calendar

Rock out with your favorite artists at these upcoming local shows!

October:

4: Emarosa @ Strummers: 6:15 pm
8: Maylene and the Sons of Disaster @ Mr. Smalls: 6:30 pm
10: All Time Low @ Gravity: 7:00 pm
12: Relient K @ Club Zoo: 7:00 pm
14: Once Nothing @ Mr. Smalls: 7:00 pm
15: Family Force 5 @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
16: VersaEmerge w/ Eye Alaska @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
17: A Cursive Memory @ Diesel: 6:00 pm
18. Cali AC CD Release @ Diesel: 6:00 pm
20: Atmosphere @ Mr. Smalls: 8:00 pm
21: NOFX @ Club Zoo: 7:00 pm
21: Clap Your Hands Say Yeah @ Brillobox: 8:00 pm
25: Matisyahu @ Mr. Smalls: 8:00 pm
28: Anberlin w/ Straylight Run @ Mr.Smalls: 7:00 pm
29: Underoath w/ Saosin @ Gravity: 7:00 pm

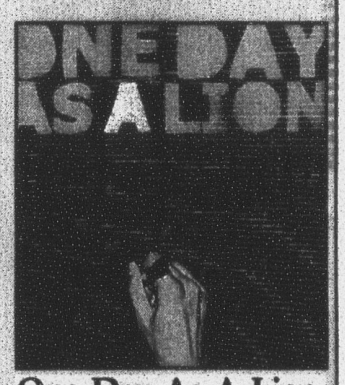
November:

3: Pierce The Veil @ Strummers: 7:00 pm
5. Ted Leo & The Pharmacists @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
5: Norma Jean w/ Haste The Day @ Mr. Smalls: 7:00 pm
9: 3OH!3 @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
10: Mest @ Strummers: 7:00 pm
13: Senses Fail w/ Dance Gavin Dance @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
21: Cobra Starship @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
22: Hawthorne Heights @ The Rex: 6:30 pm
22: Frank Caliendo @ The Benedum: 8:30 pm

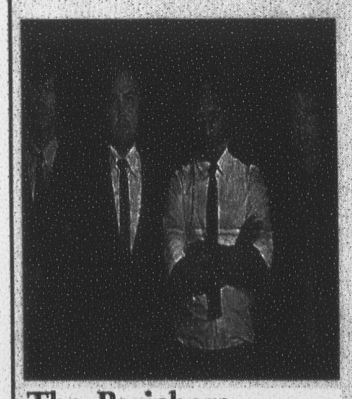
Staff Recs

Editor's Picks:

The vocalist from Rage Against the Machine and the former drummer of The Mars Volta team up to make a stripped down version of the Rage sound from the '90s with only keyboards, vocals, and drums.



One Day As A Lion



The Perishers

I always get excited when I hear this band while watching my favorite show Greek, especially when they play their hit song "Nothing Like You and I"

While this is not the most recent film, The Last King of Scotland is a must-see. Forrest Whittaker's performance as Ugandan dictator, Idi Amin, is stunning. The wonderfully complex characters and the shocking and violent events based on the true story of Amin's regime stay with you long after you have seen the film.

The Last King of Scotland

Features

Is America famous or infamous?

Megan Hoffman
Features Editor

Last week I attended the viewing of The Listening Project. The premise of the video was to listen to different people's views on America and our impact on the world. While watching the video, it was very interesting to see where America stands in the eyes of people from countries, such as England, Japan, Israel, Pakistan, China, France and others.

Since Westminster offers various study abroad programs, I wondered what things the students here have heard and seen while on their trips abroad. Here is what they had to say in response to the questions I asked.

When you were abroad, how did people from other countries respond to you when they found out that you were an American?

In a lot of cases, we never had to tell them that we were American, because we tended to be the ones always talking, loudly. In other instances, when people found out we were American, they would either start talking about Bush, politics, issues in our country, or ask me how I liked being in their country. I never had negative vibes from anyone for being an American. – **Zach Marsh, Oxford**

As a whole they were pretty receptive and interested in what we had to say! It was all in how you handled the situation and if you were willing to put in the effort to learn about them, they were willing to put in the effort to learn about you. – **Lindsey Stankiewitz, Oxford**

I never really encountered anyone who had a big problem with me being American. While I was in Oxford, someone did notice my accent and asked if I was from America. When I responded that I was, he said he was sorry for me. I ignored his comment and kept walking so I don't really know what his problem with America was. - **Bridget Roth, Oxford**

What did people from other countries have to say to you about America?

The Malawians I talked with really just had a lot of questions. They wanted to know about our weather, the government and upcoming election, what our churches were like, the food we ate, and how Malawi compared to my hometown. – **Bethany Olson, Malawi**

They would always talk about Bush and the war in Iraq. A lot of times people knew more about issues going on in America than I did. – **Zach Marsh, Oxford**

They had this idea in their head that America is full of rich people who have endless opportunities to do what they want, especially travel. The families that I stayed with had never been outside of their own country, and they assumed that because I am American I must have a lot of money and could travel. Other than that, a lot of people wanted to talk about American movies, TV shows, and music, and of course some politics. – *Colleen Lataille, London, Costa Rica, and Chile*

Most people I talked to loved America! They felt that Americans were very friendly and extremely nice. However, they did not like American politics and absolutely hate President Bush. So as long as you didn't talk politics, you shouldn't run into a problem. – **Travis Gulling, Oxford**

How did you see America's influence in the country or countries you visited?

I used to think of Africa as a place of poverty, dirt roads, and limited technology. And while there certainly was much poverty and dirt roads, there were also cell phones, expensive foreign cars, Internet, and satellite television. You could also tell where Americans had been--in some of the hospitals and child care centers we visited in Malawi, there were murals on the walls of "The Lion King" and other Disney characters. – **Bethany Olson, Malawi**

There were a lot of American products overseas. They loved our music, especially in England. Though it was like 3 months behind. They had all the fast food joints (Pizza Hut, McDonalds, KFC, Burger King, the only thing they didn't have was Wendy's) and this was throughout Europe. – **Jeff Downey, Oxford**

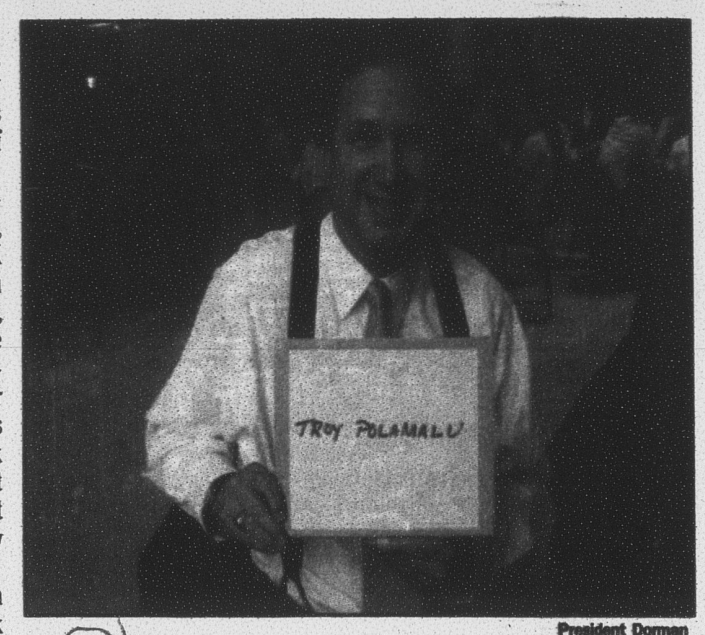
American businesses are everywhere. I traveled to France, Italy, Spain, Ireland and all over the UK and no matter where we were, you were bound to see a McDonalds, Starbucks or Pizza Hut. For the most part in every country the people could fluently speak English or at least key phrases, which was great for us! But we tried to speak key phrases in their language, just as a sign of respect and to take part in their culture! – **Lindsey Stankiewitz, Oxford**

Sometimes I forgot I was in Chile because the cities just look so Americanized. There were few television channels in South America that were all Spanish. I could watch all of my favorite movies there in English, they just had subtitles. Of course there were huge malls, fast food restaurants, music and movies, and a lot of English words such as sale, happy hour, and free pass. – **Colleen Lataille, Chile**

Megan is a senior public relations major who is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority and Dance Theater. When she's not breaking her foot, she can most likely be found in the TUB or creeping on Facebook.

Question of the week

Who is your favorite football player?



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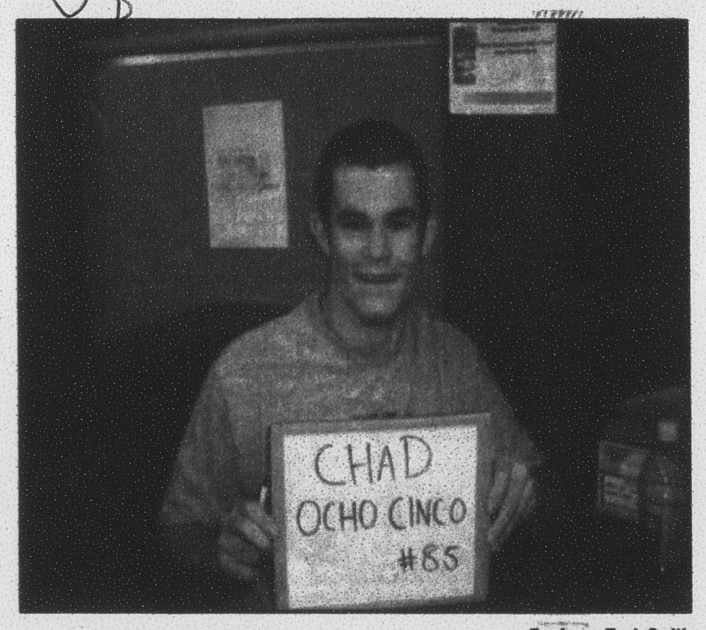

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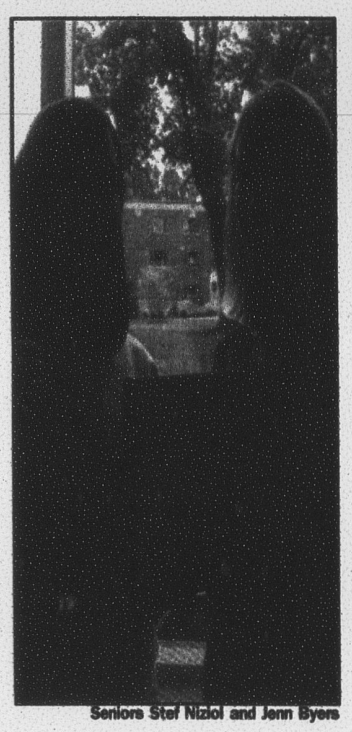

Seniors Stef Nizio and Jenn Byers

Senior Corey Mathias

So, what's the point? Everyone poops.

By: Danielle McCullough
Layout Editor

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The staff of Ferguson wanted their residents to be informed about the upcoming election.

On Monday, Sept. 22, the residents of Ferguson discussed that everyone, Republican or Democrat, does poop.

Fergusons' RAs organized "Everyone Poops" because they wanted to make sure the residents knew all the issues of the upcoming election.

"The RAs feel this election is historically important and directly affects everyone," Susannah St. Laurent said.

They invited Dr. Rhoads from the political science department to lead the discussion and inform the residents about the issues.

Dr. Rhoads discussed how this election has a new dynamic compared to other recent elections. It is the first election since 1952 that does not have an incumbent President or Vice President running.

"This is really a change election," Rhoads said.

McCain is hoping that Palin will represent the change he hopes to bring to the White House, as he is treated as being more of the same because he has been in Washington for the past 26 years.

Rhoads discussed the hurdles McCain needs to clear, such as the economic crisis, a president with the lowest popular rating, the war in Iraq and many more. Also he has not spoken out about some of the issues, for example: healthcare.

Obama has to overcome obstacles; he needs to reassure the public that he's capable of doing the job without much experience. Obama is often compared to JFK for the tactics that he used to get the public to get to know him. Obama has to do well in debates similar to JFK.

Since Obama is young, his own party even questions his abilities. Choosing Biden as his Vice President has been a safe and reliable choice.

The middle voters are crucial in this election as well as the single issue voters. Middle voters may be swayed by the same issues as those who just vote on the polemic issues, such as abortion, drilling in ANWR, and the use of nuclear power. These undecided votes are going to be greatly influential in this election.

Both Presidential candidates are against drilling in ANWR but McCain favors nuclear energy similar to that used in most European countries and Obama is a proponent of renewable energy such as solar and wind that is already being used in the US but he hopes to expand the amount that they are used. They both have addressed how they feel that the fact that we are dependant of other countries, ones that the US is not so friendly with, for oil is a national security risk.

The biggest factor in the turnout of this election will probably be the economic situation of the country on the day of the election.

"We're in a recession and it will affect the votes," Dr. Rhoads said.

The RAs were impressed by the interest of the residents and their active participation in the discussion.

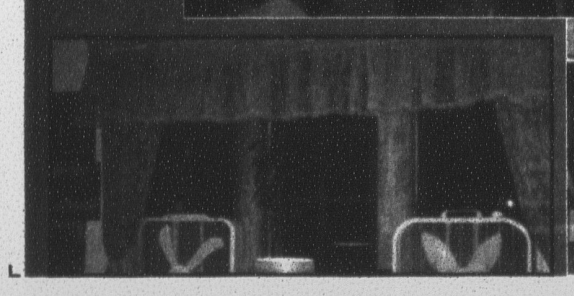
WC CRIBS

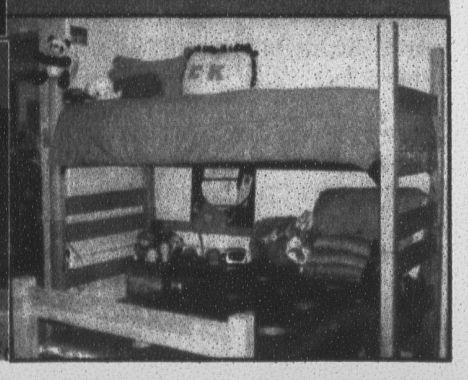
This week Megan visits Ferguson Hall: the room of Leah Timm and Tricia Homonai

They themed their room with Sigma Kappa colors, maroon and lavender, along with polka dots. They have compartmentalized their room with the sleeping area, studying area, breakfast nook, and TV area. Instead of just posters hung on the walls these girls have made collages of pictures with their friends.

Leah Timm and Tricia Homonai pose for a picture in the breakfast nook.

Above: The girls display a collection of pandas. Left: These cute boxes and a shelving unit help with easy storage and less clutter. Below: Being creative the girls bunked their beds in a L- shape.





Reasons to stay on campus this weekend:

Friday:

MUSIC AND MEATBALLS!

International Peacemaker's Visit: Rev. Yousif Kodi from Sudan

Pajama Jam hosted by BSU in the Berlin Lounge at 10 p.m.

Movies in Mueller: *Wall-E* at 8 p.m. and *Mamma Mia* at 10:30 p.m.

Saturday:

FAMILY DAY

Volleyball v. Grove City at 10 a.m. and against Thiel at 3 p.m. in the Field House

Football v. Thiel at 1:30 p.m. at Burry Stadium

Mass in Wallace Memorial Chapel at 8 p.m.

CPC presents Craig Karges in the Berlin Lounge at 8 p.m.

Movies in Mueller: *Wall-E* at 8 p.m. and *Mamma Mia* at 10:30 p.m.

Sunday:

Vespers: Communion Sunday in Wallace Memorial Chapel at 7 p.m.

Movies in Mueller: *Wall-E* at 3 p.m. and *Mamma Mia* at 9 p.m.

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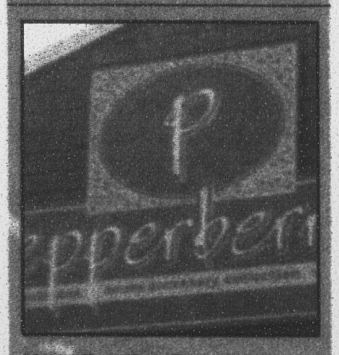

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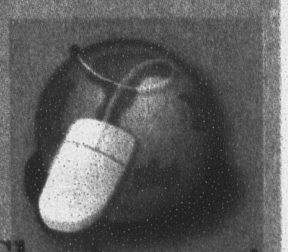

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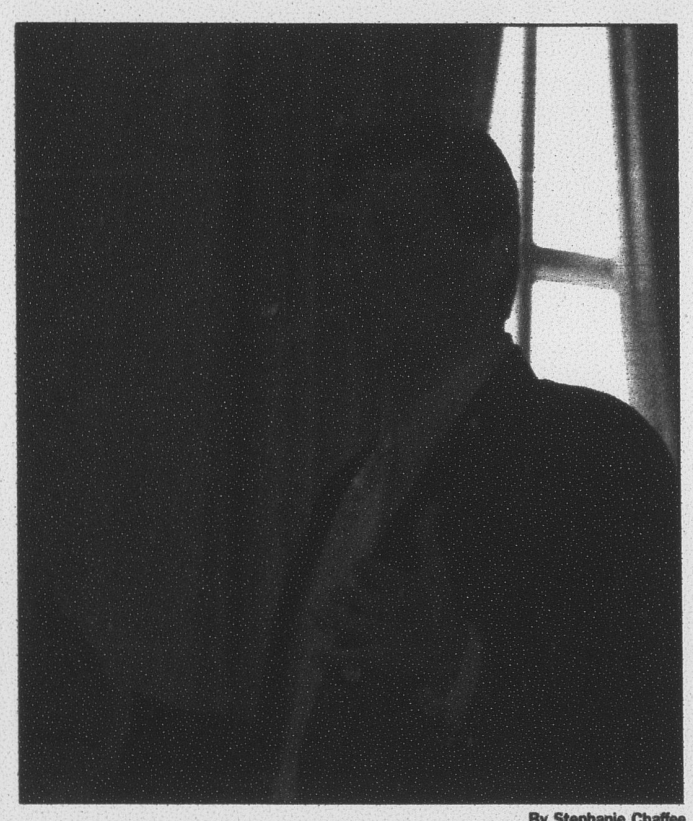
"Re-match" race for congress

Congressman Jason Altmire speaks to students and faculty, advocates education



By Stephanie Chaffee

Congressman Jason Altmire spoke to a crowd of about 30 on Monday, Oct. 6. He briefly described his time in congress and answered questions from students and faculty.

By Jessica Davis
Staff Writer

Representing Pennsylvania's fourth district as Democratic Congressman, Jason Altmire was a guest speaker on Monday, Oct. 6 in the Berlin Lounge.

Altmire spoke to students and faculty briefly and then lead a question and answer session. Originally, Altmire was scheduled to visit campus on Friday, Oct. 3; however, he was required to travel to Washington, D.C. and vote on the $700 billion Wall Street bailout. Professor and Chair of the Political Science Department, Dr. Shannon Smithey, organized Altmire's visit.

"I'm passionate about higher education," Altmire said. "When you're elected for congress, the first thing they ask is which committees you want to serve on and for me that was an easy choice– I wanted on the education committee."

More than 30 people attended Altmire's discussion. As a member of Congress' Education Committee, four provisions presented by Altmire concerning higher education have become law. These provisions include a textbook rental program and the option to earn credits for work experience.

Over the past two years, Pell Grants have been increased to the highest level in history and interest rates on student loans have been cut from 6.3 percent to 3.4 percent.

"The goal of having political speakers on campus is to increase awareness of current political issues, which affect us all whether we are aware of them or not," Smithey said. "I also hope that such speakers will increase people's interest in politics."

During the question and answer session, students and faculty asked about the recent Wall Street bailout, health insurance, and the presidential campaign. The Wall Street bailout, a current national concern, was passed on Friday, Oct. 3. Altmire admitted that he voted no on the bailout.

Because Altmire worked at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, he stresses the importance of medical funding and healthcare. Students were interested in learning who Altmire believed will win the presidential election and he supports Senator Barack Obama.

Serving his first term in office, Altmire represents six counties in Western Pennsylvania, including Lawrence County. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Florida State University and a Master's degree in Health Administration from George Washington University, but he grew up in Lower Burrell, Pennsylvania.

After spending 15 years at the University for Pittsburgh Medical Center, he ran for office against Republican representative Melissa Hart in 2006 and won. Since he became involved with politics during an internship, he offers internship opportunities for students.

"I'm passionate about higher education."

Congressman Jason Altmire

Melissa Hart, gunning for re-election, promises action on mainstream issues

By Lindsey Nuzzo
Editor-in-Chief

Former Congresswoman of Pennsylvania's Fourth District Melissa Hart spoke to a crowd of more than 50 students and faculty in the Berlin Student Lounge on Thursday Oct. 9.

Hart was introduced by Dr. Shannon Smithey, associate professor of political science before she spoke briefly about her time in congress, highlighting her work in the financial services committee, social security and healthcare reform, energy conservation, and earmark reform. She then opened the floor for audience questions.

"I'm really fired up to go back to congress," Hart said. "[Congresspersons] often don't want to address and issue, but I like to step out and take action instead of sitting back and watching."

After serving in the House of Representatives from 2000-2006, she was narrowly defeated by politically unknown democratic candidate, Jason Altmire, during the 2006 campaign. Hart and Altmire are both running for the spot this year. Freshman Steve Fawcett asked Hart why she would be a better candidate than Altmire.

"My opponent has offered no alternatives on financial issues, social security, or Medicare reform, Hart said. "Plus, I am more interested in economic freedom, while he thinks the government should hold the public's hand and tell them what to do."

Though the audience and Hart both acknowledged the "re-match" between her and Altmire, national economic instability was the dominant topic of questions asked. Sophomore Adam Griffith asked Hart why action was not taken sooner to prevent the crisis.

"It should have been dealt with on a couple of levels," Hart said. "It should have been addressed earlier and there should have been tighter requirements on lending."

Another student asked Hart what her position would have been on the recent $700 billion bailout bill passed for financial institutions had she been in congress at the time.

Hart explained that she is against the bailout and feels it is a "last resort" solution used as a first attempt to solve the problem. Specifically, she feels the private sector should have been better utilized to restore stocks.

Freshman Meighan Pallone asked Hart about student loans, an issue at the forefront of many college students' minds.

"I am very much an advocate for higher education," Hart said. "I worked on the 529 savings plan designed to encourage saving for the future higher education"

The session concluded with Hart's assistant informing students that they are welcome to become involved if they would like to advocate her campaign. He also offered promotional stickers, brochures, and other literature.

Hart is a Pittsburgh native who attended North Allegheny High School and graduated Washington & Jefferson College before heading to University of Pittsburgh law school.

She was also the first Republican woman in history to represent her state at the federal level.

"I'm really fired up to go back to congress."

Former Congresswoman Melissa Hart

Photo By Derek Derremer

Former congresswoman Melissa Hart spoke briefly and answered questions from students and faculty on Thursday, Oct. 9. A crowd of about 50 interacted with Hart as she explained her plans for congress.

Browne Hall residents fall victim to campus thievery

Students devise surveillance method to catch culprit, action against thief still pending

By Shannon Richter
Managing Editor

A series of thefts alarm the residents of women's dormitory, Browne Hall, causing students to reevaluate their security measures.

Beginning in the early weeks of the semester, residents of the second floor began to notice items missing from their bathroom cubbies, such as shampoo, hand soap, and razor refill cartridges.

Second floor RA, Laura Henry, received two more sporadic complaints of items missing from the bathroom, including jewelry, before the problem worsened.

"A few weeks ago, food went missing," Henry said. "The food bins had been ransacked, the fridge was opened, and the door [of the dormitory] was left open . . . Dry erase markers were stolen this weekend."

In response to these burglaries, Henry posted a message on the hall's shared folder that informed students about the incidents and encouraged them to respect each other's property. However, the problem continued to escalate.

Incidents were reported on the first floor.

"I began noticing food missing during the past few weeks, but it was really gradual so I didn't know what to think," junior Hillary Householder said. "My roommates and I finally sat down and figured out we were missing a lot of food from our shelves and refrigerators–about $30 worth of groceries."

The thievery caused enough distress to speak with her RA, Spicuzza, when Householder's roommate, Stephanie Chaffee, noticed an absence more serious than granola bars and cottage cheese.

"While getting ready to checkout at Wal-Mart, I opened my wallet only to realize that I had no cash. I'm missing about $100," Chaffee said. "In the three years I've lived on campus, I've never felt the need to lock my door. It's really upsetting."

Hitherto students felt it was sometimes unnecessary to lock their doors on what has been perceived as a safe campus. As for catching this thief, Cary Grant is currently unavailable so students must take their own precautions.

"The college isn't liable for stolen, lost, or damaged items," Miranda Gruber, Browne's community adviser, said. "Students are responsible for locking their doors."

A few students decided to take more innovative measures to not only prevent future theft, but to possibly catch the burglar in action.

"I set up my web-cam," Householder said. "My roommates and I thought it was a long shot, but we started to turn on the camera whenever we left the room and would watch the surveillance video when we got back."

The thief struck once more and Householder's efforts and ingenuity were rewarded.

"You can see this person entering our room, walking over to where we keep our food, and just grabbing stuff and putting in their pockets," Householder said. "We know who it is and we are taking disciplinary action with the RAs, CA, and campus security."

As for those who have already been victimized by these thefts, there are a few options.

"Students should check with their parents' insurance policies; some stolen items might be covered," Gruber said. "Fill out a report [with campus security], maybe they could so something."

Thus far, at least $150 worth of merchandise and cash has been pilfered. Campus security reinforced the idea of locking doors so students know who is in their room at all times.

The next step after theft also depends on the person(s) afflicted.

"We only do what the victim wants us to do," Bob Sechez, a public safety officer, said.

Despite this recent spree, students should not be worried, just cautious.

"We haven't had any [reported] thefts this year," Sechez said. "It's been pretty good."

The identity of the suspect has been withheld because criminal charges have not been formally filed and an investigation is still pending.

Opinion

RANT & RAVE

Men!

Please aim better, flush properly, wash thoroughly.

Let's just go to McConnell's Mills by way of the Mill St. Grille

Ah, Venice

Did you take Phil home last night?

We'll get to it when we get to it:
The motto of Westminster

Katie at the Info desk was helpful!

I got the Gerbs...

Did I laugh at your face?

Do I really prance, guys?

J.K. no one likes you...or...no one likes you, J.K!

TUB lettuce? What?

Bad news bears...

R.T. go to Grove City

All Russian ruebans are spicy!

Do you want me to go to my unhappy place?

Channel the power of Palin!

You don't even know.

I heart Brendan Banks!

Trevor go back to Ohio!

Scott is Hott

D.B.U.I. = Driving your Bike Under the Influence.

Ben-O for Homecoming King!

Dear Kid, Your mom loves you!

What's going on with the Polar Bears? It vexes me so!

Radical Pragmatist

Why is the flag so small?

I can't wait for Stand-up Stand off!

Finally you can be satirical

Lindsey would say "That's too ridiculous!"

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dr. Kang Na explores "change" Part 1

Change is in the air.

The leaves are changing their colors before they leave their branches to float and dance their way down to dusty death. The air around our bodies is cooling, and we must change into warmer clothes. The length of day will shorten and thereby bring on changes in our schedules, tasks, and even our mood.

After we change our calendars, we'll have to change also the way we receive our TV signals, viz., from analog to digital. These and a myriad like them are palpable changes we can actually experience and document, sometimes even with extremely poetic expressions.

And then there is the change that our politicians promise. At the moment, both the asinine and elephantine tribes in the American political landscape are speaking grandiloquently and promisingly about change we can believe in, change we need, and change that is coming.

All this talk of change is certainly welcome refrain in the ears of those who could use more change in their pockets. But during which presidential election have I not heard politicians promising change? And how much change have I actually seen in our beloved capital?

Before I proceed, I must interject a brief *caveat lector*. I was born and raised in Korea, and even after moving to this blessed land, I lived thirteen years as a green card-holder, planning to move back to Korea and wishing at times that I could enjoy the privileges of US citizenship, e.g., when I couldn't study abroad during college because all the scholarships required US citizenship.

After serious deliberation, I was persuaded by the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution to become the first entry in the Na genealogy to stop being Korean–this genealogy, or *jok-bo*, for the relatively young Na clan goes back about 1,200 some years and includes a record of every male Na that ever lived. I suppose one could say that I'm a maverick of the millennium-old Na clan. So, I take my citizenship in our country very seriously. Although what follows may resemble frustration gone wild, sarcasm beyond reason, or cynicism without a cause, inferred throughout should be my sincerity underlying any appearances to the contrary.

So, change.

Ellen Glasgow (1873–1945), the Pulitzer-winning novelist, once opined, "All change is not growth, as all movement is not forward." Politicians running for office are free to shout "change," but that won't move me. I'm usually not impressed with change qua change; it's no magical mantra that should inspire awe and secure votes.

Even so, have politicians delivered that much change? The evidence I've seen since 1987, when I became a US citizen, is actually to the contrary. Donkeys and elephants have indeed exchanged seats and offices, but what if, just by a fanciful imagination, I were to suggest more change than that? Permit me to play a little fantasy politics.

Wouldn't it be a substantial change if we Americans voted non-Democrats and non-Republicans into every elected office in Washington for the next twelve years? We have so very many parties to consider:

America First Party, American Nazi Party, American Party, American Patriot Party, American Reform Party, American Socialist Party, America's Independent Party, Boston Tea Party, Christian Falangist Party of America, Communist Party USA, Constitution Party, Constitutionalist Party, Democratic Socialists of America, Freedom Socialist Party, Green Party, Independence Party, Independent American Party, Labor Party, Libertarian National Socialist Green Party, Libertarian Party, Light Party, Moderate Party, Multicapitalist Party, National Socialist Movement, Natural Law Party, New Party, New Union Party, Pansexual Peace Party, Party of Socialism and Liberation, Peace and Freedom Party, Pot Party, Progressive Labor Party, Prohibition Party, Reform Party, Revolutionary Communist Party USA, Social Democrats USA, Socialist Action, Socialist Equality Party, Socialist Labor Party, Socialist Workers Party, The Third Party, U.S. Marijuana Party, U.S. Pacifist Party, Veterans Party of America, Workers Party USA, Workers World Party, World Socialist Party of the USA, Young Democratic Socialists.

If you're into parties, this is the country for you!

What would be so wrong with showing the Democrats and Republicans what change might look like without them "in charge"? Remember: the voting citizens of America are the bosses, and the elected politicians are our employees; we hire them, fire them, and pay them–very handsomely, I might add.

Or how about the following change for a change? Since presidential elections are basically a fixed game of the two wealthy parties–when was the last president who was not either a Democrat or a Republican?–the two camps can simply take turns having their nominee in the White House.

In 2012 a coin toss can determine which party's presidential candidate will begin the alternating cycle in January, 2013. Think of all the campaign money that would be saved, which I'm sure both patriotic parties would gladly donate to paying down the national debt.

Kang Na
Associate Professor of Religion and the All-College Honors Program Coordinator

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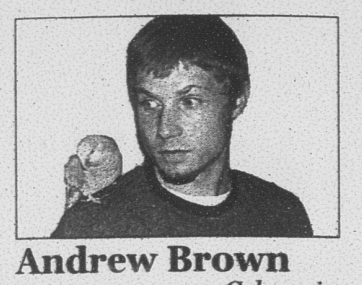
The colors of fall



Andrew Brown
Columnist

As I began my morning march to class early this week, I realized that it was far from March indeed.

Out of the sky, like some sort of well aimed missile, a golden leaf plunged swiftly through the air and unexpectedly struck me in the brow. I could deny it not a second longer, fall had arrived.

It's at this time every year when I think back to a major influence in my life. The picturesque leaf sat right their in my hand, and all I could visualize was a childhood memory of a pigmy goat named Billy that my family had for a pet. Now I am by no means a farmer, nor an animal connoisseur, but there is something absolutely magical with this type of animal.

At an early age, the pigmy goat is nothing short of adorable. Its cuteness far surpasses its odor, and its clumsiness trumps its mischievousness. The fourth dimension nimbly proves effective, however, as the goat ages and grows horns that curl into an efficient, pressure-delivering machine. Culminating from a combination of growth, desires to mate, and seclusion from its own kind, pigmy goats, as small as they are, become a monstrous difficulty. This was the exact problem my family faced, as our cute Billy the goat evoked fear in our souls.

We would keep this goat tied up to the best of our ability. We started with a simple rope around the neck, which was promptly eaten. We moved to a studier chain, which snapped under the horrendous force of Billy's charge. We finally pounded in an unbreakable steel cable, but the stake that held the cable down, proved much weaker.

Every time. Billy would find a way out of his designated area. He would end up standing on the picnic table on our back porch waiting for an ignorant sap to venture outside on a nice fall day. The moment a target was spotted, Billy would charge full throttle.

One could imagine the challenge of bringing groceries into the house. I could not fathom how many times I ended up on the ground with freshly bought oranges being wasted like some inconsiderate orange toss. After only a year, my mom decided it was time to do away with Billy.

Now that I have digressed far beyond anyone's interest, I must jump to the point. Why do I think of Billy every fall? To be completely honest, I know not what induces the memory (it doesn't really occur every fall). However, there is a lesson to take away from my story.

Quite frequently something very attractive in the beginning turns out to be a charging goat in the end. How often do people act quickly and make a foolish decision on the basis of greed? Physical pain brought on by a blow to the thigh is a much better teacher of this, compared to the lost money when one realizes a bad purchase was made or any emotional pain brought on by a deceptive other.

A perfect example is the current economic crisis. Perhaps the government and bank CEO's should have consulted me before allowing this sub-prime lending to occur. What once appeared a worthwhile investment to house speculators, resulted in a blow to the credit score, far worse than a goat's charge.

Soon we will be entering the job market, and the status of the economy does play a big factor on the jobs that are available as well as our starting salary. Let us all hope that the $700 billion bailout will be the financial Zoloft needed to eliminate the two trillion dollar pigmy goat. Maybe then we can enjoy the colors of fall.

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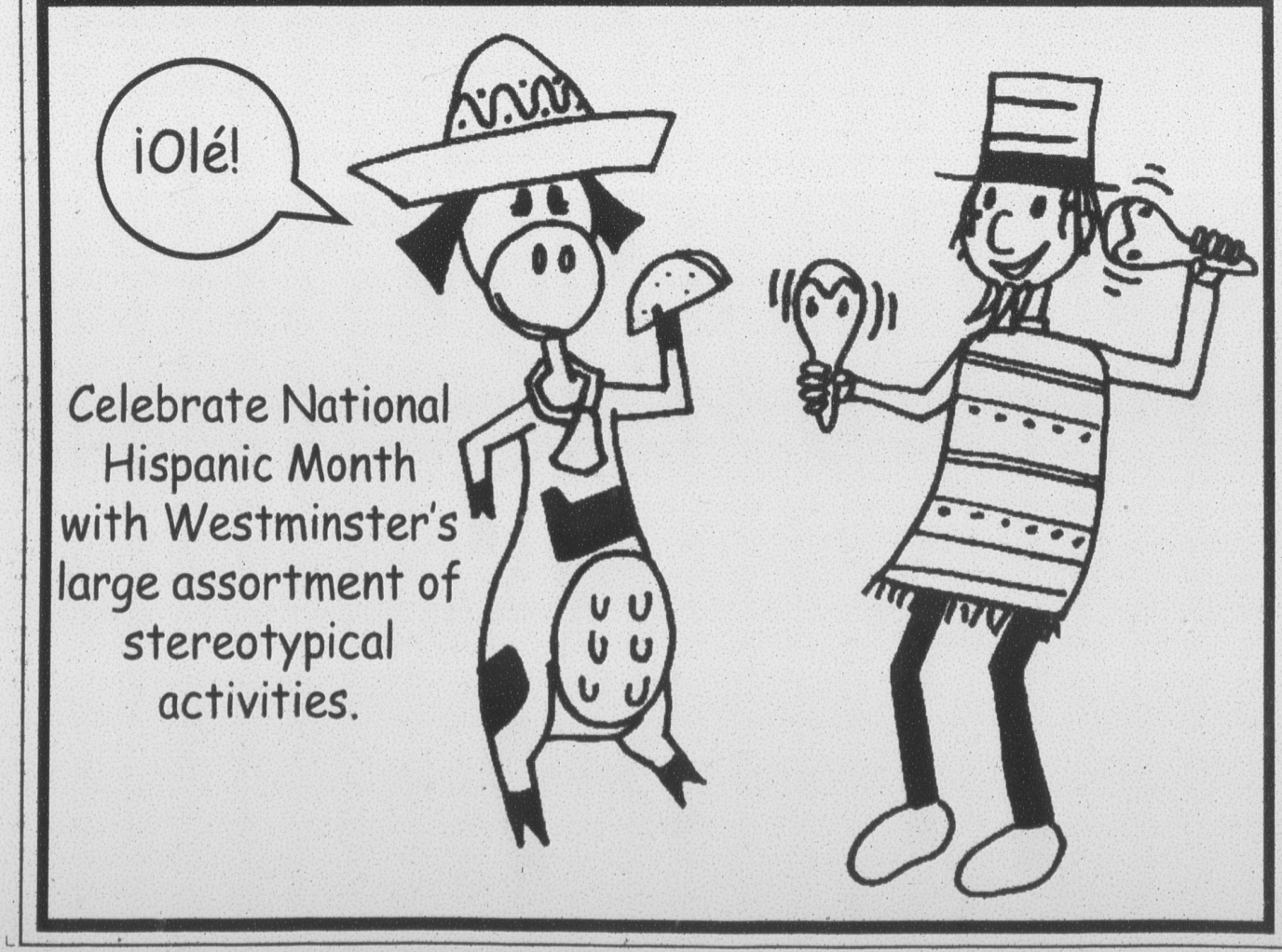

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'Cuddle parties' the right touch outside Philly

NEWTOWN SQUARE, Pa. (AP) _ Edie Weinstein-Moser, best described as an insatiable cuddler, massaged the knee of Faith Kremer as she lay on a carpet of soft blankets. Kremer, 38, a social worker who lives south of Annapolis, Md., closed her eyes and nestled against another woman, who rested her head on the belly of Kerry Blubaugh, 56. He owns the Natural Healing Arts wellness center off St. Albans Circle in Newtown Square, where the unusual workshop was taking place on a recent Sunday afternoon.

Blubaugh pressed his back against his close friend, Denise Gilmar, 45, of Glen Mills, who snuggled near Melvin Jones, 32, someone she had just met. She rubbed his shoulder, while Jones massaged the back of stranger Linda "Linney May" Hunter, 56, of Glendora.

"Ah, this feels wonderful," said Hunter, a holistic practitioner, resting her chin on a fluffy pillow.

The Cuddle Party was going perfectly.

Cuddle Party? The very name raises eyebrows. Snickering is inevitable. But this wasn't some kinky swing time.Begun in 2004 in a corner of the country not usually associated with touchy-feely encounters – New York City – the nonsexual socials have since spread around the nation, including the Philadelphia locale, and to Canada, Australia and England. Founders Reid Mihalko and Marcia Baczynski, sex and relationship educators, bill the events as communications and boundary-setting workshops that have touched thousands of snuggle-starved adults.

"It's a human need," said Weinstein-Moser, 49, of Dublin, Bucks County, who introduced the phenomenon to the region last fall. She was smitten after attending her first in 2005, where she discovered she was a natural. Now a certified cuddle facilitator (training price tag: $1,490), Weinstein-Moser throws parties as far as Maryland and North Jersey. It costs $40 to attend.

The self-described Renaissance woman and freelance journalist also has gigs as a social worker, interfaith minister, clown and massage therapist.

"We live in a low-touch culture where strangers are suspect," she said during the introduction, little silver hands dangling from her earlobes. Like everyone else, she wore pajamas. Her black top had the word karma stamped across the front; pink hearts dotted the bottoms.

"Our culture teaches intimacy has to be sexual," she said. "It doesn't have to be."

In fact, research finds that sustained touch, that oft-ignored stepchild of a sense, can lower blood pressure, relieve stress, reduce aggression, and foster peaceful coexistence. Seriously.

"Hundreds of studies show that with moderate touch, you get all kinds of health benefits," said Tiffany Field, director of the Touch Research Institute at the University of Miami Medical School.

The sense, though, needs a makeover. "Touch is tied to sexual behavior," Field said. "People misinterpret touch."

Without taction, babies fail to thrive, studies of orphans show. Lower-touch cultures, such as the United States and Great Britain, also have more aggression than higher-touch ones (France), she said.

The key word is moderate, surprisingly. "If you're lightly stroking someone, it's going to arouse, elevate blood pressure and heart rate. If you get moderate pressure," Field said, such as a back rub, "it puts you in a relaxed state."

Cuddle Parties do not claim to offer therapy or even massage, but do tout the benefits of tactile contact. Not everyone, though, is convinced that what happens at the hugfests can deliver health benefits.

The American Massage Therapy Association has little love for Cuddle Parties. "We really have no idea if there's any value in the kind of massage they provide at these things," said Ron Precht, communications manager for the Chicago-area group.

Still, participants often leave with big, goofy smiles and glowing reviews.

"I was almost preverbal," said Verna Tweddale, 58, of Ambler, a nursing instructor at Abington Memorial Hospital who went to a party in June. "I felt an unconditional space. We were all in our being, rather than doing."

Couple Phil Garber, 43, a financial controller, and Janet Berkowitz, 50, a drama teacher, who live in Maple Shade, said a workshop this year at a Doylestown church brought them closer.

"We usually don't take the time to cuddle with each other," she said.

"The little boy inside wants to get nurturing," Garber explained. "It didn't for me at all have a sexual tension."

In Newtown Square, the scene looked like a game of Twister gone slightly awry. It was all G-rated, well maybe PG-13 at times, what with all these grown-ups lying in a pile like a bunch of puppies while soothing Celtic chants played.

Before stroking Gilmar's face, Jones asked permission – one of the rules. She reciprocated.

"I came out of curiosity," the IT consultant who lives in Glenmoore said at the start. "I'm a little nervous."

As a child, he said, he hadn't received much physical affection, and his busy life – he's a married father of a toddler – left little room for intimacy. His wife, according to Jones, wasn't comfortable attending the hug huddle but had sent him with blessings after she read details at www.cuddleparty.com.

"I'm trying to open my world," he said.

Midway through the 31/2-hour party, Jones snacked on grapes and said the experience so far had made him "feel more connected with other human beings. I feel very relaxed. I feel full of something – warmth inside my own body."

Cuddling, Weinstein-Moser said, triggers oxytocin, the so-called love hormone released by nursing mothers that helps them bond with their babies. "When you leave Cuddle Parties, you're on an oxytocin overflow," she said.

(While touch does increase various hormones, researcher Field said the jury was still out on cuddling's connection to oxytocin.)

For others, the experience was about personal growth. "I like the fact that you practice boundary setting, asking for what you want in a safe environment," said Hunter, a "cuddle caddie" who assists at the parties.

Earlier, Weinstein-Moser had gone over the rules during the 45-minute Welcome Circle, which also included exercises in setting boundaries and icebreakers to overcome the awkwardness of it all.

PJs stay on, she said. Ask permission and get a verbal yes before touching anyone. No means no. Maybe means no. You don't have to cuddle.

Sometimes, she said, a novice cuddler (80 percent of cuddle partiers are single) might come out hoping to score. That's not going to happen here, she made clear. "It is a way to make friends," she said. "It's not about picking someone up or hooking up."

Weinstein-Moser covered permissible behavior: "Caresses, hugging, nuzzling, cuddling, spooning are all on the table, as long as you ask," she said. (Spooning is lying down front to back, like spoons arranged in a drawer.)

"It's just as important to say yes to what you want in life," she said.

Then Weinstein-Moser broached the sensitive topic of erections. Yes, that might happen – and that's OK, she assured – but don't act on it here, she said.

"This is not an orgy," said the "Cuddle Lifeguard on Duty," as she calls herself.

"Yet!" joked Blubaugh. Weinstein-Moser gently admonished him.

He chuckled. And then, after asking, he reached over and touched someone's hair.

NATIONAL

'Mail Goggles' might prevent e-mail regrets

SEATTLE (AP) _ Here's the scenario: It's Friday night, and what began as an innocent happy-hour margarita morphed into a few pitchers. After all, those tacos were salty.

Bidding friends adieu, you jump in a cab, head home and decide a quick e-mail check is in order. And there it is: a message from your ex. Or your boss. Or that friend you're secretly mad at.

If you're the kind of person who types tipsy and regrets it in the morning, Google's "Mail Goggles," a new test-phase feature in the free Gmail service, might save you some angst.

The Goggles can kick in late at night on weekends. The feature requires you to solve a few easy math problems in short order before hitting "send." If your logical thinking skills are intact, Google is betting you're sober enough to work out the repercussions of sending that screed you just drafted.

And if you can't multiply two times five, you'll probably thank Google in the morning.

To activate Goggles, Gmail users should click the "Settings" link at the top of a Gmail page, then go to the "Labs" section.

There's no shame in admitting that sometimes you need a little extra help. Gmail engineer Jon Perlow designed Goggles with his own weaknesses in mind.

"Sometimes I send messages I shouldn't send. Like the time I told that girl I had a crush on her over text message. Or the time I sent that late night e-mail to my ex-girlfriend that we should get back together," he wrote when announcing Mail Goggles on a company blog.

The name is derived from the slang term "beer goggles," or the curious effect of alcohol on one's ability to see the true nature of that "cutie" at the other end of the bar.

But you can set up Mail Goggles to protect you from yourself at other emotionally vulnerable times – before your morning coffee, for example, or right after "Grey's Anatomy."

2 people watch 123 hours of movies in NYC

NEW YORK (AP) _ You may want to try this at home.

Suresh Joachim of Toronto, and Claudia Wavra of Germany, claim to have broken the world record for continuous movie watching, after seeing 57 films in 123 hours in a plastic-glass house in New York's Times Square.

A Guinness World Records spokesman said it appears the non-dynamic duo have broken the record but said it will take two weeks to officially verify.

The attempt began Oct. 2 when eight challengers started watching "Iron Man." After 72 hours, only two remained. They watched "Thelma and Louise" until the end on 3:10 p.m. Tuesday.

Susan Sarandon, a star of that film, dropped off the final film.

The rules: Each movie had to be viewed until the last credit rolled, and competitors couldn't divert their eyes from the screen. They were allowed 10-minute breaks between movies.

Blonde sues over brown dye; judge brushes off suit

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. (AP) _ A Connecticut judge has given the brush-off to a blonde woman's lawsuit claiming L'Oreal Inc. ruined her social life when she accidentally dyed her hair brunette with one of its products.

Charlotte Feeney of Stratford says she can never return to her natural blonde hue, a shock that left her so traumatized she needed anti-depressants.

She says she suffered headaches and anxiety, missed the attention that blondes receive and had to stay home and wear hats most of the time.

A Superior Court judge dismissed Feeney's 2005 lawsuit Monday, saying she never proved her allegation that L'Oreal put brown hair dye in a box labeled as blonde. The company also had disputed the claim.

Feeney referred questions on Wednesday to her attorney, David Laudano, who has declined to comment.

Woof and worship: Mass. church welcomes pious pets

WEYMOUTH, Mass. (AP) _ The Pilgrim Congregational Church is going to the dogs, and that's just fine with the Rev. Rachel Bickford.

The church launched what Bickford hopes will be weekly "Woof 'n' Worship" services Sunday when parishioners can bring their pious pooches.

Bickford got the idea from reading the Bible. She came across a Psalm that talks about "letting all living things praise the Lord" while her own dogs were at her feet. She says dogs provide so much joy when people struggle with everyday life.

Sara Diem went to the service with her Bernese mountain dog, Chloe. "She's having a couple little health issues these days, so I just thought she could use the extra help," she said.

All breeds are welcome, Bickford said – as long as they are leashed.

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

The mummy returns to New Wilmington

NEW WILMINGTON, Lawrence County-- The dead returned to New Wilmington on Thursday as the Lawrence County Historical society returned a 2,300 year old Egyptian mummy to Westminster College. The historical society featured the Lady Pesed mummy in a special September exhibit at the Lawrence County Museum in New Castle. The exhibit brought in hundreds of visitors including teachers and students from area public schools. The exhibit was so popular the final day saw some 150 visitors. The mummy is now back in the permanent exhibit in the Mack Science Library at Westminster College.

Westminster acquired the mummy in 1885 as a gift from a graduate following his missionary work in Egypt where he acquired it for $8 and shipped it to the U.S. for another $5.

Fireman's auction raises $71,000

NEW WILMINGTON, Lawrence County-- In spite of a decline in donations and concerns about the effect of the national economic slump, the annual New Wilmington Fireman's Auction raised $71,000 on Saturday. That preliminary total makes volunteers happy. Organizers say people seeking a bargain may have helped drive the hundreds and hundreds of people who turned out for the flea market and auction that raises money for equipment at the volunteer fire department. Last year the auction raised $60,000 making this year's total money raised a pleasant surprised for the volunteers behind the event.

INTERNATIONAL

Somali pirates stare down global superpowers

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) _ With a Russian frigate closing in and a half-dozen U.S. warships within shouting distance, the pirates holding a tanker off Somalia's coast might appear to have no other choice than to wave the white flag.

But that's not how it works in Somalia, a failed state where a quarter of children die before they turn 5, where anybody with a gun controls the streets and where every public institution has crumbled.

The 11-day standoff aboard the Ukrainian MV Faina begs the question: How can a bunch of criminals from one of the poorest and most wretched countries on Earth face off with some of the world's richest and well-armed superpowers?

"They have enough guns to fight for another 20 years," Ted Dagne, a Somalia analyst in Washington, told The Associated Press. "And there is no way to win a battle when the other side is in a suicidal mind set."

In Somalia, pirates are better-funded, better-organized and better-armed than one might imagine in a country that has been in tatters for nearly two decades. They have the support of their communities and rogue members of the government – some pirates even promise to put ransom money toward building roads and schools.

With most attacks ending with million-dollar payouts, piracy is considered the biggest economy in Somalia. Pirates rarely hurt their hostages, instead holding out for a huge payday.

The strategy works well: A report Thursday by a London-based think tank said pirates have raked in up to $30 million in ransoms this year alone.

"If we are attacked we will defend ourselves until every last one of us dies," Sugule Ali, a spokesman for the pirates aboard the Faina, said in an interview over satellite telephone from the ship, which is carrying 33 battle tanks, military weapons and 21 Ukrainian and Latvian and Russian hostages. One Russian has reportedly died, apparently of illness.

The pirates are demanding $20 million ransom, and say they will not lower the price.

"We only need money and if we are paid, then everything will be OK," he said. "No one can tell us what to do."

Ali's bold words come even though his dozens of fighters are surrounded by U.S. warships and American helicopters buzz overhead. Moscow has sent a frigate, which should arrive within days.

Jennifer Cooke of the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington said hostage-taking is the key to the pirates' success against any military muscle looming from the U.S. and Russia.

"Once you have a crew at gunpoint, you can hold six U.S. naval warships at bay and they don't have a whole lot of options except to wait it out," Cooke said.

The pirates have specifically warned against the type of raids carried out twice this year by French commandos to recover hijacked vessels. The French used night vision goggles and helicopters in operations that killed or captured several pirates, who are now standing trial in Paris.

But the hostages are not the bandits' only card to play.

Often dressed in military fatigues, pirates travel in open skiffs with outboard engines, working with larger mother ships that tow them far out to sea. They use satellite navigational and communications equipment and an intimate knowledge of local waters, clambering aboard commercial vessels with ladders and grappling hooks.

They are typically armed with automatic weapons, anti-tank rocket launchers and grenades – weaponry that is readily available throughout Somalia, where a bustling arms market operates in the center of the capital.

They also have the support of their communities and some members of local administrations, particularly in Puntland, a semiautonomous region in northeast Somalia that is a hotbed for piracy, officials and pirates have told the AP.

Abdulqadir Muse Yusuf, a deputy minister of ports in Puntland, acknowledged there were widespread signs that Puntland officials, lawmakers and government officials are "involved or benefiting from piracy" and said investigations were ongoing. He would not elaborate.

Piracy has transformed the region around the town of Eyl, near where many hijacked ships are anchored brought while pirates negotiate ransoms.

"Pirates buy new luxury cars and marry two, three, or even four women," said Mohamed, an Eyl resident who refused to give his full name for fear of reprisals from the pirates.

"They build new homes – the demand for construction material is way up."

He said most of the well-known pirates promise to build roads and schools in addition to homes for themselves. But for now, Mohamed says he has only seen inflation skyrocket as the money pours in.

"One cup of tea is about $1," he said. "Before the piracy skyrocketed, tea cost a few cents."

Campus News

Sudanese reverand speaks on campus

By Erika Clayton
Staff Writer

Reverend Yousif Kodi visited campus on Sunday, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m., and on Monday, Oct. 6 at 11:40 a.m.

Sunday's event was held at the Wallace Memorial Chapel on the day of World Communion. Many students attended and had the opportunity to learn interesting facts about Reverend Yousif. They discovered that he was born and raised in the country of Sudan, in his hometown, Alltoon.

This is the second time Kodi has visited the United States. He has traveled to several other nations, including Kenya. Kodi is a pastor in his country and is also the head of the Southern Presbyterian Evangelical Church. In Sudan, there are sixty-one organized churches.

During this event, there was a 10-minute video about Sudan. This video discussed religion and its separation of churches. People who attended discovered that there's a Liturgical Center in Sudan where activities, such as bible study, take place.

Sudan's conference center was used for bible study, as well. In 1992, Sudan allowed separate churches. After the video ended, Yousif discussed the issues that are still occurring in Sudan.

Most people in Sudan do not know how to read or write. In fact, he mentioned that two generations of people didn't attend school, mainly because they could not afford it.

There are also health difficulties, graffiti, and organization struggles that plague the nation. Hostility is a major issue and many people have lost family members and property from disease and war. Kodi said that his country has been living in this kind of a war for the last fifty years.

After he was done with speaking, Kodi answered attendees' questions. Regarding the difficulty of recruiting nations from around the world to help with the mission in Sudan, Kodi explained that in order to get more nations to participate they must be encouraged.

Another question that was asked involved the conflicts occurring in Sudan and if they fighting has ever stopped.

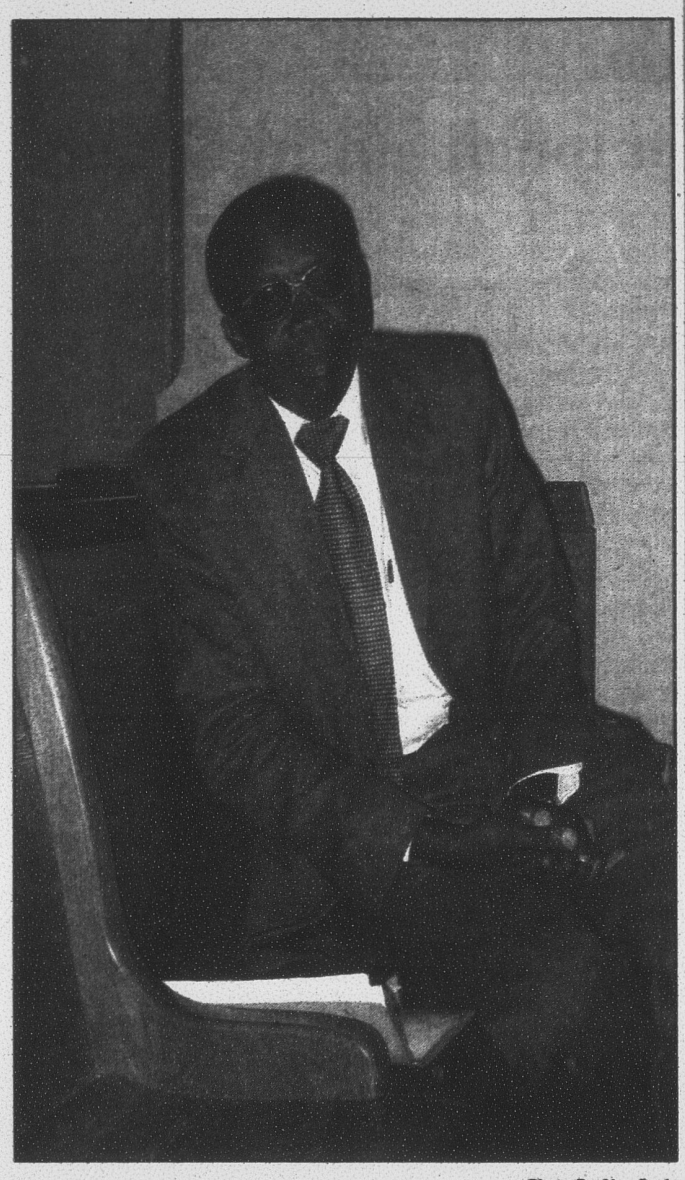
He said that Sudan is attempting to establish a "peace agreement" to finally end the conflicts. So far, this agreement is moving forward and is beginning to improve. There seems to be less conflict each day so far.

"Does the government go along with the frequent religions still?" an attendee asked.

He said yes, there are still problems going on about that. In fact, Islam is taught in both public and private Christian schools right now where the children learn about the religion.

At the end of mass, he left everyone with a prayer in Arabic, which is the first language in the northern part of Sudan.

His speech reminded everyone that Sudan, unlike the United States, has more restrictions and rules to follow and conflict is a larger issue there than it is here.



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A visit from afar

Reverand Yousif Kodi visited campus on Sunday, Oct. 5 and Monday Oct. 6. While here, he spoke at Wallace Memorial Chapel in honor of the day of World Communion. He spoke about religious adversity in his home country, Sudan.

Govoteabsentee.org makes voting easy

By Dan Ross
Campus Writer

A new website, govoteabsentee.org, aims to take the labor out of voter registration and bring more absentees to the polls.

Many students may be all- too familiar with the tedious process of registering to vote absentee: the hours of sifting through papers, hunting down mailing addresses, and jumping endlessly from one form to the next just to be able to vote out of state.

There is, however, an alternative to this crash course in paperwork. An association of students from Brown University, Emerson College, and the University of Wisconsin, have a website, govoteabsentee.org, devoted to making both in-state and absentee voting registration a more accommodating process.

"[It brings] information directly to the voter for his/her county or municipality, bypassing confusing websites to easily get the information he/she needs to both register to vote and vote absentee," PRNewswire stated in its September issue.

Created specifically with college students in mind, govoteabsentee.org takes visitors through a simple five-step process to download, print, and mail the forms necessary for registration, all without ever leaving the site.

The only information needed is a zip code to retrieve a county-based registrar's form. The site even provides specific mailing addresses and election officials' contact information for each municipality in the United States.

"The whole interface is simple, accurate, and easy to use," Dr. Shannon Smithey, a professor of sociology and political science, said.

Since its creation in April, govoteabsentee.org has received much praise and stimulated both discussion and growth in the voting community.

From weblogs to feature stories, project manager Sam Oliker-Friedland and the rest of the New England-based GoVote team have spread the word about the site in hopes that its simplicity will attract labor-wary potential voters just in time for Election Day.

"The whole idea of blindly filling out a pile of paperwork is kind of intimidating," sophomore Aaron Eisenreich said. "But [govoteabsentee.org] leads you through it. It has a checklist and everything."

A majority of student reviews have come to similar conclusions about the site, suggesting that govoteabsentee.org is a solid resource and a valuable registration tool for young voters, college students, and citizens all across America.

With a rapidly expanding user base, the GoVote project has the potential to become the main source for registration aid, but because it is a student-led, non-profit project, financial aid is required to keep the site active.

Campus heats up with salsa dancing lessons

By Christina Roseto
Campus Writer

Culture and dance were alive on Tuesday, Sept. 30 in Orr Auditorium as Eileen Torres took the stage for the second year to educate students on salsa dancing.

Torres, a nationally renowned salsa enthusiast and lecturer, offered a cultural background on salsa and taught those who attended many dance steps found in salsa.

Torres has lectured on salsa in venues around the world, including The Kennedy Center, National Geographic Society, The Pentagon, and the World Salsa Congress in Puerto Rico.

She has also served as an ethnic dance instructor at the Duke Ellington School for the Arts and provides instruction for various groups in the Washington, D.C. area in addition to nightclubs and health fairs.

In her brief presentation, Torres explained how salsa and its musical influences originated in Africa and slaves, who would use makeshift drums to sound out rhythms, brought salsa to the Caribbean and Latin America. Torres also showed the students videos of salsa dancing and explained the different types of dances before starting the lesson.

"The students were excited about learning some of the dance steps," said Diversity Services Director, Jeannette Hubbard. "However many told me that they appreciated the educational component Eileen presented as it related to the rich history of salsa dancing."

Following the presentation, students filled the stage to follow Torres' instruction. She instructed them to listen to the beats and rhythm in the music in order to perform the steps correctly.

"It took a minute to get adjusted to the pace," said SGA Diversity chair, Kylee Bennett, "but after a few minutes we all really got into it!"

Though some of the students were experienced with salsa dancing, most were not.

Torres paired students with one another and taught the basic steps of Salsa. Participants eventually performed the steps individually for the remainder of the lesson

"Learning the steps were really interesting," said senior Alex Hines, who participated in the lessons. "We were all on the same page, so if we messed something up we could always remember that we weren't the only one tripping over ourselves."

After last year's successful session, in which 65 students attended, the Office of Diversity Services decided to invite Torres back to teach the lessons again.

Through hosting events, such as salsa lessons, Diversity Services hopes to increase diversity awareness on campus.

"Diversity now has a face on campus," Bennett said, "These events are excellent, hands on ways to give students an opportunity to become educated on diversity and culture and truly experience the liberal arts."

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Junior SGA Diversity Chair, Kylee Bennett

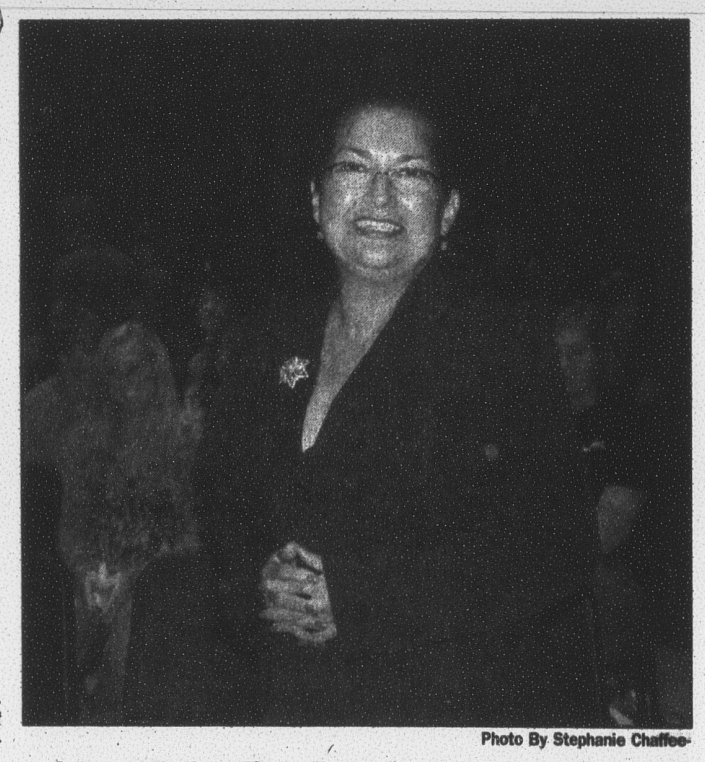

Photo By Stephanie Chaffee

Salsa enthusiast Eileen Torres is all smiles as she teaches salsa dance lessons on Tuesday Sept. 30.

All-campus game of "Capture the Flag"

By Lee Biermeyer
Campus Writer

An age old game that all children have played either in recess or gym class will be making its debut on campus.

Fliers have been popping up advertising an all-campus capture the flag game. The game will be on Nov. 1 from 6-8 p.m.

So far, the game is a one-time deal, but if it goes well, there may be more in the future.

Resident director David Mills has been organizing this event along with some help from Titan Traverse.

Titan Traverse and Residence Life are sponsoring the event, but anyone can participate. Students can sign up through their RA on each hall, and Mills is also trying to extend participation further.

"I would like to have representatives in each fraternity so people in the houses can do it," Mills said. "I don't want it limited just to residence halls."

The benefit to having people sign up this way is so Mills can arrange for each representative to have meetings where the rules will be explained.

Boundaries are still an undecided issue, but Mills wants the whole campus to be the playing field. Teams will be formed by randomly placing people together with others from halls of different buildings.

Each team will have uniform wrist bands and a large flag. Options to hide the flag will be widely available, but it will still be able to be found.

Organizing a game like this has been something Mills has always wanted to do. Some people played a few times last year but never a game of this size.

The game is still in the planning stage. Mills wants to handle all the details so the game runs as smoothly as possible.

A large number of students are expected to sign up to play. In case someone is not familiar with all of the rules, there will be help. Designated jails will be set up, and officials will be on hand to help and explain anything if needed.

"Dave has definitely put a lot of thought and care into this event," Eric Chesney, a member of Titan Traverse, said. "So he's taken the leadership role in that."

If all goes well, another game might occur in the spring. Mills is hoping for another game then: extreme capture the flag.

This involves multiple teams with multiple flags all going after each other. The game is exciting but the rules are more complicated. Right now, the only concern is getting this capture the flag game off the ground.

Mills does not know if he will play in the game coming up or not. He thinks he will probably end up officiating, but at least he is carrying out a goal of his.

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College cable system changing channels

By Laura Henry
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, Oct. 1, Armstrong Cable services took over the college cable system, ending services with the New Wilmington borough.

The borough sold our network due to increasing cost expenses and other demands they were unable to meet. Armstrong is now our sole cable provider, based out of Butler, OH.

According to CableWorld magazine, Armstrong is a leading provider of television, high-speed Internet and telephone service to customers in Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky and Maryland; the cable company was also recently chosen as the 2007 Independent Cable Operator of the Year.

Armstrong has not officially taken over at this time; our network still has the New Wilmington channel line-up. However, the transition is expected to take place within 30 to 60 days. Some local New Wilmington residents received letters, stating changes may not go into effect until December.

The Westminster Cable Network will no longer be featured on Channel 9, but rather Channel 72, which includes all educational programming as part of the basic channel service. Although our channel has changed, many people feel the alteration is a positive transition.

Dr. David Barner, chair of the Communication Studies, Theatre, and Art Department, explained Armstrong Services strongly supports local programming and will welcome what the campus has to offer.

"Armstrong is very local programming friendly, while most companies are not," Barner said. "I see no negatives. This is a very positive change."

Charles Chirozzi, chief engineer for the Communication Studies, Theatre and Art Department, explained the service change will tremendously increase our audience.

"Armstrong will send us out to a much wider area that we did not have before," Chirozzi said. "We will be picking up 120,000 homes, giving us a coverage area of almost 150,000 homes. That is a big increase."

Not only will Armstrong enable our network to reach a wider audience, but more television channels will be offered to students. Individuals may be able to request additional non-basic channels. However, at this time, the college is not sure what offers will be available in the future.

"We don't know what will happen yet because we are still negotiating with Armstrong," Chirozzi said. "We are just starting up and basically playing a waiting game. The only definite is that Armstrong bought it [Westminster Cable Network], and we will eventually have Armstrong's channel line up."

Additional benefits Armstrong will bring to the college include video on demand which is viewed on Channel 1 and will be available to anyone with digital service. Students, faculty, and community members will be able to watch broadcasts anytime by visiting the college link.

Armstrong is also the cable provider for other colleges including Grove City and Allegany. Thus, when our sports teams play other colleges covered by Armstrong, our broadcasts will air on their network as well, continuing to increase our network coverage area.

A wider audience, a larger coverage area and an increase in channels will soon be available for the campus and the community to enjoy.

Campus News

BSU holds third annual Pajama Jam

Kelly Gould
Staff Writer

Friday, Oct. 3 BSU (Black Student Union) paired up with Mount Union's BSU and sponsored the third annual Pajama Jam in the Berlin Lounge.

This event was held from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Admission was free.

There was a DJ at this Jam, and people danced all night long. The bar was open in the Berlin Lounge. There was popcorn and refreshments. Attendees were served Pizza Joe's Pizza.

If people did not feel comfortable dancing, they could play pool, and people also sat and socialized with their friends.

There were approximately 100 people in attendance. Everyone appeared to have a good time.

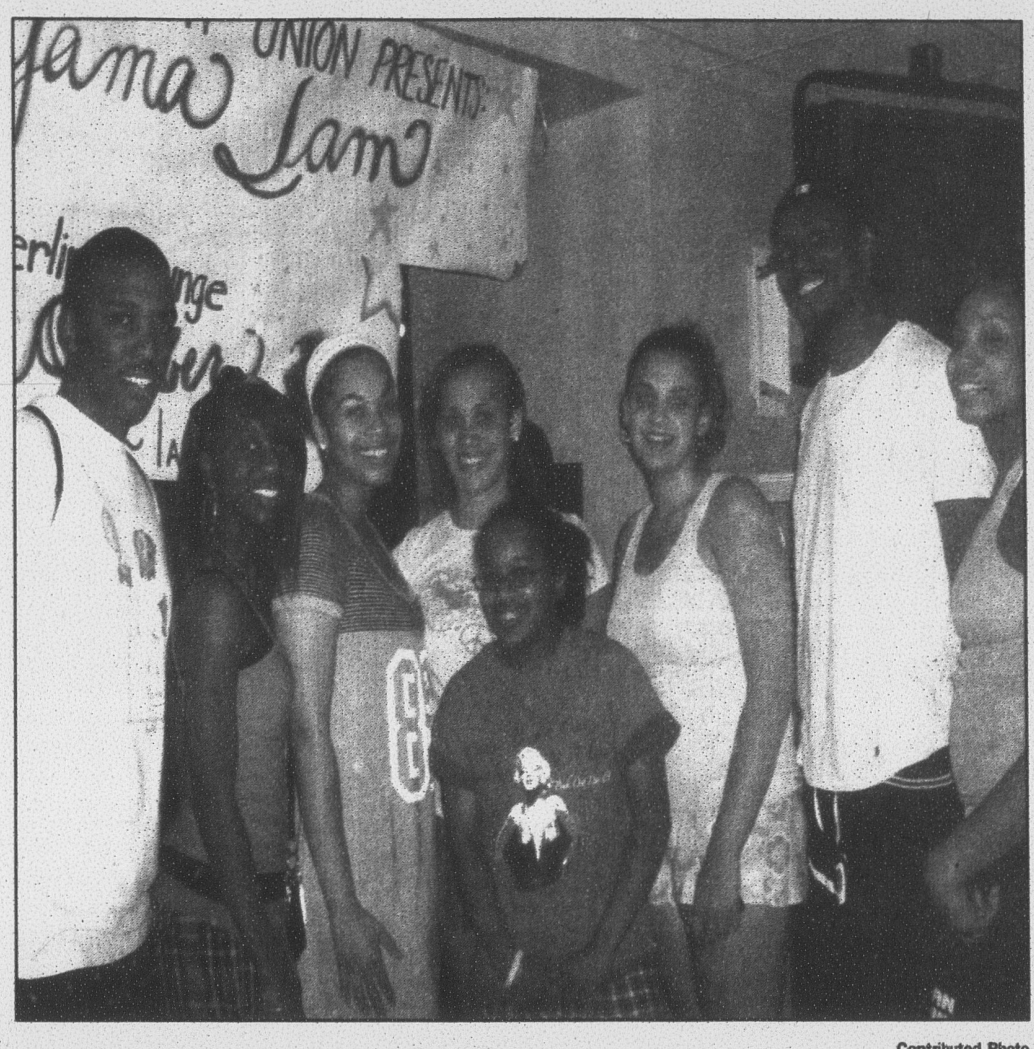
Katrina Townsend, a freshman and a member of BSU, thought the Pajama Jam was a success.

"It was a blast," Townsend said. "Collaborating with Mount Union was a huge success."

Most people were wearing their pajamas, but it was not a requirement for the party. Plenty of people came in their street clothes.

BSU plans to participate in the Homecoming Parade next week. It will be Dr. Seuss themed. The Homecoming parade will be on Oct. 18.

BSU holds meetings every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in room 255 in McKelvey Campus Center.



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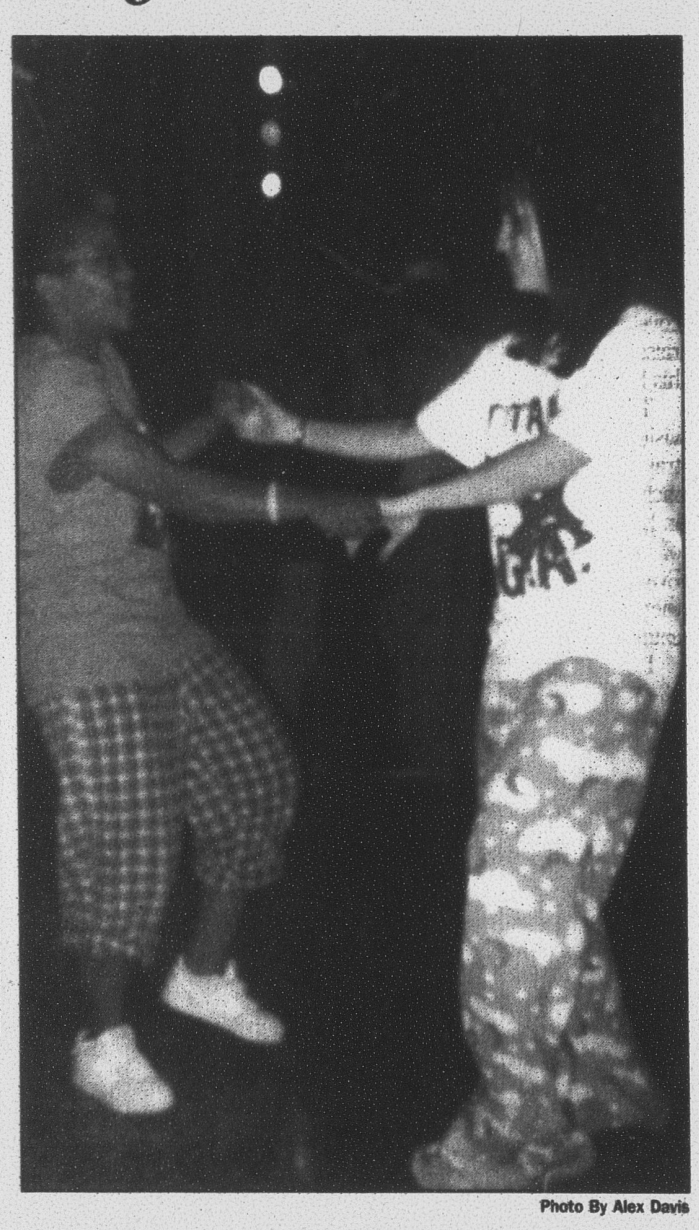
Don't need to be dressed up to jam

Members of the Black Student Union pause for a photo at the third annual Pajama Jam held Friday, Oct 3. Students danced, socialized and enjoyed free refreshments throughout the night.



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Campus hours remain unchanged

TUB only facility to alter open hours

Travis Gulling
Staff Writer

Contrary to some students beliefs, the hours of different student facilities have not changed this semester.

According to Jacob Shaffer, SGA's Student Concerns Chairman, the hours of the library, computer lab, and work out facilities have not changed this semester. The only hours that have changed are at the TUB. The TUB's hours only changed on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. compared to last semester when the hours were 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

"The TUB has changed their hours to be open earlier because they felt not as many people use the TUB that late on Saturday," Shaffer said. "By opening earlier they hope to accommodate those students who want to go to the TUB earlier."

However, SGA is working to create a 24-hour computer lab for students to use. Last semester a 24-hour lab existed during finals week. SGA has been working adamantly to ensure that a 24-hour lab is open as soon as possible.

"Last year I needed a place to study late," Senior Jeff Downey said. "I had two finals in the same day and I needed a place to work and I didn't have that. It would be nice to have a place to go."

Any questions or concerns about the hours for any of these areas can be directed to Shaffer by contacting him at shaffejr@westminster.edu.

Photo By Lindsey Nuzzo

Slipping, sliding and socializing

An enthusiastic slider soars down the wet and soapy tarp on a hill by Brittain Lake. R.A. of Eichenauer's first floor, Dan Chesky and R.A. of Hillside's fourth floor, Meredith Smith, entertained their residents with a Slip N' Slide hall social on Thursday Oct. 9. The idea was inspired by other schools who had successfully held similar socials.

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Choir serves up music and meatballs

Students and community members share an evening of dinner and entertainment

By Lizz Ward
Campus Writer

The social hall of New Wilmington Presbyterian Church filled with food and song on Friday, Oct. 3rd when the Concert Choir presented "Music, Magic and Meatballs."

Music and Meatballs, now in its eighth year, consists of dinner, dessert, and a show for all ages. Concert Choir members served salad, dinner rolls, drinks, spaghetti with meatballs, and dessert.

While the audience ate, students took turns singing on stage, individually or in small groups. They held the event to help pay for their tour in January.

Amber O'Connor a second semester member of Concert Choir, was a server at the event.

"It's a fun and innovative fundraiser because we get to showcase the choir as well as raising money," O'Connor said.

There were three sittings, one at 4:30, 5:45 and 7:00. Each sitting lasted an hour. Tickets cost $7 for students and $12 for adults. Both students and members of the community attended.

Some of the guests sat at tables close to the stage, and others sat in rows of seating farther back. There was also a raffle basket at each sitting. The baskets' contents were each of a $50 value and tickets cost $1.

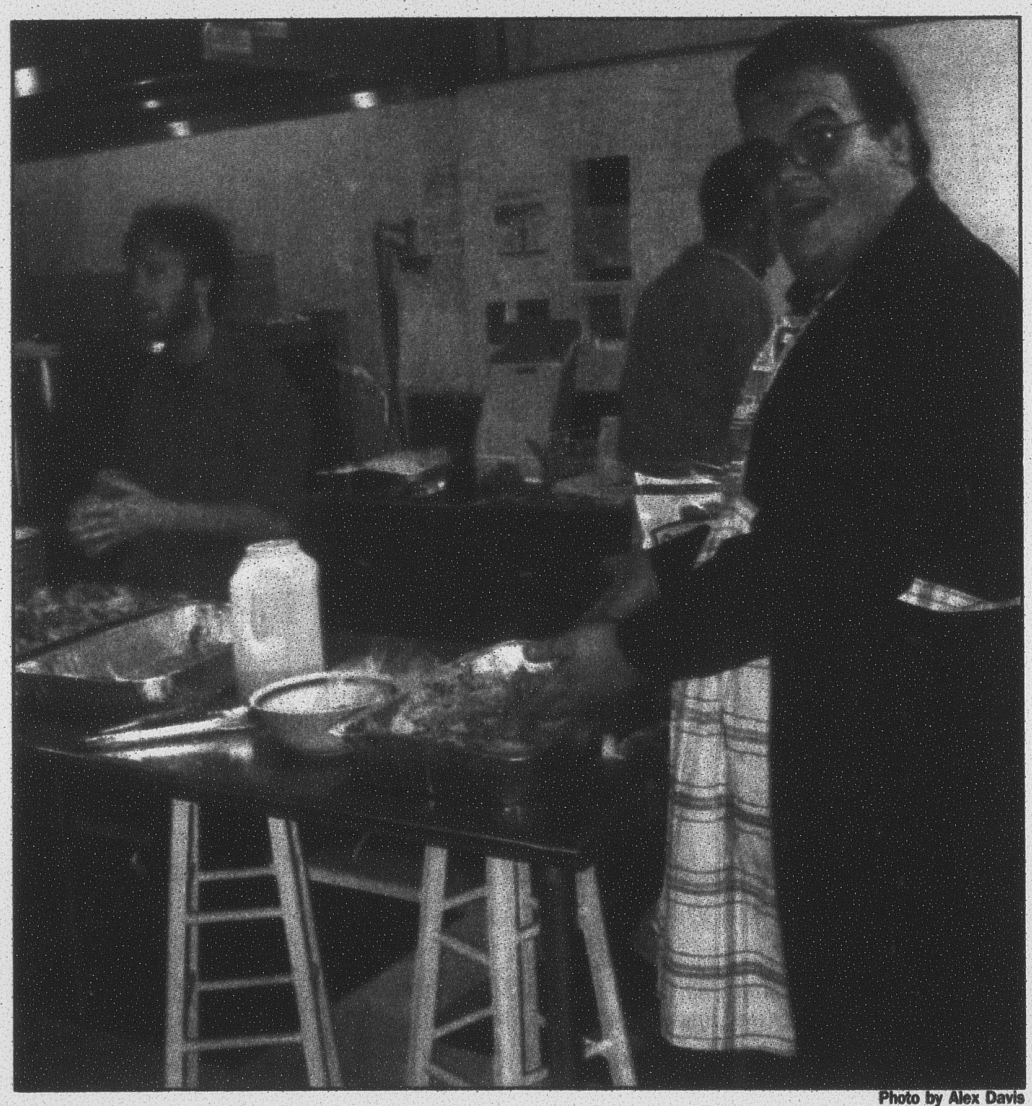

Photo by Alex Davis

Chef Tony

Senior Tony Gomez other choir members were responsible for not only entertaining guests but also preparing meals during the "Music, Magic and Meatballs" concert and dinner on Friday Oct. 3. The event sold-out most of its shows.

The theme this year was Disney. Some performers and servers were dressed up as well-known Disney characters, like *Snow White, Mary Poppins, Ariel,* and *Minnie Mouse.*

Tables were also decorated for the occasion with Disney-related names such as "Pride Rock" from *The Lion King,* "The Dwarves' House" from *Snow White,* and "The Magic Carpet" from *Aladdin.*

They opened with "Be Our Guest" from *Beauty and the Beast,* sung by the entire Concert Choir, including servers and kitchen staff. Then the performances began and the food was served.

The audience enjoyed their dinner to familiar Disney movie songs such as "Hakuna Matata," "Part of Your World," "A Spoonful of Sugar," and "When You Wish upon a Star." Christopher Granger accompanied the singers on the piano.

"It was very well done," Joe Hopkins, a Westminster College professor emeritus, said. "They have some very talented students at Westminster College."

He and his wife Lois come to Music and Meatballs every year.

Food for the event was all bought and prepared by the students, except for dessert, which was cheesecake from The Cheesecake Factory.

The church was used for the event because of the convenience of having a kitchen connected to the social hall. The kitchen staff made the food on the spot, and servers didn't have to walk far to retrieve food for their tables.

"We understand that we must put our effort into it as an individual to make a wonderful group as a whole," Karen Biddle said. She served and sang "Someday My Prince Will Come."

Concert Choir is an audition-based choir that holds concerts throughout the year and sometimes performs at Vespers.

They also do a tour between semesters. This year their tour will take them down the East Coast including Virginia and parts of Florida. It will end in Disney World, hence the theme of the show.

"It's a fun and innovative fundraiser because we get to showcase the choir as well as raising money."

Junior Amber O'Connor

Students experience poverty first-hand

By Sarah Cook
Campus Writer

The college held its second poverty simulation on Thursday, Oct. 9 in the Witherspoon rooms.

The Lawrence County Community Action Partnership sponsors the two-session poverty simulation in conjunction with the Drinko Center on campus. This year's event is similar to the poverty simulation held last year.

"I attended last year and found it to be a very valuable learning experience," senior Amber Okert said.

The simulation was carried out through a series of activities in which participants are introduced to situations similar to those of people who live in poverty. Several resource tables were set up around the perimeter of the room to resemble establishments such as a grocery store, social services office, pawnshop and others.

Volunteers gave participants of the simulation a limited amount of resources and then asked them to care for themselves and their simulated families under impoverished conditions.

Each participant played a role in the life of someone who struggles with poverty on a daily basis, including single parents, students and the elderly. The simulation was designed to model a one-month time period and was broken down into four 15 minute segments that are each equivalent to one week.

At the conclusion of each session, participants had time to reflect. During this period, participants and volunteers discussed their feelings and opinions regarding the simulation.

"I believe this is a valuable experience for students because it gives them an opportunity to look outside of the 'bubble' and see how many local people and families are living," Westminster Alumnus Eric Baugh said.

This event was created to raise awareness of the hardships that people living in poverty are forced to cope with every day.

"There are real obstacles that people in poverty face," Bethany South, the Drinko Center's VISTA representative, said. "Hopefully, people who attend will leave with increased awareness and compassion for those in poverty."

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Alumnus Eric Baugh

Photo by Lindsey Nuzzo

Senior Veronica Geretz pleads with a 'bank teller' at the U-Trust-Us Bank for access to her money to support her 'family' during the poverty simulation held Thursday Oct. 9. The event was sponsored by the Lawrence County Coummunity Action Partnership and the Drinko Center.

Pepperberry's gives students local shopping option

By Coleen York
Campus News

Students no longer have to drive 20 minutes to The Prime Outlet stores in Grove City every time they want to go shopping.

Pepperberry's, located on West Vine Street behind Rebecca's Salon, opened two years ago. However, the store received limited student attention until the Vera Bradley accessory line arrived at the store in September.

"After the Vera Bradley line came in a week ago the students have become my new BFFs [best friends forever] and customers," owner Laurie Weingartner said. "I really appreciate all of them coming in."

After running an interior design business for six years, Weingartner decided to open Pepperberry's. Weingartner's motivation for Pepperberry's was to establish a home accessory store in the area so residents would not have to travel far to purchase décor.

Pepperberry's inventory includes decorative home items, but also carries jewelry, paintings, clocks, tea, dishes, lotions and giftware, in addition to the Vera Bradley collection.

Last spring, Pepperberry's added an upstairs loft that now houses Vera Bradley stationary, gift sets, duffle bags, wallets, totes and handbags. The store is also willing to special order Vera Bradley pieces not currently in stock.

"No one else carries Vera Bradley around here. We have a pretty large inventory with more coming in all the time," Weingartner said.

Senior communications major Rachel Conn is interning at Pepperberry's this semester to learn how a small business runs.

"I love the atmosphere in Pepperberry's. The store is something I do not think a lot of people know is here, but it is definitely worth checking out," Conn said.

However, some students have already discovered Pepperberry's. Junior Monica Hall bought a Vera Bradley purse the week the store received the inventory.

Photo by Amanda Miller

All the rave

Locally-owned shop Pepperberry's now offers popular accessories, Vera Bradley bags, in-time for the holiday rush.

"I love anything Vera Bradley, " Hall said. "It's great that you do not have to drive to The Outlets to buy a new purse now, and Pepperberry's has a lot of other cute things too."

One can shop at Pepperberry's during regular store hours, Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. On Saturdays, Pepperberry's is open from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

In preparation for the holiday season, Pepperberry's will be holding an open house on November 6 – 8 with store hours from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. The store will be extensively decorated for the event and will feature many gift and holiday items. As an added convenience to customers, free gift-wrapping is always available.

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Owner Laurie Weingartner

Football victorious over PAC rival

Titans pick up 16-10 "must-win" over Thiel, now looks to Waynesburg

By Andrew Kubincanek
Sports Writer

The Titans earned their first conference victory in a 16-10 game against Thiel on Saturday Oct. 4.

Though Thiel scored first, Westminster responded with a field goal by junior Fred Romeo in the second quarter to tie the game at 3-3. With less than a minute in the second, junior Kevin Franz threw a touchdown pass to junior Chad Rosatelli.

In the third quarter, Franz threw another touchdown from a fourth and long situation on the Thiel 32 to sophomore John Baummer. The score put the Titans up 16-3 after a missed extra point.

"The … Franz to Baummer touchdown was a great team effort and it certainly displayed a level of maturity on our part, but it certainly did not put Thiel away," head coach Jeff Hand said.

Thiel responded in the end of fourth quarter with a touchdown to bring the game within 6 points. They attempted an onside kick which rolled out of bounds unsuccessfully.

Westminster gained 348 yards while holding Thiel to 269. The Titans are now 3-2 overall and 1-1 in the PAC. Westminster is tied with Grove City for third place. Thiel drops to 0-5 and 0-2 in the PAC. They are in last place in the conference.

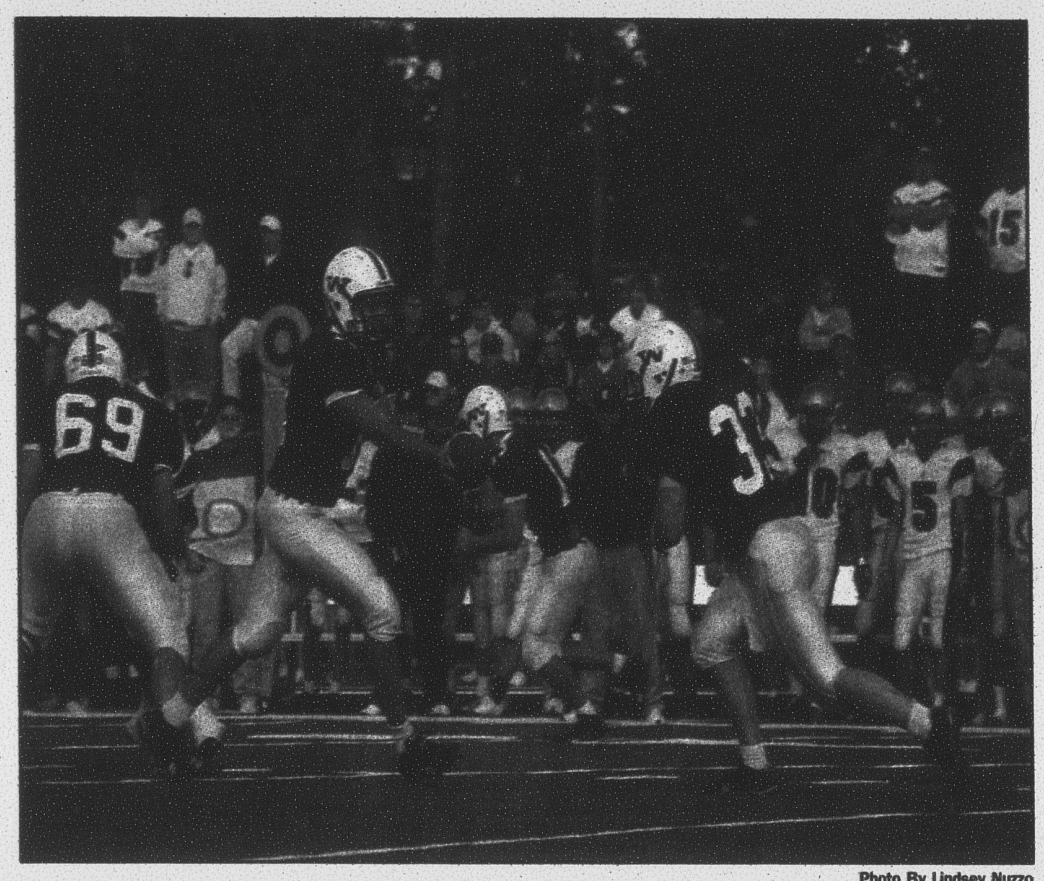

Photo By Lindsey Nuzzo

Quarterback Kevin Franz hands the ball off to tailback Nick McKolosky during their game on Saturday, Oct 4. The Titans went on to win against Thiel 16-10.

"I am not exactly sure if there is such a thing as must-win in my estimation, but it was a great day to get a win…in front of a great Titan crowd," Hand said.

It was also a great day for Franz and sophomore linebacker Cory Meeker. Meeker received PAC athlete-of-the-week honors for his performance in the game. He registered six tackles, 1.5 sacks (for -13 yards), and an interception. The interception came during a drive that could've tied the game in the second quarter.

"Just like any athlete would say that was only one game and there is always room for improvement, so next week I'll definitely try to out do this week as long as it helps the team win," Meeker said.

Franz was 22 of 29 for 270 yards. He has thrown for over 200 yards in every game this season. He now holds the record for career completions at Westminster with 497.

James Graham previously held the record with 488 completions between 1997 and 2000. Franz now has 5,082 career yards and second place in Westminster career yardage.

The previous second-place holder, Sean O'Shea, had 4,952 yards between 1991 and 1994. First place is held by Graham who gained 5,826 yards.

Westminster will travel to Waynesburg on Saturday Oct. 11 for the next game in a series of PAC match-ups. The game will be held in Wiley Stadium at 1:30 p.m. Meeker says that the team is energized by the Thiel victory and optimistic about their position.

"…now we head into Waynesburg with great team morale and a strong will of desire to get another Titan victory," Meeker said. "…basically we go into the game as underdogs so this gives us a chance to get a big win this weekend and gain some respect throughout the conference."

Although Waynesburg is 2-2 and 0-1 in the PAC, Hand recognizes that they are an aggressive team. The Titans lost to Waynesburg 13-54 last season.

"Waynesburg is a very athletic, physical team…we need to be disciplined to stay within our game plan and be fundamentally sound," Hand said.

Young golf team gives best effort

Andrew Kubincanek
Sports Writer

The women's golf team placed third out of four teams in the first round of the PAC Championships at Oak Tree Country Club on Sept. 20 and Oct. 1.

The team shot a two-day total of 795 with 399 on day one and 396 on day two. W&J took first place with a combined total of 708 and Grove City came in second with 761. Saint Vincent came in third with 979.

"…getting third is really good because we are a really young team," freshman Pamela Bonneau said. "We only had two returning girls at the tournament and it is always hard for younger players to play to their full potential."

Bonneau placed fifth on the individual standings with a combined score of 184. sophomore Lisa Giardina, junior Lauren Sieger, and freshmen Quinn Romanovich, and Jennifer Louth came in ninth through 12th place respectively. Giardina scored 203 and Seiger had a 204; Romanovich shot a 208 and Louth finished with 209.

"I think that our team needs to improve mentally a little since golf is 90% mental. Like I said, we are a young team and we just need to get rid of freshman anxiety," Bonneau said.

This season the PAC changed the format of the championship game from a double-weighted single match to two matches in the fall and spring. The second round of the PAC championship will be played at Oak Tree on April 21 and 22.

"I think that the championship being in the fall and spring is a really good idea because sometimes you can have a bad day or week but when it is split by a couple months it gives you time to improve and take your game to the next level," Bonneau said.

The team placed ninth out of 10 teams in their season opener at the Mercyhurst Invitational on Sept. 20 and 21.

They will travel to Allegheny for another invitational on Thursday October 9. They will play one more match at Grove City on Oct. 20 before the winter break. Play will then resume in March.

Men's soccer victorious in first PAC game

By April Scudere
Sports Writer

The men's soccer team improved their record this week to 8-4 and 1-0 in the PAC after earning wins against Saint Vincent and Thomas More in close games.

The Titans played their first President's Athletic Conference (PAC) game of the season on Saturday, Oct. 4 against Thomas More. The last time these two teams met resulted in a 1-0 loss for the Titans. This year they got their revenge, reciprocating a 1-0 win over the Saints.

"The first game in the PAC is always important so we wanted to come into and leave the game making a statement," senior midfielder Garrett Horvath said.

In the 4th minute, Horvath scored the lone goal of the game with an assist by junior midfielder, Jarred Smeltzer. Horvath was named PAC Men's Soccer Offensive Player of the Week as well as being the SAAC Titan Athlete of the Week.

Sophomore goalkeeper Mike Codita had his first shutout of the season with six saves.

Thomas More's men's team is now 7-2 for their overall record with one of those losses being the Titans' victory on Saturday.

"When we are focused and play our game we have the skill to outperform a number of teams in and out of the PAC," Horvath said.

On Wednesday Oct. 8, the Titans traveled to Bearcat territory to play Saint Vincent and came out victorious in a 4-3 win in double overtime.

Saint Vincent took the early lead by finding the back of the net in the 20th minute. Junior Brice Lott scored the equalizer with an assist from Ian Hill just after the half hour mark. The Titans continued to rally by scoring in the 36th minute off of a strike from sophomore midfielder Aaron Zavora, assisted by Chris Ellwanger.

After the Bearcats tied it up, Horvath assisted Hill on the go-ahead goal that put the Titans back on top 3-2. Hill's efforts netted him four points for the day with a goal and two assists.

The game was sent into overtime after Saint Vincent's goal just 8 minutes before the end of regulation. After a scoreless first period of overtime, Smeltzer earned the game winning goal off of an assist from Hill. Goalkeeper Mike Codita ended the day with five saves.

With a record of 8-4, some contribute the Titans' success thus far to their depth on the bench.

"This has been the deepest team I've played for thus far at Westminster. When we make substitutions, I feel like we lose nothing on the field," Ellwanger said. "Those coming on are just as skillful and work just as hard as those starting."

The men's team will be taking on Geneva this Saturday, Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. under the lights at the newly finished Burry Stadium.

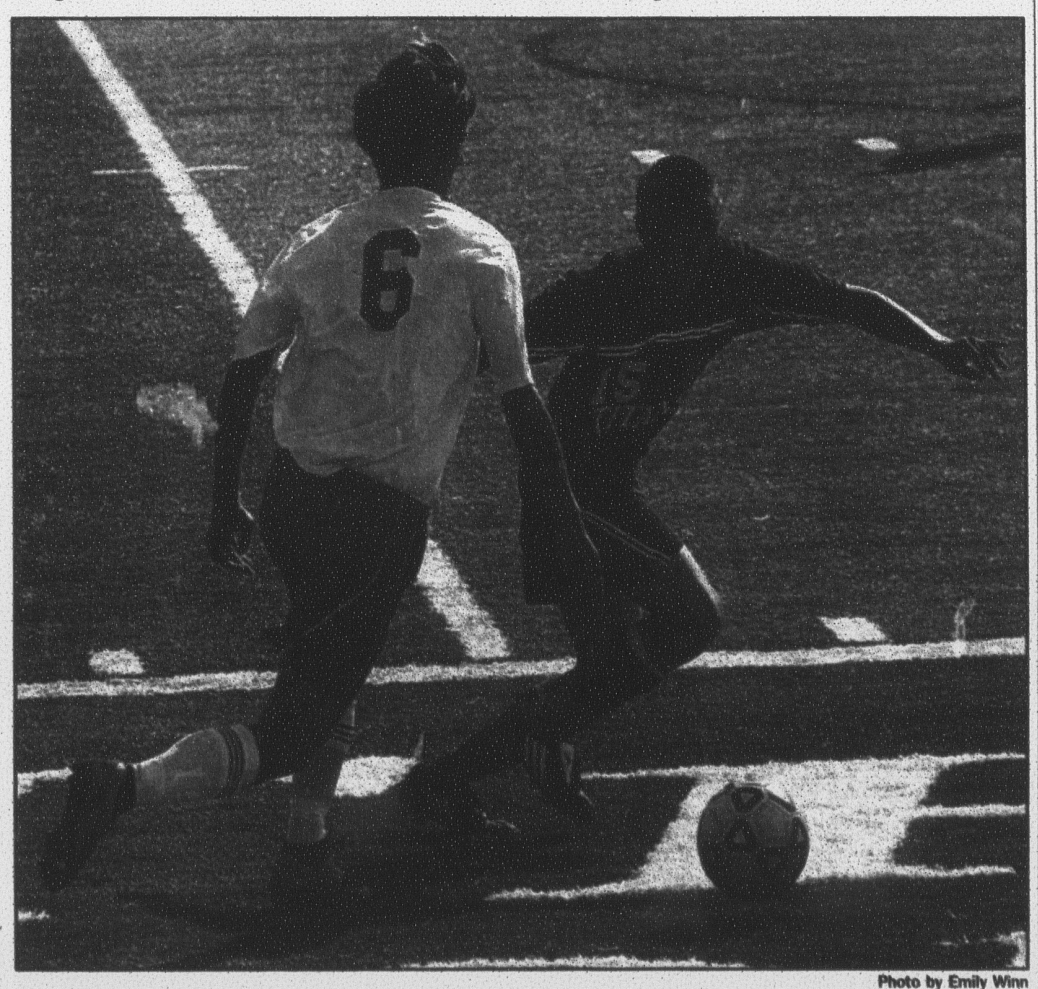

Photo by Emily Winn

Freshman, Jason Mezyk, defends against a Thomas More player to help the Titan's win 1-0 in their first conference game.

Upcoming Athletic Events

Friday:
TBA Men's Golf at Grove City Invitational
3:00 p.m. Women's Tennis at Waynesburg

Saturday:
TBA Men's Golf at Grove City Invitational
1:30 p.m. Football at Waynesburg
5:00 p.m. Women's Soccer v. Geneva
7:00 p.m. Men's Soccer v. Geneva

Monday:
Men's Golf @ ECAC Invitational

Tuesday:
TBA Men's Golf @ ECAC Invitational
2:30 p.m. Women's Tennis @ Indiana

Wednesday:
7:00 p.m. Men's Soccer v. Thiel
9:00 p.m. Women's Soccer v. Thiel

Friday:
3:45 p.m. Women's Tennis v. Grove City
6:00 p.m. Men's Soccer v. Washington & Jefferson
8:00 p.m. Women's Soccer v. Washington & Jefferson

Upheaval of the Average Fan

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

The housing market, driving patterns, and holiday spending are no doubt drastically changing as a result of the present day economy, but what about the economy's effect on the average sports fan?

I define the average sports fan to be someone who cares about fuel prices, the cost of a ticket, and the score of his or her favorite team. The economy is now crippling the average fan's ability to attend a professional sporting event.

As if the economy is not making it hard enough on the middle-class diehard sports fan, franchises have become so money hungry that they are weeding out their truest fans. Take for instance the new Yankee Stadium. Often in my columns I have referred to the Yankees as the Evil Empire, but this time I, and every other average sports fan, have a legitimate reason.

The Yankees are making it nearly impossible for an average fan to attend a ball game. The new Yankee Stadium will be a coliseum with half as many bleacher seats as the original Yankee Stadium. What are the Yankees planning to do with all of the additional space? Instead of putting in more cheap seats so average fans can attend games, the Yanks are creating the new Yankee Stadium with more than three times the luxury boxes of the original Yankee Stadium.

This illustrates how sports franchises are driving up their revenue while crushing the opportunities of average fans. Baseball is supposedly America's pastime, but what kind of a pastime is it when only a small percentage of people are going to be able to afford to visit venues like Yankee Stadium, Fenway Park, or Wrigley Field?

Another specific culprit stemming from a poor economy is the travel required for an average fan to attend a sporting event. Attendance took such a dip for the Texas Rangers in the 2008 season that they began to offer $5 gas cards as a promotion in the hopes of getting fans to attend games.

The term disposable income is becoming a thing of the past for many Americans, and without any disposable income, fans simply cannot afford trips to the ballpark or stadium. Sporting events are turning into social events for hobnob Fortune 500 CEO's and multi-million dollar corporations.

However, as Roger Goodell warned the entire NFL, corporations are going to have to start cutting spending in the form of advertising, naming rights, luxury boxes, and corporate season tickets. Sam Kennedy, Boston Red Sox Executive Vice President, has also publicly stated that in meetings with his projected 2009 sponsors, there have been fiscal issues raised as a result of a declining economy.

Certainly, players cannot be as excited when they look into the stands and see corporate America instead of seeing the borderline crazy, true, and diehard fan. After all, sports are supposed to be about the players and the fans. With the continuing swoon of the economy and the unbecoming greed of sports franchises, the average fan is truly being removed from the game.

Imagine a Yankee Stadium filled with the quietness of corporate America as opposed to the craziness of diehard fans. I'm sure nothing excites the players more than that thought.

Agree or disagree with Brandon? E-mail the Holcad and you might make his next column

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Sports

Volleyball remains undefeated in PAC

By Corey Kendall
Sports Writer

As the temperatures slowly begin to drop, the Lady Titans are doing just the opposite. In fact, they are not just heating up they are on fire. After three PAC matches of the past week, the Lady Titans still remain undefeated in PAC play with a conference record of 7-0 and an overall record of 14-7

On Thursday, October 2, the Lady Titans took on Chatham for yet another PAC match. The Titans were able to come out victorious with an overall score of 3-0 and individual game scores of 25-12, 25-7, and 25-14.

"Chatham is a team that keeps you on your toes and if you're not ready you could run into some problems," states junior Beth Copp, "However, we handled them well and got the job done."

Westminster certainly outplayed Chatham as freshman Lindsay Speidel was able to lead the Titans with eight kills and two blocks while freshman Jessie Szakacs was also able to put out eight kills for the Titans. Junior Beth Copp pounded seven kills while freshman Tara Ott tallied six kills. Senior Traci Hassell gave 18 assists while senior Hannah Parker contributed 17 digs.

After a great win against Chatham the Lady Titans hosted Grove City and Thiel in a triangular match on Saturday, October 4. The Titans took on Grove City as the first of the two PAC opponents. Westminster was able to come out victorious with a score of 3-0 and individual game scores of 25-15, 25-16, and 25-10.

Junior Beth Copp and freshman Lindsay Speidel both posted eight kills apiece. Senior Hannah Parker tallied seven digs while freshman Jessie Szakacs gave out 16 assists.

"This was the best over all performance that the Titans have had all season," head coach Tammy Swearingen said, "It was fun to watch."

Coming out of another great PAC victory, the Ladies Titans took on PAC opponent Thiel. Westminster was able to continue on their PAC winning streak as they defeated Thiel with and overall score of 3-0 and individual game score of 25-21, 25-20, and 25-19.

"We defeated them 3-0, but we had to work hard to get the wins," Swearingen said.

The Titans certainly played hard as junior Sam Botzum led the Titans with 11 kills while junior Devin Kelley contibuted nine kills along with four blocks. Senior Hannah Parker tallied 22 digs and senior Traci Hassell also gave 23 assists.

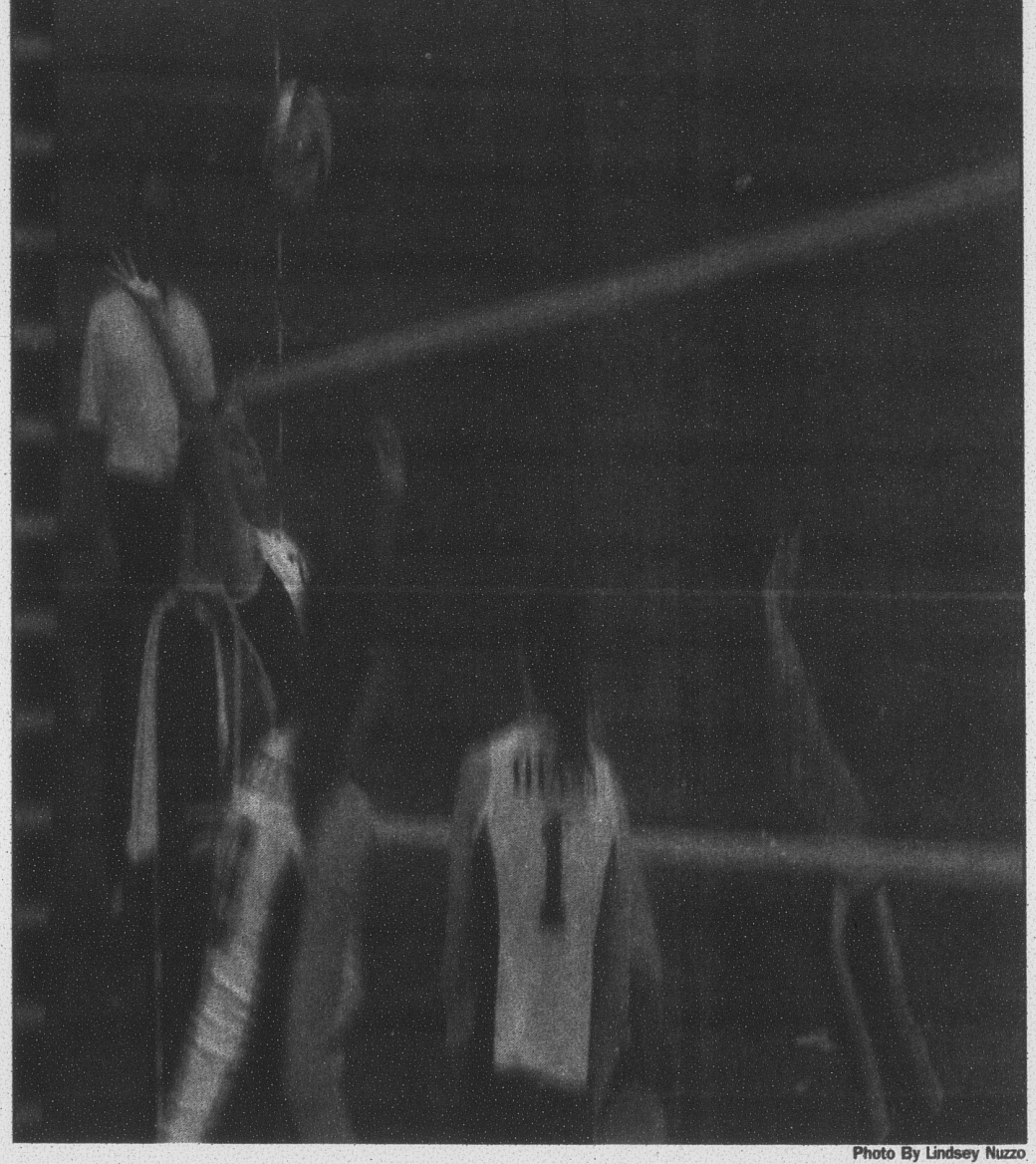

Photo By Lindsey Nuzzo

"I think there were points in the game that we struggled, but we pulled together as a team," Copp said. "And we were all determined to win!"

The Lady Titans are all hoping to become number one in the PAC and with this past week's performance they are certainly on their way. The Ladies know that they will have to continue working hard.

"To reach the goal of winning PACs we have to keep pushing ourselves each and every practice and never underestimate an opponent," Copp said.

The Lady Titans will have a chance to continue on their streak in the PAC as they travel to take on Waynesburg on Tuesday, October 14, at 7:00.

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Coach Tammy Swearingen

Tennis strikes again

Lady Titans defeat Geneva 9-0

By Brad Meehan
Campus Writer

The women's tennis team took a big step forward this week despite splitting its matches to non-conference opponents Geneva and Mt. Union.

The Lady Titans defeated Geneva with ease on Wednesday, Oct. 1 with a score of 9-0. Last season the team split its two matches with the Golden Tornadoes. The Lady Titans even lost 9-0 in one of them. With the win the Lady Titans captured its eighth 9-0 win of the season.

"I feel the team is handling the success well," junior Hilary Newman said. We continue to take it one match at a time and not letting ourselves become too confident and letting it get to our heads."

April Scudere, Andrea Redhair, Hilary Newman, Dana Griesmer, Natalie Hruska, and Rachel Jack all won their matches in singles action. In doubles action, the three teams of Scudere/ Redhair, Newman/Griesmer, and Jack/Beth Erwin won their matches as well.

The Lady Titans made the trip to play Mt. Union College on Friday, Oct. 3 and even though the Lady Titans were on the wrong end of the score, there was much to build on with their performance.

"We played really hard, we just weren't able to get over the hump," coach Scott Renninger said. "We improved from our performance against them a year ago and the bottom line is the team battled, we just came up short."

Last season the Lady Titans lost to Mt. Union 9-0 and the team knew going into this year's match the only thing it could do was improve against a very tough opponent. The Lady Titans lost to Mt. Union 5-4, splitting the singles matches 3-3. Griesmer, Hruska, and Jack all won their matches in two sets. The other three singles, Scudere, Redhair and Newman, lost their hard fought matches. On the doubles side of things, Mt. Union took two of three matches from the Lady Titans. The only win the Lady Titans were able to muster with were the team of Hruska and Jack.

"I think that our confidence level will continue to increase with the upcoming weeks anticipating the PAC Championships, sophomore Natalie Hruska said. "We must continue to play our game and keep our eyes on the prize of winning the PAC Championships."

Despite splitting matches this week, the Lady Titans currently are in second place in the PAC. The Lady Titans currently are 9-4 overall and 3-0 in conference play. The Lady Titans trail Grove City who is 8-0 overall and 4-0 in the conference.

Cross Country competes at SRU Invitational

Men and women run against nationally ranked teams

By Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

The men's and women's cross country teams placed 15th and 26th, respectively, at the Slippery Rock Invitational Saturday, Oct. 4. The men competed with 21 teams scoring 479 points, while the women competed with 28 teams and scored 686 points.

Seven nationally ranked teams participated in the event at Cooper's Lake Campground. The women's teams included:

#6 Cal State Los Angeles

#14 UC San Diego

#17 Bloomsburg,

#19 Dallas Baptist (TX)

#25 Slippery Rock(host)

The men's teams featured:

#20 Lock Haven

#24 UC San Diego.

Freshman Morgan Hanes led the Titan men in the 8,000-meter race placing 64th at 27:38. Junior Jeremiah Patterson followed in 79th place with a time of 28:14.

"The team did amazing," Hanes said. "Almost everyone improved their personal records by a large amount. We were able to get five runners under 30 minutes, which is huge so early in the season."

UC San Diego won the men's team standings with 52 points. Slippery Rock's Pat Reagan was the men's individual winner with a time of 24:51.

Junior Rachel Hudson led the Titan women in the 6,000-meter race with a 101st time of 25:35. Classmate Elizabeth Beardsley followed in 114th place at 25:52.

Cal State Los Angeles and Slippery Rock tied for first in the women's team standings with 107 points each. Wayne State's Rachel Mallet was the women's individual leader with a time of 21:35.

The Titans return to action Saturday, Oct. 18 when they travel to compete in the Oberlin Inter-Regional Rumble at the recently finished Oberlin Cross Country Trail.

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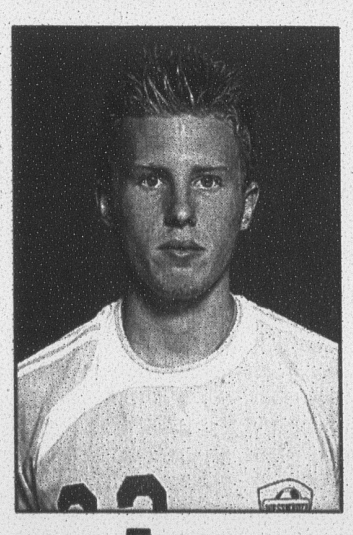
Freshman runner Morgan Hanes

Titan athletic honors

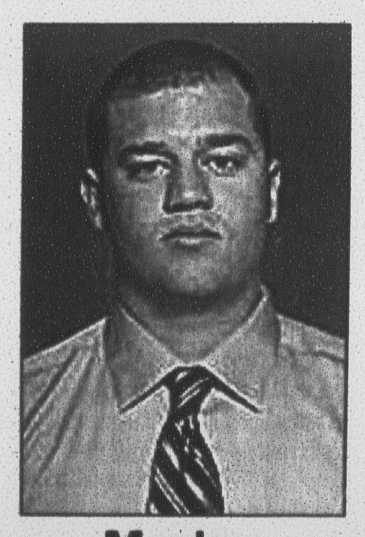


Franz

Senior midfielder Garrett Horvath was recognized by the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Monday Oct 6. with a weekly award.

He was named PAC Men's Soccer Offensive Player of the Week. Horvath earned his second career PAC weekly honor by scoring the game-winning goal in Westminster's 1-0 win at Thomas More in both teams' PAC opener on Saturday. Horvath's league-leading eighth goal of the season came just 3:16 into the contest.

Horvath was also voted SAAC athlete of the week, as voted by his peers.



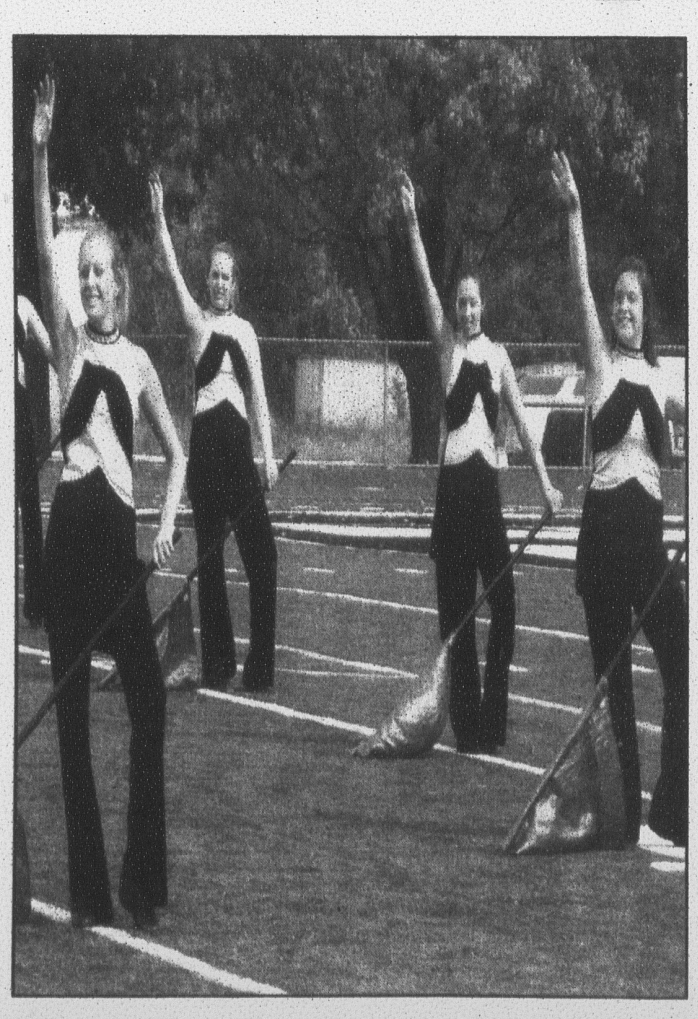
Meeker

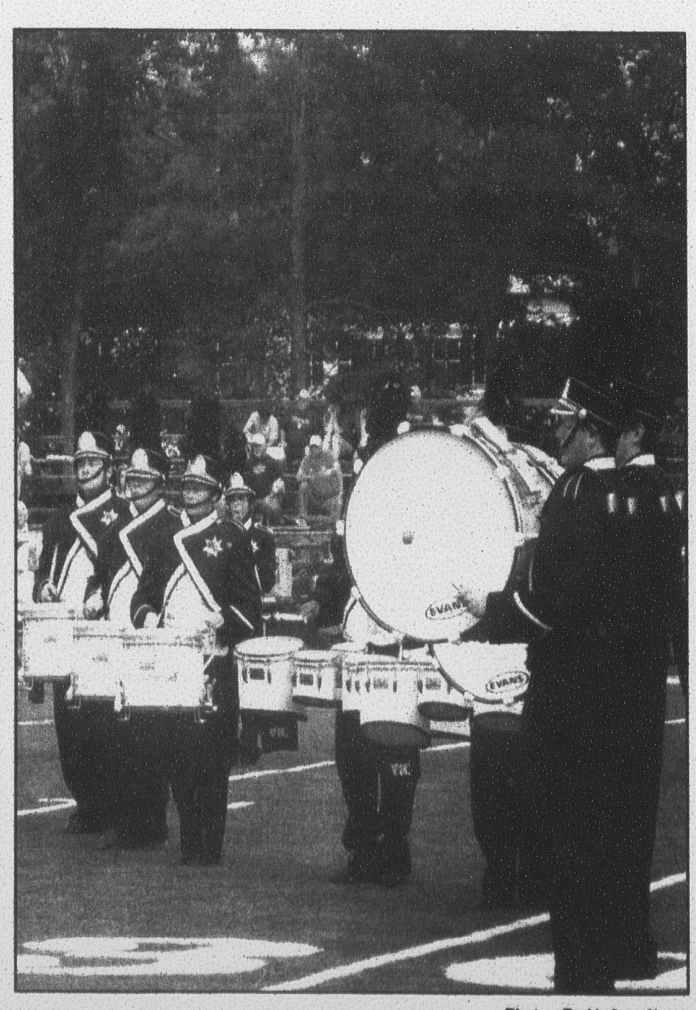
Sophomore linebacker Cory Meeker was recognized by the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Monday with a weekly award.

Meeker, a member of the Titan football team was named PAC Defensive Player of the Week.

Meeker became the first Westminster football player to earn PAC Defensive Player of the Week honors in three years as he keyed in the Titans' 16-10 win vs. Thiel on Saturday. In his second career start, Meeker posted six tackles (1.5 for losses), 1.5 quarterback sacks for -13 yards, and his first career interception.

Strike up the band





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Incomplete Grades Due
TBA Men's Golf @ Grove City Invitational
11:30 AM - 12:50 PM Tri Beta's Betta Fish Sale (MCC TUB)
11:45 AM Alpha Phi Omega Exec. Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Conference Room)
3:00 PM Women's Tennis @ Waynesburg*
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Tri Beta's Betta Fish Sale (MCC TUB)
6:00 PM Residence Halls Close
7:30 PM Celebrity Series: Alter Boyz (Orr Auditorium)

Saturday, October 11, 2008
Mid-Semester Break
PCMEA Educational Symposium
TBA Men's Golf @ Grove City Invitational
1:30 PM Football @ Waynesburg*
5:00 PM WOMEN'S SOCCER v. Geneva
7:00 PM MEN'S SOCCER v. Geneva

Sunday, October 12, 2008
Mid-Semester Break
SGA-Sponsored Trip to Cedar Point

Monday, October 13, 2008
Mid-Semester Break
SGA-Sponsored Trip to Cedar Point
Tibetan Monks Construct a Sand Mandela
TBA Men's Golf @ ECAC Invitational (at Pittsburgh, Pa.)
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Heinz Lecture Series: Tibetan Monks from Gaden Shartse Monastery (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

Tuesday, October 14, 2008
Mid-Semester Break
SGA-Sponsored Trip to Cedar Point
Tibetan Monks Construct a Sand Mandela
TBA Men's Golf @ ECAC Invitational (at Pittsburgh, Pa.)
12:00 PM Residence Halls Open
2:30 PM Women's Tennis @ Indiana (Pa.)
5:30 PM Church Relations Continuing Education Guest Speaker: Dave Roberts (Witherspoon Maple)
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Heinz Lecture Series: Tibetan Monks from Gaden Shartse Monastery (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)
7:00 PM Volleyball @ Waynesburg*
8:00 PM BSU Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Conference Room)

Wednesday, October 15, 2008
Classes Resume
Last Day for First 7-Week Courses
Tibetan Monks Construct a Sand Mandela
11:40 AM Student Pre-Law Association Meeting (Patterson 215)
4:30 PM Children's Literature Group: Hattie's Big Sky by Kirby Larson (Mugsies)
5:15 PM CPC Meeting (MCC Club)
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Heinz Lecture Series: Tibetan Monks from Gaden Shartse Monastery (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)
7:00 PM MEN'S SOCCER v. Thiel*
7:00 PM Heinz Lecture Series: Presentation by Tibetan Monks (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)
7:00 PM International Cultures Club Meeting (MCC Berlin Lounge)
7:00 PM SGA Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)
9:00 PM WOMEN'S SOCCER v. Thiel*
9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship (MCC Berlin Lounge)

Thursday, October 16, 2008
Homecoming Pep Rally
PE2 and Second Set of 7-Week Courses Begin
12:45 PM IFC Meeting (Memorial Field House)
5:45 PM College Democrats Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Conference Room)
6:00 PM Pre-Dental Society Meeting (MCC Wile Conference Room 352)
6:15 PM Japanese Anime Club (Thompson-Clark 210)
7:00 PM Ceremonial Dissolution of Sand Mandela by Tibetan Monks (MCC Lower Level – Patio Window Area)
7:00 PM Gospel Choir Rehearsal (Wallace Memorial Chapel)
8:00 PM Allies Meeting (Thompson-Clark 314)
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Climbing Wall Open (Memorial Field House)
8:00 PM Newman Club Exec. Meeting (MCC 352 Wile Conference Room)
8:30 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes (MCC Witherspoon Maple)
9:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night at Westminster (MCC Club/Lounge)
10:00 PM Titan Traverse Student Meeting (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

Friday, October 17, 2008
Deadline to Register Student Organizations for Mardi Gras 2009
First-Year Students' Mid-Term Grades Due
HOMECOMING WEEKEND
PE2 and Second Set of 7-Week Courses Begin
11:40 AM - 12:40 PM Biology Seminar (Phillips Lecture Hall)
11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)
2:00 PM Distinguished Alumnus Speaker: Alan D. Smith, '77, Managing Director, Securities and Fund Services, Citibank, "Turmoil in Financial Markets" (Phillips Lecture Hall)
3:45 PM WOMEN'S TENNIS v. Grove City*
4:15 PM Distinguished Alumni Lecture on Medical Physics: Gwendolyn Myron Brunner, '96 (Hoyt 152)
4:30 PM Rededication of Ralph Gibson McGill Memorial Library
5:45 PM College Democrats Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Conference Room)
6:00 PM MEN'S SOCCER v. Washington & Jefferson*
8:00 PM WOMEN'S SOCCER v. Washington & Jefferson*
8:00 PM CPC Presents Johnny Walker, Stand-up Comedian (MCC Club/Lounge)
8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Dr. Seuss' Cat in the Hat (MCC Mueller Theater)
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Step Brothers (MCC Mueller Theater)

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ARIES (March 21-April 19).
Napoleon Bonaparte said, "Ability is nothing without opportunity." The trick is in seeing opportunity, which is an ability in and of itself. You possess that gift so strongly now, especially Thursday through Saturday, that you notice for the first time an opportunity that was there all along. Pisces helps in this matter.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).
Relationships can be complex. Loving one another is the simple part until suddenly loving one another becomes the hard part. You'll be in both phases over the course of this week, but whatever stage you're in, keep doing the work to build strong love. The road evens out by Friday and your personal life is a smooth ride.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
You've learned your social savvy the hard way with lessons that made you impervious to the same slights that would knock others off their game. After all, why take offense when none was meant? You've learned how to focus on the positive. You'll be helping friends, especially the overly-sensitive ones, do the same.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).
To be in a relationship with you is a commitment to self-improvement. You're constantly seeing how those you love can learn and grow, and sharing information to help them do that. Knowing when to push and when to back off are important this week. There is much that people simply must find out all on their own.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).
Contrary to what some people think of you these days, you're not entirely perfect. Of course, you're still the one who is the hardest on yourself. Around Wednesday little missteps could cause you to obsess, which cut down on your productivity. Really, you're doing fine. Reward yourself to reinforce all you're doing right.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).
Your body will talk back to you this week. Take preventative action, such as using a headpiece on your phone to keep you from kinking your neck. Go easy at the gym. Stay within a gentle physical regime. It's not the time to force your body into new and potentially awkward positions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).
The process of getting along is different for everyone you know and it changes through time. What created harmony yesterday could create dissonance today, Surrender to the process of relationship building knowing that it cannot be perfected, only enjoyed. You will never stop learning to love well.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).
Thoughtfully schedule ahead. If you don't have enough activities on the books, you will be tempted to obsess over details that are ultimately meaningless. Too many activities will cause you to lose focus entirely. You don't want life to blur by you! Get balanced. Let your highest self be your social secretary.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).
You don't know what's going on next door, though you have an inkling. The neighbor's business holds a peculiar fascination. You'll find yourself preoccupied with such for most of the week – that is until your own pressing business takes priority. Soon tales from the house over yonder will be a dim dalliance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).
What is it about those people who get to live their fantasies that intrigues you so? Your thinking patterns are ingrained to the point that it's almost impossible to see the world any other way than the method you've been seeing it for years. A Scorpio may change all of that, to the same degree that you are open to change.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).
In the past, you've held the opinion that having a back-up plan is for people who don't believe enough in the first plan. However, the times have changed. Right now, contriving another route might give you the security you need in order to really go for what you want. Write it down – that's what makes it real.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).
Oh, the personalities you'll be navigating this week. If only people could be as spiritually attuned as you. But that would require them to mind their own business, find their own inner strength and not lean so heavily on others, namely you. Lucky for them, you're extraordinarily generous with your wisdom this week.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS:
It's a significant year in your personal development. The next seven weeks show you in an extremely active stage. You stop yearning for what you want and start acting. Connections you make in January are both unexpected and fruitful. You'll be flummoxed by the choices before you in February, until one career move happens and everything else seems to fall into place. A central relationship develops sweetly in June. Providence moves on your behalf in August.

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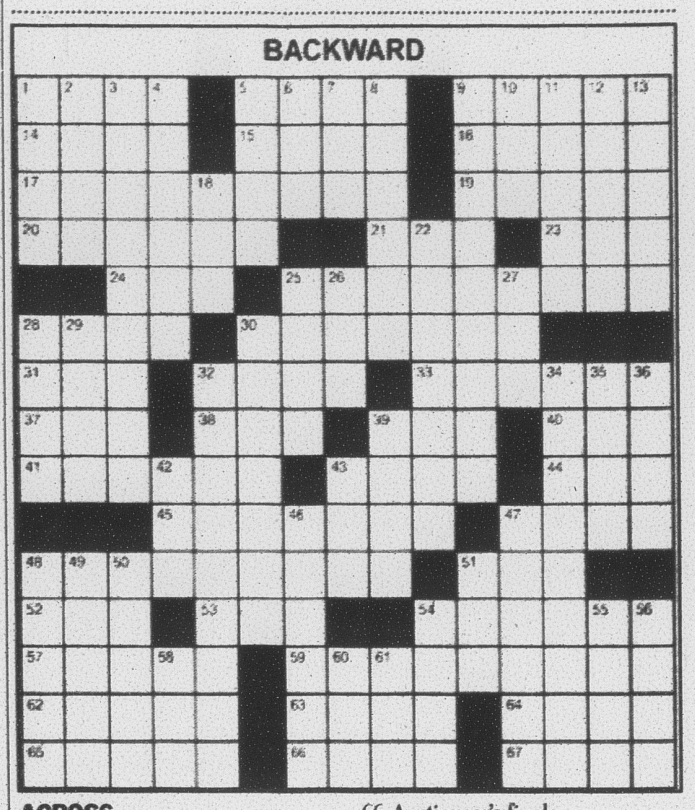

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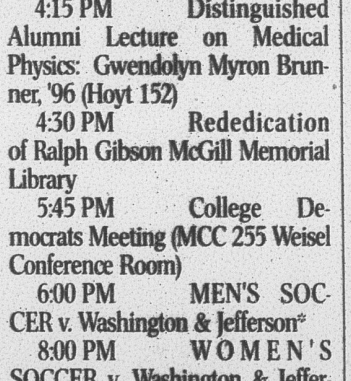

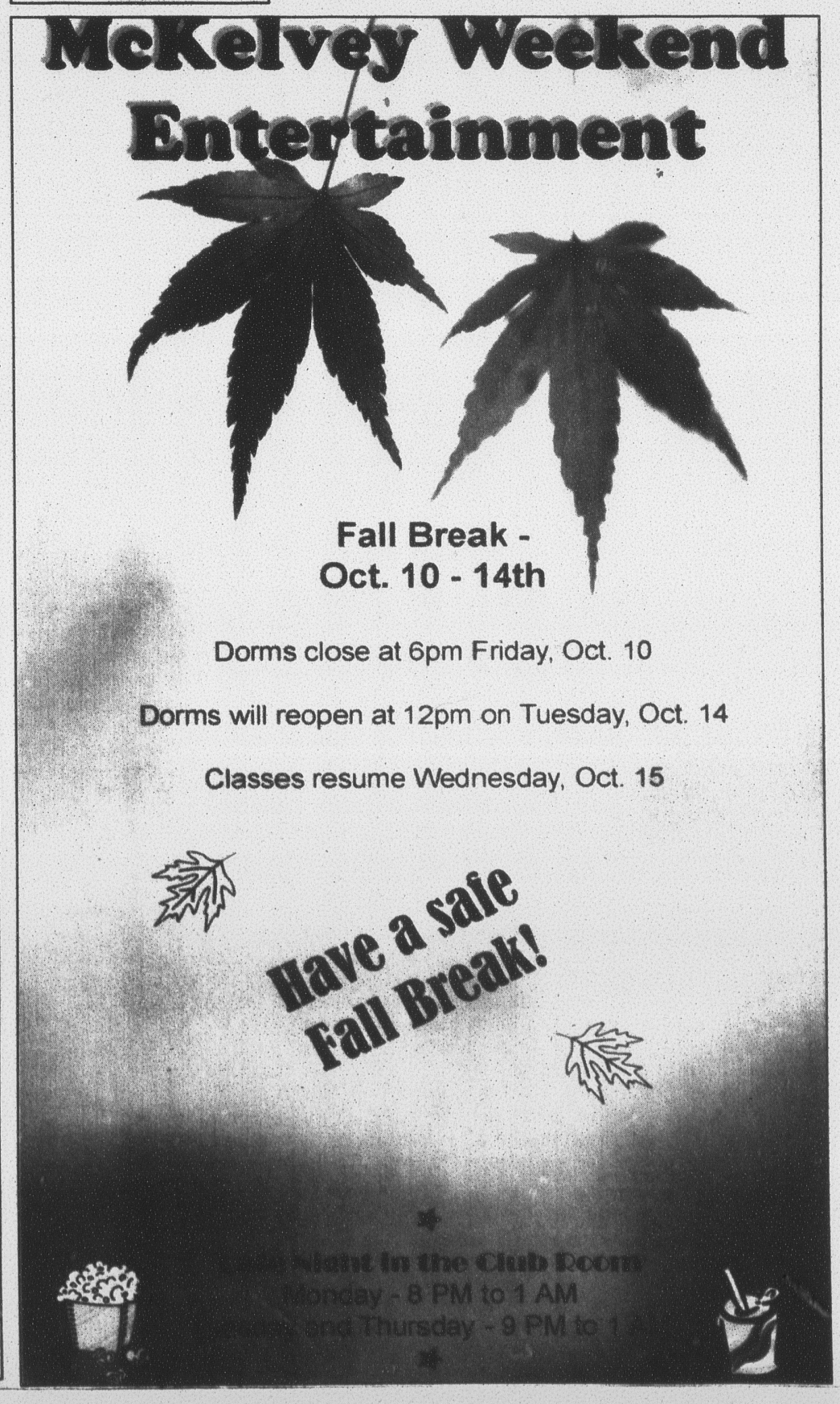

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Anberlin waves the white flag

Chris Lehberger
A&E Editor

To surrender is to give in. It marks a defeat against a force that has become too burdening or too strong to face. However, to surrender also means to meet a force one may have met before and to give in yet again, but this time for reasons exempt from tiredness and defeat. It's to give in, but give in willingly.

It would be dandy to say that Anberlin has surrendered to its own demons over the last several years. It's always advantageous to speak of a band overcoming obstacles and releasing an album that's as momentous as the overcoming itself, but with Anberlin, this isn't the case.

The band hasn't suffered any troubled internal affairs, other than a few line-up changes, and as of yet, hasn't been cheated by their label. And surrender is not the only new thing to the band. The changes of label and producer have marked a slight change in the band's musical vision as well.

New Surrender is much cleaner than the Anberlin listener may be used to and more pop-like at that.

Tracks such as "Breathe" and "Retrace" are slow and polished, and although the band hasn't strayed from ballads of their past, Neil Avron's smooth work behind the boards make the songs sound polished enough to be played on Top 40 radio.

This may not necessarily be negative, but in exchange for their radio-friendliness, the band has seemingly lost some of the artistic tone it possessed on *Cities*.

Indeed, the overall tempo of *New Surrender* is slower, but not every song is fit for a seventh-grade slow dance. The opener "The Resistance" shows the attitude that has made Anberlin renowned, as heavy, driving guitars inundate the chorus behind lead-vocalist Stephen Christian's enunciation of "speak for yourself, you paper tigers."

The album's first single "Feel Good Drag" moves with the same kind of energy, but doesn't hit the mark of the original song as the guitars are too clean and the drums aren't as heavy.

"Disappear" offers fulfilling arrangements and a pleasing bridge, but as far as the band's precedence goes, it's nothing new. "Blame Me! Blame Me!" follows much of the same pattern, but falls deeper into the realm of mediocrity.

"Breaking" bears the most similarity to the Anberlin of the *Cities* era. The song is as melodically driven as an Anberlin tune has ever been and is also as equally catchy.

"Haight Street," a throwback to the band's *Never Take Friendship Personal* era, is the catchiest song on the record, chalking up hand-claps and whoa-ohs along the way, showing a marked improvement upon hook-centered songwriting. "Younglife" and "Burn Out Brighter (Northern Lights)" are less memorable than the latter, but are supported by strong melodic backbones.

Stephen Christian's vocals remain superlative throughout the record, further solidifying his stature as one of the best vocalists in the scene. The addition of Christian McAlhaney (ex-Acceptance) on guitar is complimentary to Christian's vocal dexterity, and with the stalwart Milligan rounding out the songwriting line-up, the band is star-studded.

However, despite positive changes in line-up, label and producer, *New Surrender* is a step sideways for the band, which has seemingly given up the earth-like, thick feel they developed on *Cities*.

In essence, they've cleaned up their sound. In songs like "Haight Street," this change is for the good, but in songs like "Soft Skeletons," which is the cheesiest song the band ever wrote, the style should be left for Simple Plan.

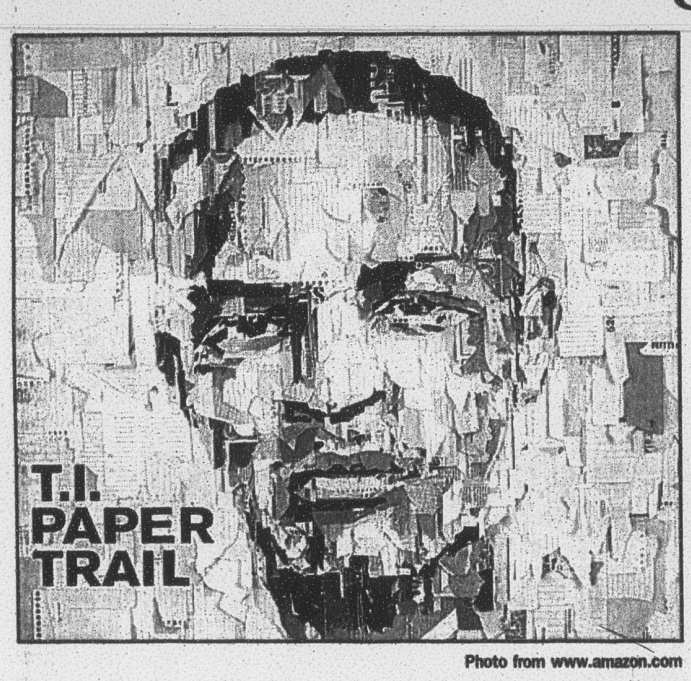
In the end, *New Surrender* was surprising. With the diverse influences that have been leaking into the band's blogs and music (they covered Radiohead's "Creep" for cripes sake), a pop record was seemingly the last thing on the band's plate. Nevertheless, the band has written a pop-leaning record, and although it's by no means unpleasant, it doesn't unleash the raw purity the band has revealed in the past. This is a new surrender and a new era for the band, and all that stands in their way is themselves.

Photo from www.dotgospel.com

Chris is a senior public relations major. He likes reading, writing, and playing "Name That Tune" with his room mates.

Chris' Rating: ★★★☆☆

T.I. on the right track with *Paper Trail*



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By Max Muska
A&E Writer

I'm never been much of a rap fan. The only rap you'll find on my playlist is some old N.W.A., the Beastie Boys and maybe some Outkast.

But we're trying to add some diversity to the A&E section, and I was excited to review a style of music I'm not used to listening to.

Of course I had some preconceived notions about what T.I.'s new album *Paper Trail* would be like. I was totally wrong; I thought that every song would have the same beat and the lyrics would be juvenile and all about guns, drugs, and sex.

Some of the lyrics were about these themes, but many of the lyrics were much more autobiographical and honest than I expected. T.I. was under house arrest for weapons charges when working on the majority of this album and he will be heading to jail for a year for similar charges.

The song "Ready For Whatever" explains T.I.'s view of the situation: "Now is it that hard to understand if you listen/Die or go to jail that's a hell of a decision/But I'm wrong and I know that my excuses aren't important/I'm just trying to let you know that I ain't think I had a choice."

T.I. is explaining that he had the weapons for protection because he has a family and other responsibilities. Several other songs echo this sentiment and also that no one should judge him without being able to put themselves in his shoes.

Musically the album is very simple. Most tracks just have a beat from a drum machine and one or two synthesized instruments. This minimalistic structure gives the focus of the music to T.I.'s impressive lyrical rhythm and clever rhymes. He has a wonderful ability to speak his mind eloquently while rhyming.

My favorite track is "No Matter What," a slower track with a nice street organ part in the background. The slower tempo gives T.I.'s rhyming a chance to stand out more on this track than any others. The sentiment of the track is that he will continue moving on no matter what happens: "Even when winning's impossible/Losing is far from optional."

Another stand-out track is "Swagga Like Us" which features Kanye West, Jay Z and Lil Wayne. Each rapper gets a verse, and T.I. definitely out-raps all of them even though Jay Z has been around for much longer.

The rest of the collaborations on the album could have been left out. T.I. seems to work much better alone. "Live Your Life" featuring Rihanna (and a sample of the song from the Numa Numa Dance video that was so popular on youtube) is easily my least favorite track. The songs featuring John Legend and Justin Timberlake were better, but still not as impressive as the rest of the album. T.I. also collaborated with Swizz Beatz, Ludacris, and Usher.

Photo from www.themavenreport.com

This album was honest and serious for the most part, which is the total opposite of what I expected. T.I. gives his audience some insight into his way of life and what's actually going on inside his head.

If someone like me can get into *Paper Trail*, anyone can. Even if you don't listen to rap you should check this out.

Max's Rating: ★★★★☆

Don't stop for a visit at *Lakeview Terrace*

By Brett Gerthoffer
A&E Staff Writer

The objective of *Lakeview Terrace* was to plunge the audience into a riveting thriller about a crazy neighbor who won't leave you alone with an added race discrimination twist. You're better off taking a plunge into Lake Brittain.

Lakeview holds on to a few well placed themes but loses its grip with everything else. Realistic events are lost in an overplayed final act and blunt metaphor involving California wildfires.

Director Neil LaBute and writers David Lougherty and Howard Korder attempt to take a generic plot of a crazy judgmental neighbor, add a racial twist, and put it on a new level. But they fail to deliver.

New homeowner interracial couple Chris and Lisa Mattson (Patrick Wilson, Kerry Washington) are quickly harassed by black cop neighbor Abel Turner (Samuel L. Jackson).

Turner, who lost his wife to a horrific car accident caused by a white boy high on drugs, holds a vicious vendetta to the interracial couple. He goes to the extreme to force the Mattsons out of the neighborhood solely because of their interracial status.

All the while threatening wildfires creep closer and closer to the beautiful Lakeview Terrace homes. This fire will obviously play its part in the poor climax; the predictable dreaded ending where Chris finally gets his chance to prove Turner is bad while at gunpoint by a dozen cops.

The fire that destroys Lakeview represents the destruction of a happily married couple by an illogical racist.

Like always, Sam Jackson plays a terrific role. His performance gave *Lakeview* some respectable structure but also hindered its ability to get the audience involved in the movie in the way the director intended.

We are supposed to be concerned for the safety of the Mattsons, but Jackson casts too big a shadow over his co-stars that this feat was not achieved. His character was by far the highlight of the movie.

The suspense and thrills (or lack thereof) were not the highlights even though they were intended to be. The unpredictable, unhinged, and wrathful Turner kept me slightly interested in the poorly written script. I was more in tune with Turner's struggle to relate to his kids and his hatred towards the black and white couple that I lost sight of the racial problems at hand.

Chris Mattson's weak mind and failure to stand up for himself only made Turner stronger. Turner's profession fed Chris' incapability to defend himself. No one will believe that a cop is harassing this poor couple… just another overused theme we've all seen before.

Lakeview just didn't make the cut in delivering any suspense or thrills what-so-ever. Since big name star Jackson stole all the scenes and definitely all the dialogue, the character development for the Mattsons was pointless and far from compelling.

A perfect example to this poor character development is when Chris, Lisa, and Turner attend a neighborhood cookout and Turner tells a criminal contact to break into the Mattson household. Lisa goes home early, finds the gangster, and sets off the alarm sending Chris and Turner to her rescue. My feelings were not given to the concern for Lisa's safety but rather given to the excitement to see what Abel would do. His recklessness and unpredictable tendencies didn't displease me in this scene. However, poor Lisa got herself a concussion … what a shame.

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The fact that Jackson stars in *Lakeview Terrace* will, I'm sure, bring in the crowd, but word of mouth and disinterest for everything else about this movie will hopefully send people to a different movie. Save $8. Heck, save $5 and wait for this movie to come out on DVD. There's nothing to see in *Lakeview Terrace*, just keep on driving.

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TV On The Radio receives second opinion

By Levi Sanchez
A&E Staff Writer

TVOTR's critically lauded album, *Dear Science*, is the first effort I've heard from the NYC based experimental band. While I've heard of them around the Indie grape vine, I never paid attention until they dropped their latest CD.

Overall, I was impressed with their wonderfully complex soundscapes and thoughtful lyrics. Think The Postal Service on speed interjected with Chris Martin-esque falsettos and African beats.

The 11 tracks on the album reach wide despite managing to sound quite similar. In "Dancing Choose," TVOTR satirically paints the portrait of those who rely too wholeheartedly on the printed word.

It reveals the tendency of many to base their entire lives on the highly biased opinions of newspapers. (I think reporting this fact in a newspaper might well classify as blasphemy).

"Stork & Owl" might be the prettiest track on the entire album with its vocal harmonies and string accompaniment.

The lyrics explore death and the afterlife in a conversation between the two birds from the title. The owl poses the most interesting analogy when he says, "Death's a door, That love walks through. In and out. In and out. Back and forth. Back and forth."

"Lover's Day" is a bit crass for me. It sings about sex in cringe-inducing double entendre that actually makes sex sound unappealing. While you wouldn't know it by the music, this song is downright gross.

"Red Dress," while not necessarily lyrically offensive, is similarly annoying. It's got a funk inspired rhythm section and soul-inspired chorus that adds up to one overdone song.

"Family Tree" sounds the most like Coldplay: lyrically, vocally and musically. If someone were to blindfold me and have me listen to this track, I'd be hard-pressed to separate it from any track on Coldplay's Viva la Vida. It's also an aesthetically pleasing track, although the lyrics tell the story of a dark and mysterious love affair.

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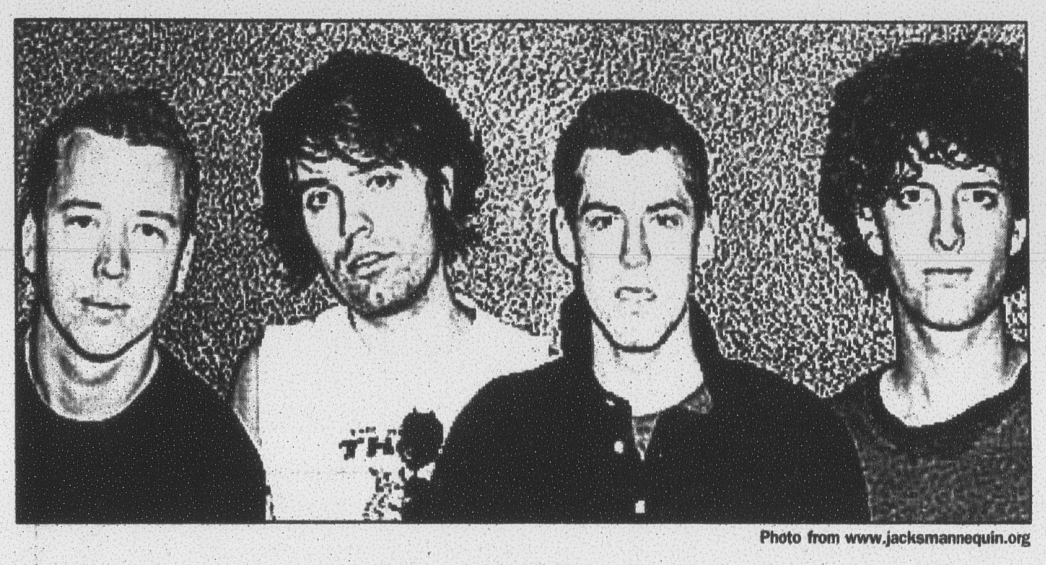
"Love Dog" reminds me the most of The Postal Service with its brooding lyrics and electronic backbeat. It's lyrically rich and overall satisfying.

I'd have to say I mostly disagree with Max's review of the album last week. While *Dear Science* is weird and unlike most things you'll hear today, I think TVOTR carve out a nice niche for themselves in popular music. I'd actually classify them as a little "poppy" for my taste. So, if you like The Postal Service or Coldplay, you'll appreciate TVOTR's blend of intelligent electronic music.

Levi's Rating: ★★★★☆

Jack's Mannequin gets honest



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By Ben Portz
A&E Staff Writer

It's been three years since Jack's Mannequin's lead singer/songwriter Andrew McMahon was diagnosed with leukemia. It's also been three years since this piano pounding pop-punk band released their debut album *Everything in Transit*.

Finally after all the wait and years of emotional struggle for McMahon, the band released their second album *The Glass Passenger*. This record is probably the most expressive the frontman has ever been. His emo pop-punk musician friends could definitely learn something from what he's got to say.

Jack's Mannequin initially began as a side project of McMahon's while he was still in the band Something Corporate. The songs he wrote were mainly for him, never to be released.

Once he recorded the first song, he realized that something bigger than he expected began to take shape. The first song written for his side project was very different than a Something Corporate song. Like a more beefy, meaningful Something Corporate.

He therefore decided to hold off recording the track until the band was finished touring. Soon thereafter, he came up with the name Jack's Mannequin based on a combination of one of his songs "Dear Jack" and a possible future band name called The Mannequins.

On the first album, McMahon sings about breaking up with girlfriends and typical pointless emo scenarios that don't exactly make sense. On *The Glass Passenger*, he goes deeper.

The first single off the album is entitled "The Resolution". It's about him surviving leukemia: "And I'm alive/And I don't need a witness/To know that I survived/I'm not looking for forgiveness." It features his pop-like piano playing and whiny voice. Some other favorites of mine from the album are "Spinning" and "Caves". "Spinning" has quite the catchy chorus and is probably one of the more upbeat songs in the album. It reminds me of a Rocket Summer power ballad. The track is about constant moving world, and how we will never be able to get a grasp on life.

"Caves" is a stripped down song about his struggle with leukemia singing: The walls are caving in/The doors get locked for sure/There's no one here but me. It begins with an eloquent piano arpeggio and shows off his falsetto throughout.

If you're looking for an honest record that touches upon quite emotional issues, this album is for you.

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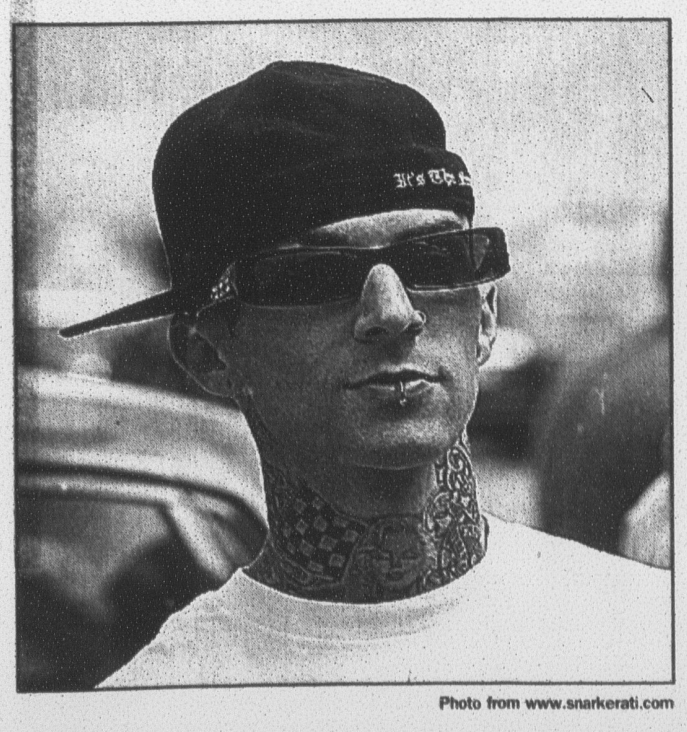
Ben's Rating: ★★★☆☆

Travis Barker thankful to be alive after jet crash



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NEW YORK (AP) – Former Blink-182 drummer Travis Barker, who always has been afraid of flying, says he's glad to be alive after suffering severe burns in a fiery plane crash last month.

"I hate planes," Barker said in an interview with Us Weekly magazine. "My biggest fear ever is to be involved in a plane crash, so when that happened ... well, I'm just thankful to be alive! I'm just grateful to be here at all."

The 32-year-old musician and celebrity disc jockey DJ AM were the only survivors of the crash just before midnight Sept. 19 at the main airport in Columbia, S.C. Two pilots and two other passengers were killed, including Barker's assistant Chris Baker.

Barker was released from a Georgia hospital last week and is now being treated at a burn center in Los Angeles. He said he was too afraid to fly cross-country, so he arranged to travel by bus with his father and ex-wife Shanna Moakler to keep him company.

"I am doing the best I can possibly be," he said in the magazine's latest issue. "I'm so anxious to get out of here. ... I've just been in surgery after surgery. I have third-degree burns basically from my feet up to my waist and both hands. One of my hands has second-degree burns and one has third-degree burns."

"I'm trying to have a quick recovery and play the drums again and be able to hold my kids again," said Barker, who has two children, Landon, 5, and Alabama, 2, with Moakler.

If all goes well, Barker expects to leave the hospital within two weeks.

DJ AM (real name: Adam Goldstein) was recently released from the hospital, too. Doctors have said they expect both men to fully recover.

Officials with the National Transportation Safety Board have said a cockpit voice recorder revealed that crew members thought a tire blew out and tried to abort the takeoff.

Concert Calendar

Rock out with your favorite artists at these upcoming local shows!

October:

10: All Time Low @ Gravity: 7:00 pm
12: Relient K @ Club Zoo: 7:00 pm
14: Once Nothing @ Mr. Smalls: 7:00 pm
15: Family Force 5 @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
16: VersaEmerge w/ Eye Alaska @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
17: A Cursive Memory @ Diesel: 6:00 pm
18. Cali AC CD Release @ Diesel: 6:00 pm
20: Atmosphere @ Mr. Smalls: 8:00 pm
21: NOFX @ Club Zoo: 7:00 pm
21: Clap Your Hands Say Yeah @ Brillobox: 8:00 pm
25: Matisyahu @ Mr. Smalls: 8:00 pm
28: Anberlin w/ Straylight Run @ Mr.Smalls: 7:00 pm
29: Underoath w/ Saosin @ Gravity: 7:00 pm

November:

3: Pierce The Veil @ Strummers: 7:00 pm
5. Ted Leo & The Pharmacists @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
5: Norma Jean w/ Haste The Day @ Mr. Smalls: 7:00 pm
9: 3OH!3 @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
10: Mest @ Strummers: 7:00 pm
13: Senses Fail w/ Dance Gavin Dance @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
21: Cobra Starship @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
22: Hawthorne Heights @ The Rex: 6:30 pm
22: Frank Caliendo @ The Benedum: 8:30 pm

December:

2: Aiden @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
4: Augustana @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
13: The Misfits @ Mr. Smalls: 8:00 pm

Christian drama `Fireproof' has unexpected success

ATLANTA - When brothers Alex and Stephen Kendrick were looking for inspiration for their third feature-length film, they turned to God for help.

"To be honest, I prayed about it," Alex Kendrick said. "I said, `God, would you give me an idea that will impact all of our culture.'"

While he was out jogging and praying one day, the idea for "Fireproof" came to him. He footed it over to his brother's house about a mile away and told him the story: A firefighter who lives by the mantra "never leave your partner behind" at work is about to do just that in his personal life.

The movie, which has a strong faith-based message and was made with a budget of just $500,000 and a volunteer cast that includes former teen idol Kirk Cameron, has been surprisingly successful. Its opening on 839 screens two weeks ago was strong enough to propel it to No. 4 at the box office. It stayed in the top 10 last weekend, at No. 8, and has earned an estimated $13.6 million and spawned a best-selling book that started as a prop. ("Religulous," Bill Maher's jeremiad zinging religion, was No. 10 in its debut last weekend.)

"The Love Dare," written by the Kendricks, was at No. 8 on Amazon's best-seller list Thursday afternoon. In the movie, Caleb Holt (Cameron) receives the book from his father, who tells him to follow its 40-day challenge to save his marriage.

Prompted by repeated questions during production about whether the book really existed, the Kendricks sat down last spring and prayed to God to help them write it.

"It's an answer to prayer. I don't think I'm smart enough to come up with something like that on my own," Alex Kendrick said in a telephone interview. "I do think these are legitimate principles and not something we pulled out of thin air."

The brothers said the overwhelmingly positive response to the film has been rewarding and cited the more than a thousand e-mailed stories posted on the movie's Web site from people who have seen it and been affected by it.

They acknowledged the movie is not as artistically or technically fancy as many films out of Hollywood, but say its appeal is its relatable message that things aren't always easy but marriage is worth fighting for. That message is conveyed by the title, which takes on a double meaning given that the main character is a firefighter.

"It doesn't mean when something is fireproof that fire will never come, but when fire comes, it can withstand it," Alex Kendrick said. "Every marriage will go through trials, or fire, as we say, and what's going to happen on the other side of that fire? Will your marriage survive?"

The Kendricks grew up in suburban Atlanta and now live in Albany in southwestern Georgia, where they are associate pastors at Sherwood Baptist Church. Along with the church's senior pastor, Michael Catt, they created Sherwood Pictures, a production company, in 2002 and scraped together $20,000 to put out their first film, "Flywheel," in 2003.

With a budget of $100,000, the company released "Facing the Giants" in 2006. That film ended up grossing more than $10 million. Cameron, best known for the TV sitcom "Growing Pains," saw the film and called the Kendricks to say he loved it and would be interested in working with them.

After auditioning several actors for the role of Caleb, the brothers decided to give Cameron a call, but they were skeptical. They saw the lead as a big burly guy, but Cameron flawlessly executed nine of the script's most difficult scenes during his audition and won them over.

Cameron, who turns 38 Sunday and has six kids after 17 years of marriage, said he is very aware of the challenges of marriage and wanted to be a part of something that encourages people to fight for that union.

"This is a movie that gives people hope and inspires them that they can save their marriages – that love, in the end, won't fail, if you pour your heart and your time and your energy into the things that really matter," Cameron said.

Features

Westminster now and then

Megan Hoffman
Features Editor

This past week I had the chance to sit down for a Q & A with head of the Learning Center and former Westminster student, Sally Huey, to see what the college was like during the early 1970s. Here is what she had to say to the questions I asked.

What were the classes like and how are they similar or different to they way they are today?

The format was different then because we were on the four-one-four schedule, where we had four months of classes in the fall, a month of class in January, and then four more months of classes in the spring. It also meant we had classes only on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. We had the same classes everyday, except Wednesday, and they were an hour long.

In the middle of the week was Wonderful Wednesday. The idea was that it was to be used as a study day, but it turned out most students viewed it as a Saturday. Having two weekends in one week really made the week go by so fast.

Where did you eat on campus and how was campus dining different then?

We ate our main meals in the dining hall and grabbed snacks in the TUB. Every Friday night at McGinnis Dinning Hall they would have a special steak dinner that was very good and the TUB had the best milkshakes for a quarter.

The original TUB was located under where the Berlin Lounge is today and it was much smaller then. When McKelvey was built they changed the name of the TUB to the Orchard Street Café, however students protested and the name was changed back to the TUB.

What did you do for entertainment and where did you go?

We had a movie theatre in town which was located where Pizza Joe's is now. We were also creative and came up with our own fun. We would play games on campus and go to the doughnut shop that was in town.

Also, in the vacant lot between the church and Pizza Joe's used to be a gift shop called the Silver Prune. This shop really captured the essence of the early '70s – it had the beads that you walked through, incense candles, psychedelic lights and all of that hippie-type stuff.

We went to the fraternity houses too. They were all the same as they are now except Phi Kappa Tau was besides Alpha Sigma Phi on that street.

How were sororities similar and different from what they are today?

I have noticed that every four years or so the whole feel of sororities fluctuates and changes. Stereotypes change over time and what was once the academic or athletic sorority is now a different one.

We did a lot of similar things – we had a formal each semester and would have sister socials.

Was the tunnel between Browne and Ferguson Halls open and did you use it?

We used the tunnel everyday during the winter. We would even go over to Ferg in our bedroom slippers. And we would go from Ferg to Browne to eat.

What were the rules concerning visitors?

Men were not allowed past the lobby. This was the rule up until my senior year and then after that they were allowed limited visitation during the weekends.

Was there a curfew?

All the dorms had a desk sitter and we would have to sign-in and sign-out. We had to be in by 10 or so on week days and 11 or 12 on the weekend and we would get marked down for late minutes if we came in later.

During my sophomore or junior year, which was also around the beginning of the feminist movement, we protested the fact that the women had a curfew and the men did not.

The solution that they came up with was to give the men a curfew as well. This lasted for a year or so and then they did away with the curfew for both men and women for my senior year.

Other than the fact that the Berlin Village Townhouses were recently built, how was the campus housing different?

There was the McKelvey House and Sewell House on Maple Street that were women's dorms like Thompson House, but not as pretty.

The men lived in Hillside and Jeffers then too. At that time there were more women than men on campus, but it wasn't as lopsided as the three to one ratio that there is today.

How has the campus physically changed?

The Student Union Building, where the TUB is, was much smaller. The first floor was the TUB, the second floor was the Berlin Lounge, and the third floor was where the bookstore was

. Hoyt did not exist when I went here and Patterson was called the A & S building, which stood for the Art and Science building. Admission was located in Old Main and the English Department was in the West Hall.

The West Hall was located in the vacant lot besides the Physical Plant and the building burnt down about seven or eight years ago. Old 77 had the swimming pool where the dance studio is and the Field House was there, but had not yet been renovated.

What clubs and activities were you involved in and how were they different from the clubs and activities we have today?

I was in the Women's Recreational Association. It was a really popular organization through the women's physical education department where we would play different sports just for fun.

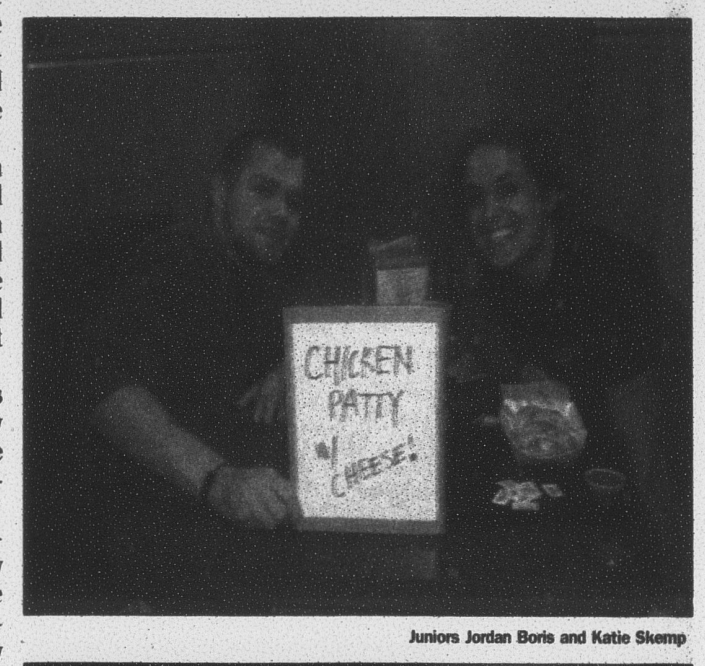
I was also on the Drill Team called the Titanaiers, which was the dance team then. A big event that we used to have was called May Day. Each May we would have a bunch of different festivities, with a May Day court where they crowned a queen and people danced around the May Pole with streamers.

There was also a synchronized swimming team on campus called the Mermaids. Football was a big deal during that time too, because those were the years that Westminster ended up winning nationals six times.

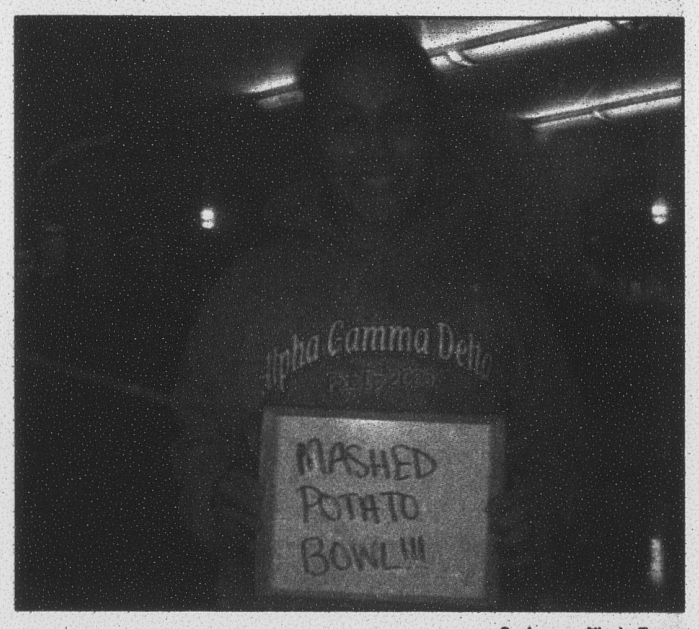
Megan is a senior public relations major who is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority and Dance Theater. When she's not breaking her foot, she can most likely be found in the TUB or creeping on Facebook.

Question of the week

What is your favorite TUB food?



Juniors Jordan Boris and Katie Skemp



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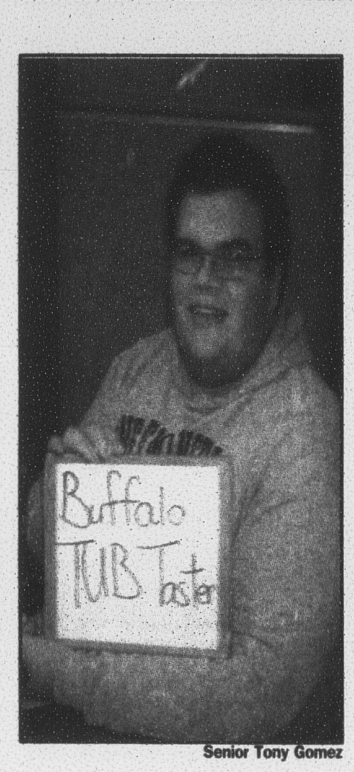


Senior Tony Gomez

Sophomore Nicole Zappa

Students provide perspectives on diversity

Kylee Bennett
Diversity Columnist

Now that you all know my thoughts on diversity, I feel it is time to get some other perspectives. This week, I traveled across campus to find students who were willing to share their own thoughts on diversity on campus. I asked one simple question: "What does diversity at Westminster mean to you?" Here are some of the answers I received:

Erica Conoscuito, Sophomore- "I think diversity on this campus means new opinions brought to discussion, a way to learn about other cultures and see how other individuals live. The best way to learn about a new idea is to listen to someone who may have experienced it first hand. I don't think diversity always has to mean a different race or culture either; I feel that different backgrounds can add to the diversity of our campus. It is also one area that I feel our campus has a lot of potential to grow and improve in as well."

Tim Wolf, Sophomore–"Diversity at Westminster means the ability for people to ask questions such as "Why are you wearing a Jewish star and a cross on your necklace?" People don't get offended by this; they just want to know why I feel it is important for me to wear both. I always let them know that it is important to me because my father was Jewish and my mother follows the Christian Faith."

Aimee Gerber, Senior–"Diversity at Westminster means opening myself up to different cultures, religions, races, and other things, putting myself in an uncomfortable position to experience what it is like in another's shoes. Being able to experience what another has to go through makes me not only appreciate diversity, but also life itself."

Katie West, Junior–"Diversity means accepting people of different views and being able to express your views without prejudice. By experiencing people of other cultures and backgrounds I have been able to expand my worldview."

Anthony Gomez, Senior–"I believe that it is people from varying racial, socio-economic, and religious backgrounds living, working, and interacting together with a common goal in mind: education."

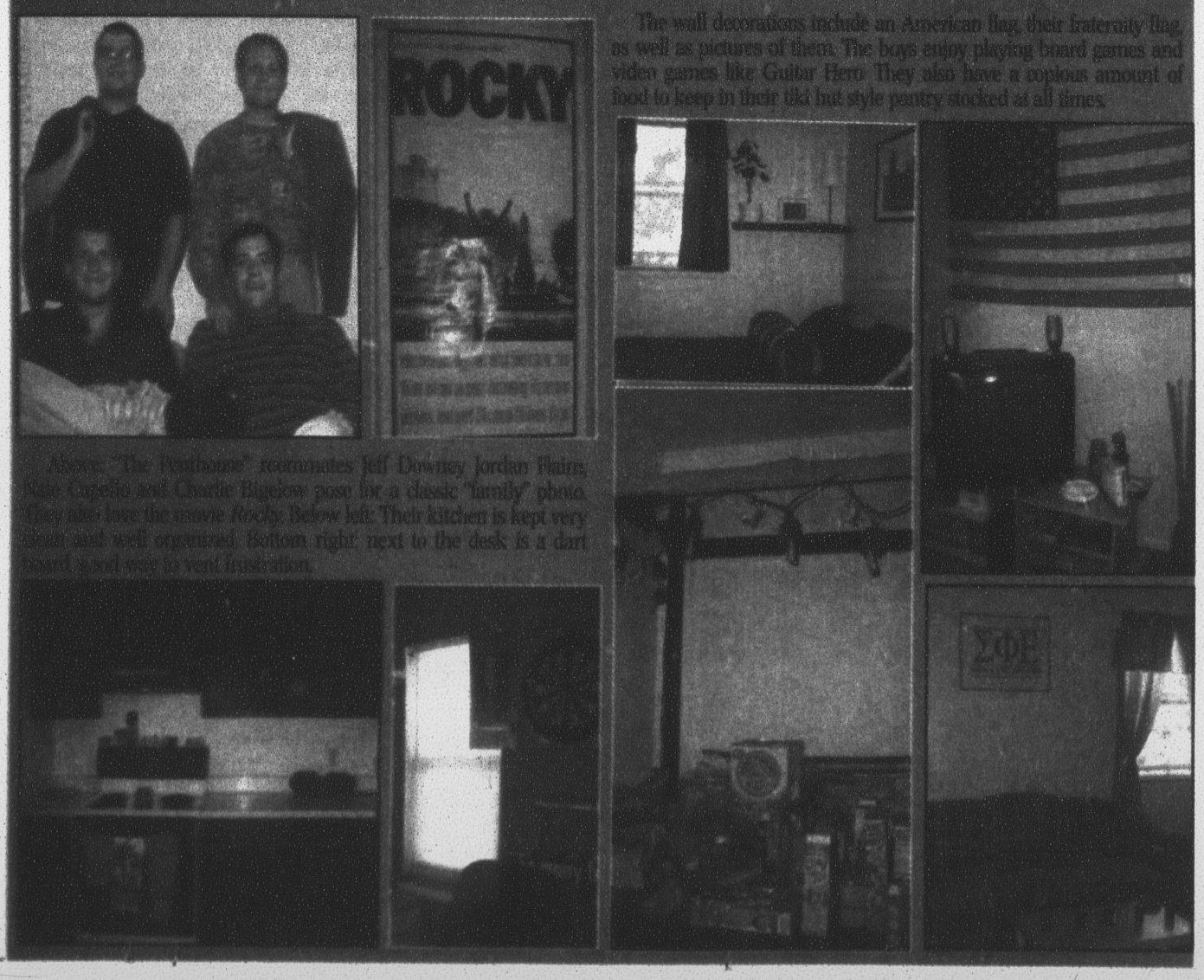
Beth Painter, Sophomore–"Diversity means that Westminster College offers the students a chance to learn and understand subjects, beliefs, and views that are not their own. This opportunity will lead us to a better understanding of the students, and later the world . . . its like our little bit of light on the subject."

It is my hope that all of you are able to ponder your answer to the question, because before we can continue to expand diversity on campus, it is important to know what diversity means to us.

WC CRIBS

This week Megan visits an off campus appartment: "The Penthouse"

The wall decorations include an American flag, their fraternity flag, as well as pictures of them. The boys enjoy playing board games and video games like Guitar Hero. They also have a copious amount of food to keep in their tiki hut style pantry stocked at all times.



Above: "The Penthouse" roommates Jeff Downey, Jordan Flaim, Nate Capello and Charlie Bigelow pose for a classic "family" photo. They also love the movie *Rocky*. Below left: Their kitchen is kept very clean and well organized. Bottom right: next to the desk is a dart board, a cool way to vent frustration.

Homecoming Notice:

Panhellenic Council voted that there will not be Homecoming candidate signs hanging in the TUB as in past years due to vandalism.

There will be large posters hanging in the TUB in addition to signs hanging in glass cases on campus.

The Homecoming candidates this year:

Tara Hershey Phi Mu	Travis Leech Sigma Phi Epsilon
Jennifer Kutzner Alpha Gamma Delta	Steven Previs Alpha Sigma Phi
Audra Adams Zeta Tau Alpha	Ben O'Keefe Theta Chi
Alison Gerginski Kappa Delta	James Petrolla Sigma Nu
Kristi Webler Sigma Kappa	Adam Baker Phi Kappa Tau
Aimee Spicuzza Independent	Scott Lawrence Independent

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Total number of points scored during the Homecoming football game

Weekend Weather
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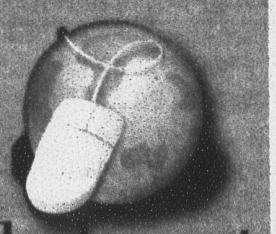
Friday
Partly Cloudy
59°/44°

Saturday
Rain
56°/40°

Sunday
Few Showers
51°/32°



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Homecoming 2008

Fiftieth anniversary parade brings Dr. Seuss characters to life

By Sara Ergen
Campus Writer

Students, faculty and members of the New Wilmington community gathered to watch organizations bring the books of Dr. Seuss to life during this year's homecoming parade.

The homecoming parade was a popular event that took place on Friday, Oct. 18, on Market Street. Greek life and other campus organizations built floats to represent Dr. Seuss books as part of the parade.

Phi Mu won the float competition, with Sigma Kappa coming in second and Alpha Gamma Delta coming in third. The homecoming candidates were another addition to the parade. The homecoming king and queen were revealed during halftime at the football game against Bethany College. Independent junior Aimee Spicuzza won homecoming queen, and Theta Chi junior Ben O'Keefe was crowned king.

Junior Lynn Rice is a member of Phi Mu and helped build the large elephant atop their winning float.

"The construction of the elephant was pretty simple, but because of its size, it was a feat trying to get it onto the trailer after the parts were constructed," Rice said.

The sororities involved were Alpha Gamma Delta, Kappa Delta, Phi Mu, Sigma Kappa and Zeta Tau Alpha. Alpha Gamma Delta's float was *Green Eggs and Ham*. Kappa Delta represented *The Lorax*, Phi Mu did *Horton Hears a Who*, Sigma Kappa did *Daisy-Head Mayzie* and Zeta Tau Alpha represented *Oh, the Places You'll Go*.

The four fraternities involved were Sigma Phi Epsilon, Phi Kappa Tau, Alpha Sigma Phi and Theta Chi. Alpha Sigma Phi constructed *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!*, Phi Kappa Tau built *Yertle the Turtle and Other Stories*, Sigma Phi Epsilon built *Thidwick, the Big-Hearted Moose a*nd Theta Chi built *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish*.

Other organizations involved were the Career Center who built *Oh, the Places You'll Go* and the Black Student Union who built *The Cat in the Hat*.

Junior Jenn Kutzner, who was the homecoming candidate for Alpha Gamma Delta, was able to experience the parade from riding on the backseat of a convertible.

"The parade was a lot of fun, and it was great seeing all the kids. You could tell they were so excited and thought we were really important! Actually, the kids were so great I ran out of candy halfway through, because I couldn't help but give so much out to them all," Kutzner said.

The people watching the parade showed a lot of enthusiasm as the floats were presented. Sophomore Olivia Sweeney was taking many pictures of the parade and was cheering for the homecoming candidates with the rest of the onlookers.

"I was impressed with the creativity of the floats and how the sororities and fraternities carried out the themes of Dr. Seuss," Sweeney said.

The homecoming football game took place later in the day after the parade to continue the festivities.

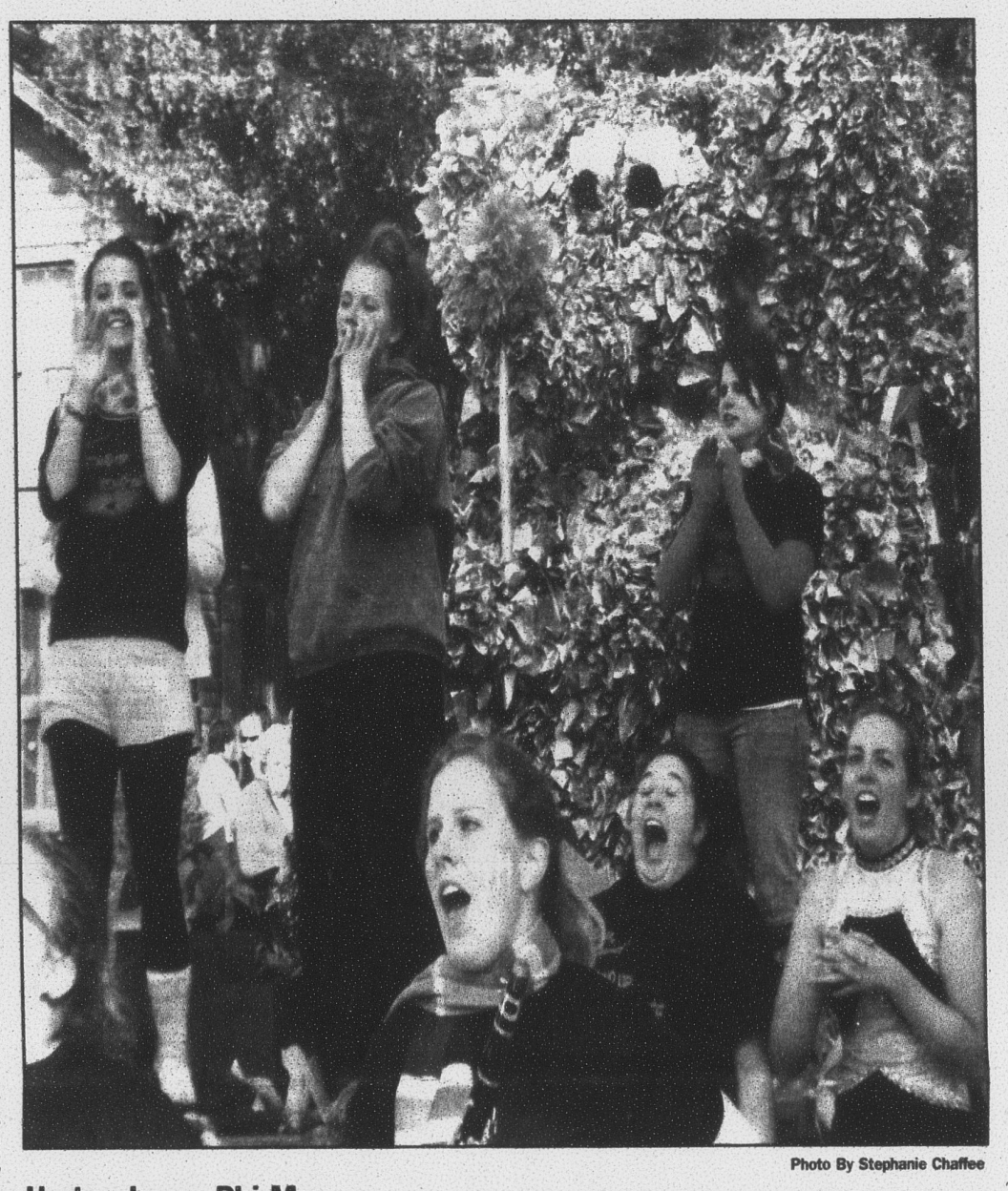

Photo By Stephanie Chaffee

Horton hears Phi Mu

The 50th annual homecoming parade was held on Saturday, Oct. 18. Several campus organizations strolled down Market St. after creating floats that followed the Dr. Seuss theme. Phi Mu won the float competition with thier representation of *Horton Hears a Who*.

Homecoming candidates pair up for AGD's Newlywed Game

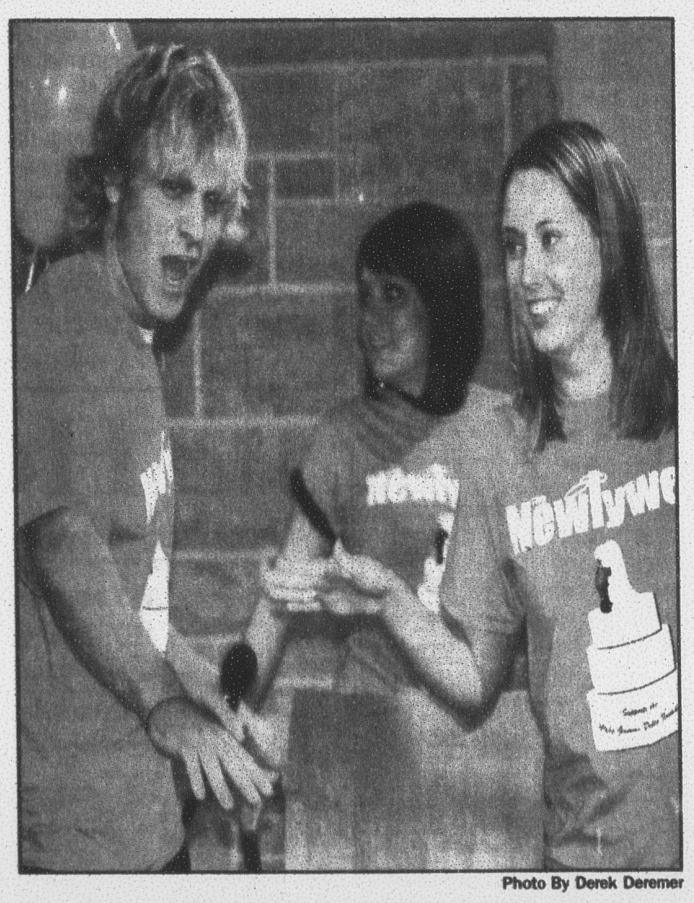

Photo By Derek Deremer

Candidates Travis Leech and Tara Hershey

By Sarah Kehr
Campus Writer

After the pep rally on Thursday, Oct. 16, students gathered in the Berlin Lounge for Alpha Gamma Delta's version of "The Newlywed Game."

The homecoming candidates paired up and tested their knowledge of each other in this modern rendition of the game show. AGD hosted the event for the second year in a row with all proceeds going to their philanthropy, the AGD Foundation, in support of diabetes research.

"It's definitely a really great idea for a charity event," junior Ben O'Keefe said. "It was a lot of goofy fun."

Jamie Rae Spisak, president of AGD, and Gretchen Fatula, philanthropy chair of the sorority, were the hosts of the event. After introducing themselves, they explained the AGD Foundation, which supports diabetes research and creates scholarships and grants, and the rules of the game.

The game was split up into two rounds. First, the male candidates were sent to a "sound proof" room, and the women were asked to answer five questions about their partner. When the men came back, they answered the same questions. If their answers matched up with the women's, the pair was awarded a point. After round one was finished, the roles reversed, and the men answered questions about the women.

After each question, AGD raffled off door prizes. These prizes included gift baskets with themes such as Steelers, Starbucks and "date night," and gift certificates to places such as The Cheesecake Factory, Olive Garden, and Sunset Tanning. AGD also set up a bake sale.

The game came down to a tie between two couples, Tara Hershey and Travis Leech and Jimmy Joe Petrolla and Alison Gerginski. After both sets answered each tiebreaker question right about their partner, it was decided that this year's winner would be determined by a dance-off and an applause-o-meter.

The audience watched as the "newlyweds" showed off their dance skills. After the hosts asked the crowd to cheer loudest for who they believed should win, the winners were announced. Petrolla and Gerginski knew each other best and won gift certificates to Ponderosa and Daley's store in town.

"I think it went well," Spisak said. "The audience seemed to laugh, particularly when we held the dance-off to break the tie."

Members of the audience paid $4 during presales of tickets and $5 at the door, with all proceeds going to the AGD Foundation.

"The diabetes cause is close to my heart and I always try and support the AGD's cause because it's important," sophomore Maggie Westcott said.

AGD is working to make the Newlywed Game a tradition on campus. Other philanthropy events include selling shirts before the Newlywed Game and a Christmas Caroling event open to the whole campus. Their goal this year is to reach $2000. According to Fatula, they've already raised $300 from this year's t-shirt sales.

Library rededicated after construction complete

By Kelly Gould
Staff Writer

After nearly two years of construction, McGill Library's renovations are finished, and a rededication took place on Friday, Oct. 17 outside of the main entrance to celebrate.

The celebration included several speakers such as Deborah Foster, Dr. Richard H. Dorman, Molly Spinney, George R. Berlin, Dr. Thomas Williamson, Dr. Elizabeth G. Drinko, and the Rev. Dr. Carolyn J. Jones. There were also a large number of alumni there for their fifty year reunion.

They spoke about the library and its history. In 1934, there were plans for a library. The Westminster Community tried to raise enough money to build a library, and the fundraising was going fairly well. Then, J.S. Mack stepped in and topped off the sum as long as it was named after his friend, Ralph G. McGill. In 1938 the library was finished, and that was the first dedication.

The Library grew to the point where it was crucial that there was more space to hold all of the books. The J.S. Mack Library was then created and the McGill Library was given more additions to hold the books.

In McGill, there are several rooms that are dedicated to different people that have made a large impact on the community. The main room is named the Drinko Room, after Dr. Elizabeth G. Drinko's late husband, John, who donated a generous amount of money to the campus while alive.

There is another room in McGill named the Williamson Community Room, which contains children's books and the college community book collection. This room was named after Dr. R. Thomas Williamson, President Emeritus.

Travis Gulling, a junior and staff member of the library, was pleased with the turnout of the rededication.

"It was nice to see Williamson back at the school. It was interesting to listen about the history about the library, and I am excited to see what is in store for the future," Gulling said.

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Opinion

RANT & RAVE

Clearly they don't know the size of the move I'm about to be busting!

Don't sit on my lap and sing Aladdin!

I just want to hug a Monk!

I'm more rant than I am rave…

Better Bog Bottom Finding Equipment

Bust through the wall like the Kool-aid man!

I don't have a problem with them I just don't like them!

I'm too nice… TO YOUR FACE!

"Time for Cuffy Bye Bye"

She's just pretty, that's what she does!

She is never late. She sets the time.

Will you be my friend, Mr. Monk?

McCain and Obama have proved they are master debaters

R. Tad Greig marked time to infinity… Twice!

Cranberries in the lake?

YAY! Stand up Stand off

I love the pumpkin TUB cookies

I wish you weren't so shy, take chances, live your life, you might be surprised at what may happen.

Oh Man. It's like I'm carrying the Ten Commandments

I feel like a cat up here!!

GET THERE!!

Tired of shaving? YES!

What's the warning level now? Plaid?

It's a fake bog? so it's a fog?

THAT WAS THE POINT OF MY RANT!

I wish they wouldn't have awkward sentence structure

Horton was AMAZING!!

I just can't believe it!

Want to Rant & Rave? Email *The Holcad* with RNR as the subject.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dr. Kang Na explores "change" Part 2

Part 1 of "change" was featured in the October 10 edition of *The Holcad*

And what about this change? During any month the national debt is above $1 billion, all federal and state employees (i.e., those whose income is from other citizens' taxes) whose annual salary is above $75,000 will give a mandatory monthly contribution of a day's wage to go to pay down the national debt; for those with more than $1 million in assets, the monthly contribution will be ten days' wages.

And how about this change? In order to eliminate any incentives for reelection other than patriotic service to our nation–remember the end of the Declaration of Independence where each signer "mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor"–the following, or something like it, would be voted into law by the legislators–if not voted into law, then voluntarily self-imposed, which I'm sure will impress the voters–and the 27th amendment would be suspended just for this change:

President and vice president: after the first term the annual salary will be reduced by 50% of the preceding year's salary, and the annual pension benefits will be reduced by 90% of the preceding year's pension benefits; for those with more than $1 million in assets, the annual salary and pension benefits will be reduced to $0.

Senators: after the first term the annual salary and pension benefits will be reduced by 50% of those of the preceding year; for those with more than $1 million in assets, the annual salary and pension benefits will be reduced to $0.

Representatives: after the first term the annual salary will be reduced by 50% of the preceding year's salary; after a third term the pension benefits will be reduced by 50% of the preceding year's pension benefits; for those with more than $1 million in assets, the annual salary and pension benefits will be reduced to $0 after a second term.

And as for the recently passed bailout or rescue bill worth $700 billion on the heels of the $85 billion for AIG–that's your money and mine, and the actual price tag will probably be higher–what about this, which was inspired by an e-mail I received?

Instead of the bailout, what if the government lowered the capital gains tax to 5% for corporations and 1% for individuals. That would probably attract a lot of investments from everywhere and stimulate our economy in a dramatic way.

Furthermore, instead of a bailout, what if the government sent a $25,000 check to all tax-paying families (with US citizenship) with an annual income of less than $50,000? Using the 2006 Census Bureau estimate of about 31,400,000 families that would qualify, the total amount for government checks would be $785 billion (i.e., equal to what the government pledged to spend on the two bailouts mentioned above).

If each family paid a 10% tax on the instant income, each family would have $22,500 to spend, and the government would get $78.5 billion right back. Families that use the money to make their mortgage payments will help alleviate the housing crisis.

Families that use the money to buy cars or other goods will drive up demand for products, help create jobs, and stimulate the entire economy. Families that put the money into savings accounts will gie banks more money to lend.

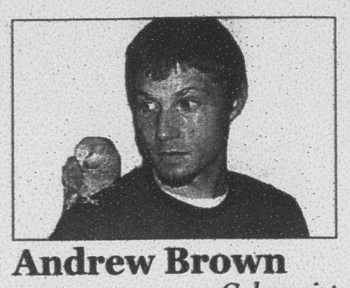
Families that invest the money in the market will drive economic growth.

Notwithstanding the precision and details lacking in what I've suggested, I have other unconventional ideas that politicians would probably not entertain, some really fantastic and some more feasible. My guess is that radical ideas, even in radically critical or catastrophic times–so they tell us–are no friends of most politicians who'll be elected this November and will invariably seek reelection two, four, or six years from now. I'm not sure that the change that is coming, no matter who will sit in the Oval Office, is really going to be that much of a change.

Why am I writing this? There is an intellectual community of 1,500 people at Westminster who are either telling others to "think outside the box" or are being told to do so. Why remain in the Democratic-Republican box? Surely we can imagine changes in our beloved country different from those offered by these usual suspects of political hegemony. There's a lot of thinkers at Westminster. Let's think thinks that haven't been thunk before.

Dr. Kang Na
Associate Professor of Religion and the All-College Honors Program Coordinator

I scream for ice cream!



Andrew Brown
Columnist

At the crisp age of twenty one, I thought I had seen it all: rainbows, waterfalls, Paris Hilton (Johnny Depp for the girls out there), national tragedies, a Y2K scare, stock market depression and Chipotle burritos. However, I was astonished at my naive stupidity as I walked up Market Street last week.

My previous reality was under a giant boulder, which was lifted so kindly by the power of a coconut almond cake cone at Daley's Country Pantry. This ice cream and pantry shop is located inside "The Point," which is a new establishment containing a few small shops and even a salon.

With more than 40 flavors of ice cream and nearly 20 always in stock, Daley's Country Pantry is a heaven for those ice cream gigolos out there bored of chocolate, vanilla and the twist.

John Daley, proprietor of this cachet Eden of frozen milk, has been in the ice cream business before, as he seen over 200 gallons of his ice cream scoop its way into the bellies of customers in only five weeks time. This is an impeccable record in my books, and Daley attributes much of this success to the quality of the ice cream.

Provided by Katie's Korners, this magical dessert is far superior and packs over 14 percent cream into each batch (lest one forgets that 12 percent is considered premium). Comparable to Ben and Jerry's, this brand of ice cream dazzles the taste buds and tickles all the senses.

Disappointment can only be found after one has finished, but fear not, for just a little more than $2 another cone can be bought. Don't forget to bring a Titan card, as a nice discount is given to students.

Warmth and love are the ingredients that keep all small businesses running like a reliable air conditioning unit. I would be the first to say that these components are evident in every lick. Daley's Country Pantry has very generous business hours, and the store will stay open throughout the winter.

Although this may sound a little insane, it turns out that the Amish bring their business to ice cream parlors during the winter. By doing so, even those without electricity can keep their ice cream chilled in a humble blanket of snow. The Amish bring opportunity and blessing, allowing everyone to eat ice cream throughout the winter.

The store is open on Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Friday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Notice the extra hours on Friday and Saturday, and be sure to have a cone or two on the weekends to help the alcohol dehydrogenase cool down a little as it works up a sweat.

Everyone needs to buy this ice cream. A business is reliant on customers, and this one is a winner. Ice cream is the pure path to happiness. I hope my words would motive all and provoke hunger.

Don't like ice cream? Well, a pantry shop would not be named such, if there was only ice cream. A wide plethora of products can be purchased, which include flour, sugar, wild rice, herbs and spice, onion powder, gummy worms, hot beef sticks, roasted and salted green peas and more.

Market Street never has seen such beauty. I will be monitoring the sales of Daley's Country Pantry for the next few weeks, and if I see no increase in sales revenue, I will personally buy 1,600 ice cream cones. I will then strategically place them in every student's mailbox. The ice cream is simply addicting, and one could only hope that the business shall prolong indefinitely.

Andrew is a senior chemistry major, marketing minor who loves riding his bicycle. He is also in Chemistry Club and enjoys eating corn on the cob in his free time.

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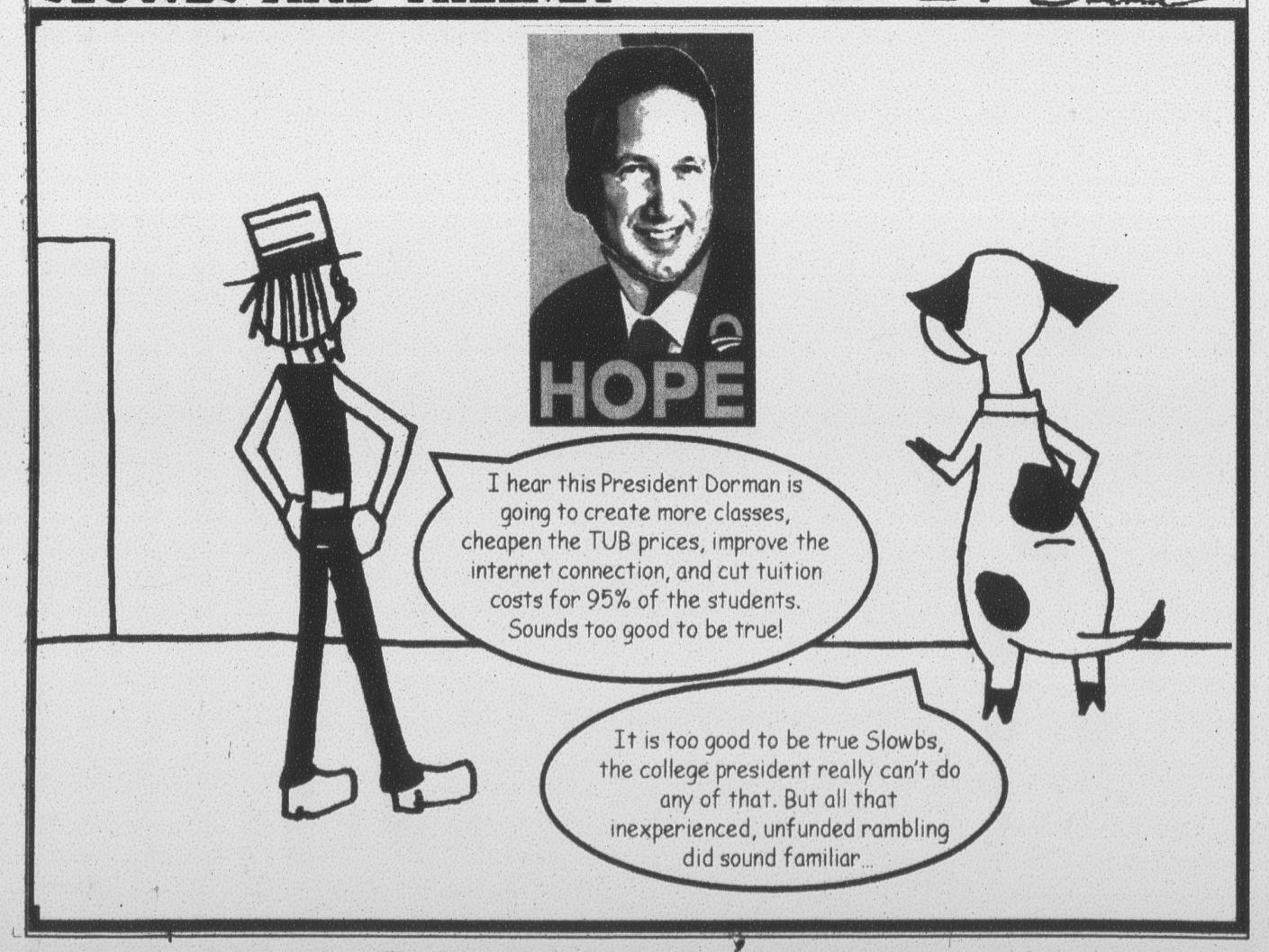

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REGIONAL

Penn senior sentenced in hacker attacks

PHILADELPHIA (AP) _ A federal judge questioned Tuesday why a white Ivy League student found with thousands of images of child pornography during a computer hacking probe was not charged with that crime – and was spared the decade-long sentence looming over a black convicted child pornographer at the same hearing.

University of Pennsylvania senior Ryan Goldstein, 22, of Ambler, will spend three months in prison and five years on federal probation for a hacking scheme that caused a Penn engineering server to crash in 2006.

Goldstein pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor and worked long hours helping the FBI investigate a worldwide hacking enterprise, lawyers on both sides agreed.

But even as he was cooperating, Goldstein twice engaged in unspecified mischief with FBI computers, causing investigators to fall short of their ultimate goal, U.S. District Judge Michael Baylson said.

"It was very detrimental to the investigation," said Baylson, who heard details of the misconduct behind closed doors at the start of Tuesday's sentencing hearing. "It's very disturbing."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Levy said the decision not to charge Goldstein with child porn was appropriate given his extensive cooperation.

The judge, voicing concerns about fairness, took the unusual step of sentencing Goldstein alongside a Philadelphia man, Derrick Williams, who was facing eight to 10 years for child pornography in an unrelated case.

Both men were found with several thousand images of child pornography, and each had copied some of the images – although Williams had also posted about 15 of them on a Web site, prosecutors said.

The judge said he could not help noting that Williams is black and Goldstein is white.

"This has weighed very heavily on my mind, as I think it would most judges," Baylson said. "That's why I've brought this case together with the Williams case."

However, he said he did not think the disparities were connected to race. Baylson sentenced Williams to two years in prison, noting his steady work history and minor criminal record in granting the steep downward departure.

According to the FBI, Goldstein worked with a New Zealand teen who allegedly gained control of thousands of computers, amassing them into clusters known as botnets.

Owen Thor Walker, known by the online name "AKILL," was ordered this summer to pay more than $11,000 in fines in New Zealand, but avoided a conviction and will help police solve computer crimes.

Goldstein acknowledged at the hearing that he has been viewing child pornography since he was 11 or 12. A therapist who testified Tuesday described him as a bright but asocial child who spent long hours on the computer and rarely played with friends.

"Unfortunately, I didn't begin to emerge from that computer world until the FBI knocked on my door. This actually may have saved me from a life of computer addiction," he told the judge.

The case was part of an international crackdown on hackers who steal credit card information, manipulate stock trades and even crash industry computers, authorities say. Walker led an international spybot ring that infiltrated computers around the world with malicious software, officials said last year.

The FBI estimated last year that more than one million computers had been infected and put the combined economic losses at more than $20 million.

Goldstein's parents, who attended the hearing, declined to comment afterward, as did lawyers for both sides. Williams and his lawyer, Max Kramer, also declined to comment.

Pa. dentists being barred from dating patients

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) _ Dentists who find their perfect love match sitting in the patients' chair must end the professional relationship and wait a few months before dating, according to new state regulations.

The new rules say that any sexual conduct – even consensual contact – with a current patient, including "words, gestures or expressions, actions or any combination thereof," is subject to disciplinary action by the State Board of Dentistry.

The regulations will apply to dentists, hygienists and other state-licensed dental practitioners engaged in sexual conduct with patients they have treated within the past three months. There are exceptions for relationships in which the patient is a spouse or a lives with the employee.

The rules received a state regulatory review board's final approval Thursday over the objections of the Pennsylvania Dental Association. The association argued that the new rules are excessively broad and that current regulations prohibiting sexual, verbal and physical abuse of patients are adequate. The regulations will take effect in the coming weeks after they are formally published.

"The (association) feels that a normal, healthy, romantic relationship between a dentist and a patient, with mutual consent, does not constitute sexual misconduct," said Philadelphia dentist Dr. Thomas Gamba, the association's president.

Neither the American Dental Association nor the American Association of Dental Examiners keeps track of state licensing policies. The ADA's code of conduct discourages members from having relationships with patients "that could impair their professional judgment or risk the possibility of exploiting the confidence placed in them by a patient."

Pennsylvania's dentistry board says its proposal is consistent with other states' laws and regulations and noted that California, Iowa, Maine and Mississippi have similar definitions of sexual misconduct.

In a written analysis explaining the need for the regulation, the board did not cite any specific incidents or complaints, but said its proposal "will protect consumers ... and provide clear guidance to practitioners that sexual misconduct is considered unprofessional conduct."

Also, regulations governing other state-licensed health professions in Pennsylvania, including doctors, physical therapists and psychologists, specify that practitioners cannot use a patient's consent as a defense against sexual-misconduct allegations, according to the dentistry board.

The board said it decided not to allow exceptions for relationships other than ones involving marriage or cohabitation because doing so would make the rules more difficult to enforce.

Although the state dental association does not plan to challenge the new regulations, Gamba questioned whether consensual relationships would raise the same ethical problems for dentists as they do for other health care providers.

The rules also could hamper the association's efforts to encourage young dentists to relocate to underserved rural communities, Gamba said.

"We have a promotion to young dentists to consider Pennsylvania, and rural Pennsylvania," he said. "We have to give them incentives to come here."

NATIONAL

Utah geologists discover 'dinosaur dance floor'

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) _ Geologists say they have discovered prehistoric animal tracks so densely packed on a ¾-acre site that they're calling it a "dinosaur dance floor."

The site along the Arizona-Utah state line offers a rich new set of clues about the lives of dinosaurs 190 million years ago.

Back then, large stretches of the West were a Sahara-like desert. More than 1,000 tracks were found in what would have been a watery oasis nestled among towering, wind-whipped sand dunes.

The footprints could provide fodder for researchers trying to understand dinosaurs that survived in what many considered a "vast, dry, uninhabitable desert," said Marjorie Chan, professor of geology at the University of Utah and one of the authors of a new study of the site.

"Maybe it really wasn't as lifeless as we think," Chan said Monday.

The discovery adds yet another site to the region's long list of dinosaur hot spots. The difference, though, is sheer numbers. Scientists estimate there are more than 1,000 tracks at the site, which is in a protected area of Vermilion Cliffs National Monument.

In some places, there are a dozen footprints in a square yard.

"It was a place that attracted a crowd, kind of like a dance floor," Chan said.

Researchers identified four different kinds of tracks in the rock but haven't determined the specific species that left them behind.

Some of the footprints – once thought to be potholes formed by erosion – measure 16 inches across and have three toes and a heel. Others are smaller and more circular.

The area also includes what researchers think are rare tail drag marks.

Winston Seiler, who studied the site for a master's thesis, said the area might have been a popular gathering spot for adults and youngsters alike. It could have been one of many where Early Jurassic dinosaurs stopped for refreshment before moving along.

Seiler imagines dinosaurs were "happy to be at this place, having wandered up and down many a sand dune, exhausted from the heat and the blowing sand, relieved and happy to come to a place where there was water."

The study's findings were published in the October issue of the journal Palaios.

"It's an exciting site and deserving of a lot more work," said Jim Kirkland, Utah's state paleontologist, who was not involved with the study.

He hopes paleontologists begin a large-scale survey of the site to better understand what's there and what stories the tracks might tell.

Dinosaur tracks can provide important insight about dinosaur behavior and movements across the landscape, said Andrew Milner, paleontologist at the St. George Dinosaur Discovery Site at Johnson Farm in southwestern Utah.

The newly discovered site, about three miles from the nearest road, is part of a protected wilderness area that also includes a geologic formation called "The Wave" – a gallery of striped, twisted sandstone.

Twenty permits are issued each day to enter the area. Linda Price, the monument's manager, expects interest in the area will jump with word of the dinosaur track site.

NY woman's rap sheet shows 73 arrests since 1971

NEW YORK (AP) _ A 70-something woman who gave her address as 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. was arrested for the 73rd time, accused of stealing a police decoy wallet and stuffing it in her bra.

The woman, who prosecutors say has used 36 different names, was indicted Tuesday as Katherine Kelly.

A criminal complaint charged Kelly with grand larceny and attempted grand larceny after her arrest in a Manhattan supermarket Oct. 15. It said she took a wallet, left by police as bait, from a shopping cart. An officer recovered the wallet from Kelly's "bra area," it said.

Undercover police also saw her trying to steal from several shoppers by reaching inside their bags, the complaint said. A judge scheduled a Nov. 17 arraignment.

Kelly's lawyer, James Neilson, stressed that she not been convicted in this case and wouldn't comment on her past arrests. Asked if he thought Kelly was mentally disturbed, Neilson replied, "that's something we're going to find out."

The district attorney's office said Kelly's criminal record dates from Dec. 21, 1971, when she was arrested as Charlotte Martinelli and charged with forgery.

Office spokeswoman Tracy Golden did not know how the case was resolved but said the various arrests, most of them in Brooklyn, have resulted in at least 16 convictions over the years. Most of the charges were felonies that were pleaded down to misdemeanors, she said.

Prosecutors are investigating the woman's true identity, Golden said. Although Kelly has given police 26 birth dates, her office is listing her as 76 because that conforms to the date she gave with her latest arrest.

Kelly gave her address as 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Golden said. That's the address of the White House in Washington, but she gave the city as Brooklyn, where there is no such street address.

Golden noted that the woman has been arrested under 36 names, including Robin Shapiro, Antoinette Lombardi, Mildred Friedman, Sylvia McGuire, Victoria Velloti and Charlotte Petrovas. The aliases tend to be old-fashioned – no Tracys, Whitneys or Britneys.

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Westminster students deal with freshmen 15

NEW WILMINGTON, Lawrence County-- Do first year students really pack on 15 pounds during their freshmen year in college? A Cornell University study revealed evidence that the weight gain or "freshmen 15" isn't just a myth. The study claims the significant weight gain among first year students is a real phenomenon. The research also suggests a number of factors relating to a change in lifestyle and stress associate with campus life coupled with lots of unhealthy food choices add up for a first year students. Titan Radio's Ben Ports surveyed the freshmen 15 issue at Westminster College.

Unsolicited absentee ballotaplications raise questions

NEW CASTLE, Lawrence County-- Some registered voters in Lawrence and Mercer counties are now receiving absentee ballot applications they never requested. Aggressive and unidentified campaign workers are feeding the applications into the mail. The practice may raise some ethical questions about this campaign tactic. But Lawrence County Elections Director Marlene Gabriel says if someone sends in one of those applications, her office will accept it as it is legal.

"It has the same information as the state application, so we do accept them," Gabriel told TR News reporter Michelle Bistrica. "As far is filing an application, they have to be in our office October 28th and then the voted ballots have to be back by October 31st.

"Even after receiving that form, it is still the the individual's choice as to whether or not they will complete the application and apply for an absentee ballot," PA Secretary of State spokesperson Rebecca Halton told TR News. "It is legal for a campaign to send an absentee ballot to voters regardless if they requested it."

INTERNATIONAL

Atheists plan ad campaign on side of London buses

LONDON (AP) _ London buses have God on their side – but not for long, if atheists have their way.

The sides of some of London's red buses will soon carry ads asserting there is "probably no God," as nonbelievers fight what they say is the preferential treatment given to religion in British society.

Organizers of a campaign to raise funds for the ads said Wednesday they received more than $113,000 in donations, almost seven times their target, in the hours since they launched the project on a charity Web site. Supporters include Oxford University biologist Richard Dawkins, who donated $9,000.

The money will be used to place posters on 30 buses carrying the slogan "There's probably no God. Now stop worrying and enjoy your life." The plan was to run the ads for four weeks starting in January, but so much money has been raised that the project may be expanded.

"A lot of people say trying to organize atheists is like herding cats. The last couple of days shows that is not true," said comedy writer Ariane Sherine, who started the campaign.

While most London buses carry posters for shops or Hollywood movies, Christian churches and Muslim groups have bought bus-side ad space in the past.

Sherine came up with the idea after seeing a series of Christian posters on London buses. She said she visited the Web site promoted on one ad and found it told nonbelievers they would spend eternity in torment in hell.

"I thought it would be a really positive thing to counter that by putting forward a much happier and more upbeat advert, saying 'Don't worry, you're not going to hell,'" said Sherine, 28. "Atheists believe this is the only life we have, and we should enjoy it."

The British Humanist Association, which is administering the fundraising drive, said it had been so successful the campaign might spread to other cities including Manchester and Edinburgh.

Most Britons identify themselves as Christians, but few attend church regularly, and public figures rarely talk about their beliefs. Former Prime Minister Tony Blair was rare among politicians in speaking openly about his Christian faith.

Dawkins, author of the best-selling atheist manifesto "The God Delusion," said that religion nonetheless held a privileged position in society.

"Religious organizations have an automatic tax-free charitable status," he said. "Bishops sit in the House of Lords automatically. Religious leaders get preferential treatment on all sorts of commissions.

"This campaign to put alternative slogans on London buses will make people think – and thinking is anathema to religion."

Dawkins said that as an atheist he "wasn't wild" about the ad's assertion that there was "probably" no God.

Sherine said the word was included to ensure the posters didn't breach transit advertising regulations, which stipulate ads should not offend religious people.

Few believers appeared offended by the campaign, although most doubted it would work.

"I think people will ask themselves, 'On what basis can they make that statement?'" said Inayat Bunglawala of the Muslim Council of Britain. "So it will get people thinking, so in that sense it can only be good."

Ad agency CBS Outdoor, which manages advertising on many London buses, said it had approved the atheist campaign.

Sales and marketing director Tim Bleakley said "our decision to take an ad that promotes God, or one that promotes no God, is based on commercial terms, as long as the advertising copy itself does not breach U.K. advertising standards."

The Rev. Jenny Ellis, spirituality and discipleship officer for the Methodist Church, welcomed the ads.

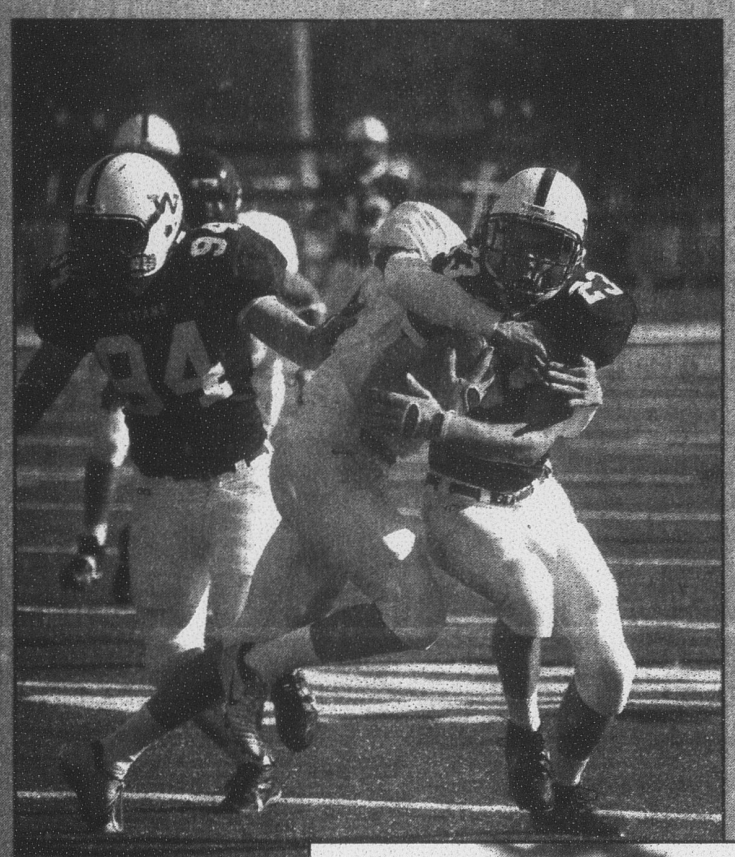
"This campaign will be a good thing if it gets people to engage with the deepest questions of life," she said.

The religious think tank Theos said it had donated $82 to the campaign, on the grounds that the ads were so bad they would probably attract people to religion.

"It tells people to 'stop worrying,' which is hardly going to be a great comfort for those who are concerned about losing jobs or homes in the recession," said Theos director Paul Woolley.

"Stunts like this demonstrate how militant atheists are often great adverts for Christianity."

Homecoming Wrap-up



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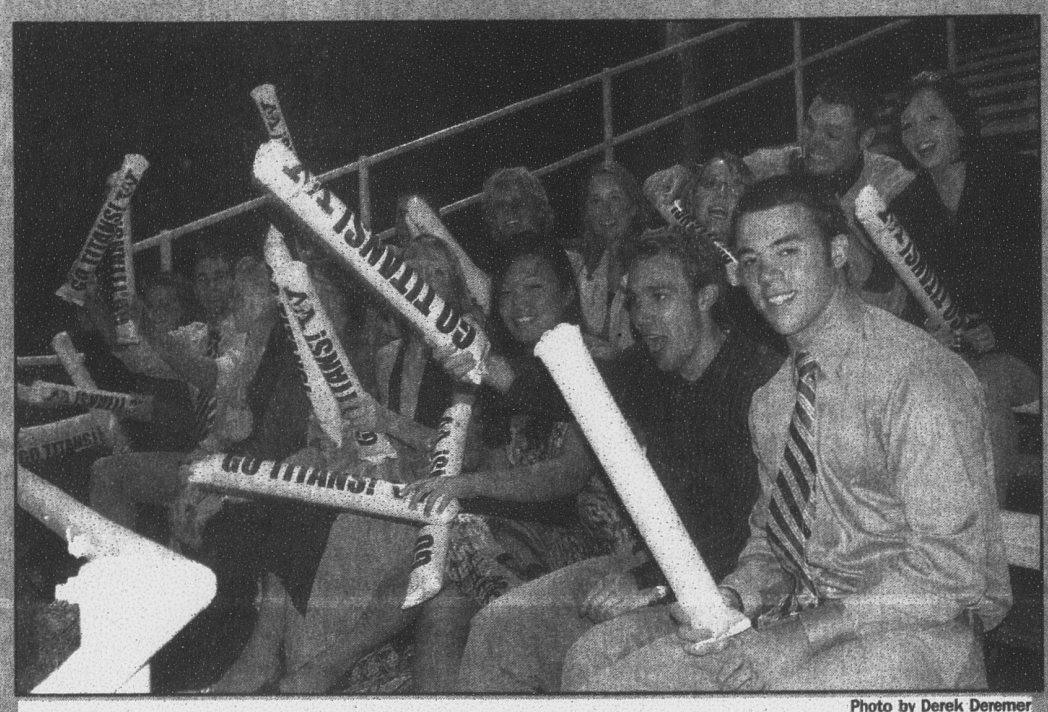
Left: Homecoming Queen Aimee Spicuzza and King, Ben O'Keefe.



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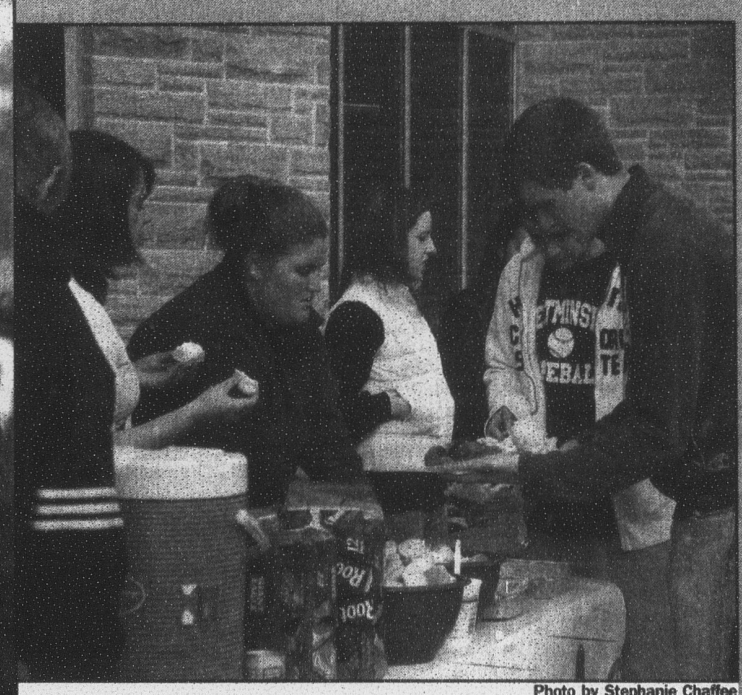
Above: Homecoming candidates enjoy the Pep Rally. Left: Tony Andreassi attempts to avoid a tackle. Below, right: SGA sponsored a cook-out.

Below: Aimee enthusiasticly hugs Ashley Carnahan after being crowned Queen.



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To the left: Last year's Homecoming royalty, Kevin Shields and Ashley Carnahan.

Below: Sig Kaps with their *Daisy-Head Mayzie* float that took second place.

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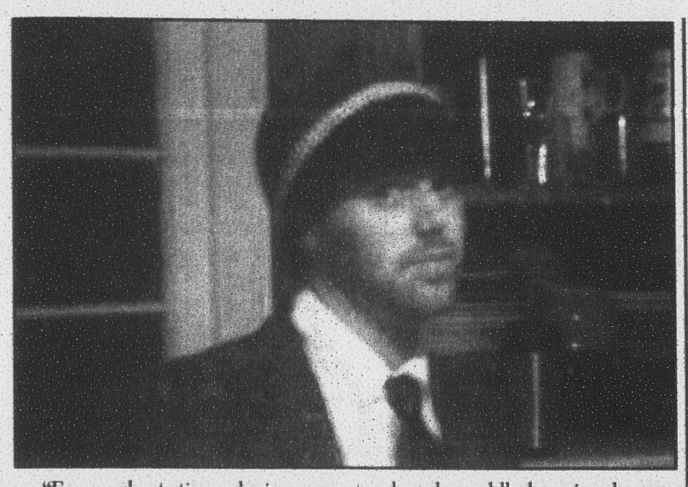
TITAN SPIRIT

Photo by Derek Deremer

A life well spent: friends reflect upon their memories of alumnus, Isaac Ludwig (1981 - 2008)

If you were privileged enough to walk the halls and footpaths of Westminster five years ago, you would have undoubtedly encountered the magnetic personality that was Isaac Hickory Ludwig. Had you been around during the academic years spanning 2000 to 2004, you would have met a young man so full of life and passion that you would have found it quite difficult to not be inspired by his zeal for whatever activity he was engaging in. Isaac was unlike anyone else! His sense of adventure and, well, goofiness could not be matched by many. Sadly, on the evening of August 26, 2008, Isaac's life was ended in a kayaking accident on the Road Prong of Little Pigeon River in the Great Smokey Mountains National Park of Tennessee, and in the flash of an instant, a great hole was left in the Westminster family. Always one to squeeze the most out of life, Isaac died participating in the sport he loved so dear and excelled so greatly at. And with his deep love and respect for nature, it was with a poetic sense of irony that it was a force of nature that delivered Isaac to his eternal home. Even in death, not being one to ever waste one bit of his life, Isaac's wishes were fulfilled in the donating of his body to science at the University of Tennessee. With this final selfless act, Isaac's passion for justice lives on as he will be helping to perfect the science of forensic pathology, giving a voice to the voiceless who have lost their own lives to violence. Because of the incredible young man that Isaac Ludwig was, and so that a new generation of Westminster students can become inspired by his life, a group of his close friends from Westminster have banded together to write down their fondest memories of our dear friend in hopes that when you put down this article you come away with a renewed zeal for life. It is with great sadness that we say good bye to our dear friend, and at the same time it is with great fondness and laughter that we recall our memories of Isaac.

These are our memories...



"For a short time during my frantic, loud, and sometimes lonely, freshman year at Westminster College, I may have called Isaac my best friend. That year Isaac and Ken Jae brought me into a group of friends who encouraged me to see and experience the world more thoroughly. They took me to Washington, D.C for anti-war protests and helped Sandy Edmiston and I found the Sierra Student Coalition. Isaac was the leader of a small but loud group of students who challenged and encouraged each other and together vowed to change the world for the better while popping the bubble over Westminster's campus. Just after his graduation, more than four years ago now, he invited me to join him and a friend on a kayaking trip to the Lower Yough. Isaac hollered guidance to me from his kayak, as I, cold, wet, and balancing precariously in a sit-on-top kayak, paddled anxiously over the rapids. That day I learned my first lesson from Isaac – only by paddling harder can you glide over the rough spots. Isaac inspired me by living exactly the lifestyle he wanted, which, to me, is quite heroic. Isaac embodied and represented an idealism that was not naïve, and an adventurous spirit that would not compromise. He could have an extreme opinion, but was always reasonable. I often felt challenged in conversations with him, and these challenges are the second lesson I learned from Isaac. If he caught you rationalizing some part of your life you were not happy about, he would not let you. He stopped you and said, 'Dude, no.' If you were a friend of his, he would not let you settle for anything less than you wanted."

Colby King
Class of 2007

"Isaac loved music. He loved food (especially free food). He loved relationships and was one of the best persons at keeping in touch. While most of us find it hard to make time to do this, Isaac through his blog, e-mails, and phone calls, just made it a part of his routine, even years after leaving Westminster.

He had a subtle way of being an amazing friend. Many of us recall stories when Isaac made us laugh. What we cannot ignore, are the other times when Isaac made us feel challenged and inspired. In as few words as possible- Isaac got stuff done.

He was a co-founder with his partner in crime, Ken Jae, of the Campus Green Party. If that was not a big enough endeavor to support, he and Ken also planned and held an anti-war rally in New Castle. He took the problems of the world seriously and with great passion thrust his life into finding solutions and providing arenas to speak. Isaac was always writing a press release.

He knew how to communicate with the press and found it an important part of his work. When he took his latest position in NC, things were no different -he got stuff done. Isaac worked on several initiatives to clean up the river he loved to kayak. Only several weeks before his death, he was in the TN capital attending meetings and bringing this eco-justice fight to the forefront.

He inspires me today in so many ways and I cannot help but smile when I think of him."

Anonymous

2004 Westminster Green Party in Washington DC (Isaac in center)

"Isaac lived the way many people dream of living. He was always surrounded by friends. If he was ever worried, I never knew. He was genuine and generous. Isaac once kayaked down the tiny stream on campus. Isaac wore an M&M's blanket to a toga party. Isaac gave me my first radio spot and honored Tiffanie and I by attending our wedding. We are privileged to have known him."

Nate & Tiffanie Zuzack
Class of 2004

Isaac dancing with Tiffanie Zuzack at her and Nate's wedding

"The first time I met Isaac was during a breakfast event with President Williamson, it was Isaac's first semester at Westminster. I listened as Isaac's father, Ted, talked to President Williamson as to why Isaac chose Westminster College over Wooster (both Ted and President Williamson were graduates of Wooster).

Ted told the president that the main reason Isaac chose Westminster was for the cool waters of the Slippery Rock Creek at McConnell's Mills. This is when I learned that Isaac was a whitewater kayaker.

I will never forget that huge smile that came over Isaac's face as his dad talked to President Williamson of Isaac's love of boating. I immediately introduced myself to Isaac as a fellow paddler and told him he would need to hook up with my husband who would love to paddle with him. This was the beginning of a great friendship with Isaac.

While my husband had more of the whitewater bond with Isaac, I had a classroom bond with him. I respected Isaac and his knowledge of P.R. Whenever he was in my class, I would seek him out to be either my partner or in my group - he was so creative and he made me feel like I belonged even though I was like a hundred years older than most of the students! Isaac kept in touch with us over the years as he ventured around the U.S. and Costa Rica.

I will miss those stories, his voice, and his face. Isaac was happy, he was always happy – he had the best spirit and I for one miss him everyday. Isaac left an impression in my soul and I am forever blessed to call him my friend."

Merrianne H. McGill L
Class of 2005

Colby King (left) and Isaac (second from right) in the Smokies

Isaac kayaking the Rio Claro in Chile

"When Isaac was involved, you were never quite sure what to expect. Whether it was Isaac sending me 'kayaking' down the hallway of his apartment building, or him parading around the 2004 Mock Convention in an orange jumpsuit and pink feather boa, you always found yourself simultaneously shaking your head in bewilderment and laughing hysterically.

But Isaac was far more than just a silly, and often times outrageous, man. He was someone with a deep abiding passion for life that served to buffet his sense of justice and ecological responsibility. Seeing as Isaac and I were often roaming around Westminster trying to promote our various causes, we would routinely vent our frustrations to each other over the sense that no one was really listening. Well, people were listening and since change is always slow to come, we didn't see the fruits of our respective labors until after we had graduated.

About a year after graduation, I ran into Isaac back at Westminster and watched as he beamed over seeing the permanent recycling bins in each building.

For nearly Isaac's entire career at Westminster, he labored to see those permanent recycling bins become a reality, as well as ushering in the institution of composting and removal of Styrofoam products from the TUB, in order to make Westminster a more ecologically sustainable and responsible community.

So despite his death, Isaac's legacy lives on in the hallowed halls of Westminster College as his passions and determination brought about real and tangible change to the place he called home for four years of his life. I am honored and blessed to have been friends with such a great individual, and I will always miss him dearly."

Tara Billock
Class of 2004

Our time in college passes in what seems like an instant, but the friendships we make and the legacy we leave remain far after our four years come to an end. One thing is for sure; the legacy we share extends beyond our years and experiences at Westminster and leaves not only the school, but our friends and our world a better place. Some current students may not realize how those who have gone before you are enriching your own Westminster experience. This is especially true of a Westminster great – Isaac Ludwig. We thank The Holcad and the community of Westminster for indulging us in memorializing our dear friend in this current issue. It is our sincere hope for those of you that did not know Isaac, that you will have been inspired by the words we have written. Seeing as many of us writing here also shared in mourning the loss of our dear friend and Westminster alum, Sandy Edmiston in 2005, we can tell you with certainty that as young adults, we are mistaken if we think mortality is a concern merely for the aged. So cherish your friends here, hold fast to the memories you create and at the end of your college career, make it a priority to stay in touch with the people you grew to love during your time in the shadow of Old Main. Isaac would routinely greet all of his friends with, "Hey! It's my brother from another mother!" (or "sister from another mister" depending on the one being caught in Isaac's bear hug) and that is truly how he saw his friends, as another part of his extended family. We desire that Isaac's insatiable zeal for life and his passionate commitment to the causes he held dear would ignite a fire in your hearts to make the most of the time that you are given. As we pay tribute to another Westminster great, we remember that our time is short and the time to live passionately is now. Therefore, go forth fearlessly into your lives. Find something to be incredibly passionate about and devote your time and energy to it. Deeply cherish and enrich your relationships. But above all -- don't waste your life!

Isaac (far right) guiding a rafting trip in the Smokies

"As life is action and passion, it is required of a man that he should share the passion and action of his time, at the peril of being not to have lived." ~Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

***All content and pictures contributed by friends of Isaac Ludwig**

Campus News

Cancer-surviving alumnus speaks to students, faculty and community

By Jessica Davis
Staff Writer

Cancer survivor, mountaineer and 1997 graduate, Sean Swarner, spoke on Sunday, Oct. 19 at 8:15 p.m. in Orr Auditorium about the obstacles he has overcome and the heights he has reached.

Swarner, spoke to more than 200 students, faculty and community members. Introduced by Student Athletic Advisory Committee President, Conor Simpson, and Vice President, Amanda Smallhoover, Swarner talked about his battle with cancer and how cancer has inspired him and others to make the most of life.

"Who knows what students, right here at Westminster, ten or fifteen years from now may have to go through or what odds they may have to overcome," Director of Athletics, James Dafler, said. "Here's someone who was sitting in the same classrooms."

According to www.seanswarner.com, Swarner is the only person diagnosed with both Hodgkin's Disease and Askin's Sarcoma.

At 13 years old, Swarner was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Disease. Doctors did not expect him to live more than three months, but he survived. Three years later, doctors discovered a golf ball sized tumor on his lung and diagnosed Swarner with Askin's Sarcoma.

He was not expected to live more than two weeks after the removal of the tumor. However, he survived both cancers and was the first cancer survivor to summit Mount Everest.

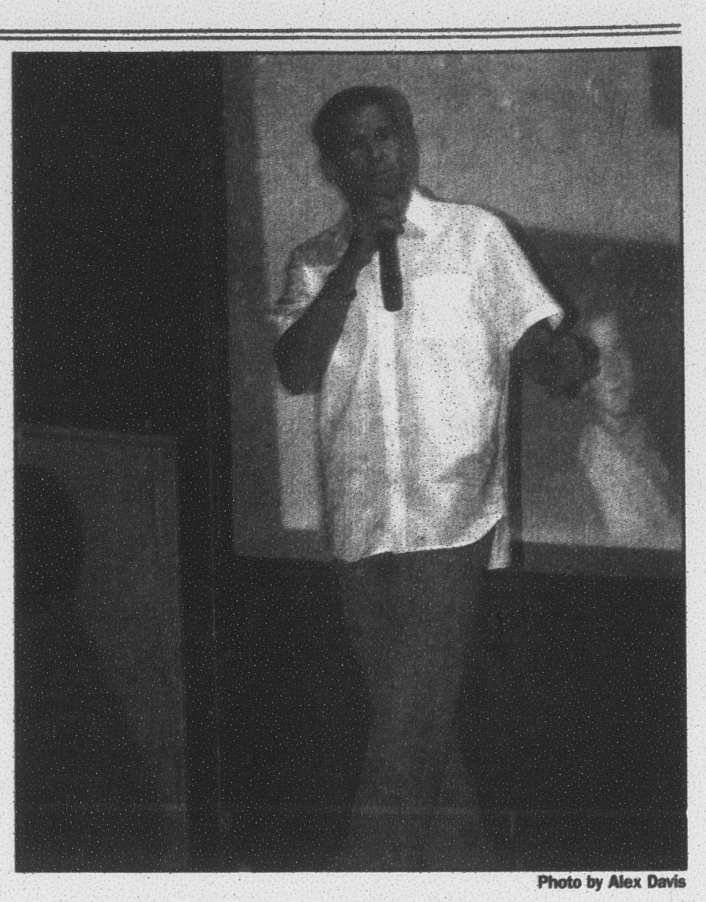
"I think that he will really inspire students that no matter what obstacles they have in life that they can overcome them," President of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee, Conor Simpson, said. "No matter how insurmountable they may seem, if he could overcome what he has, it gives a lot of hope for other people."

With one fully functioning lung, Swarner reached the peak of Mount Everest on May 16, 2002. He carried a flag with the names of others suffering from cancer to the top with him and buried it at the summit in devotion. Since then, he has successfully climbed "the 7 summits" that also include Mount Kilimanjaro, Mount Elbrus, Mount Aconcagua, Mount Kosciusko, and Mount Vinson.

According to www.espn.com, Swarner competed in the 2008 Ford Ironman World Championships on Oct. 11.

"Cancer is the worst thing that's ever happened to me, I'll be honest with you, but it's the best thing," Swarner said. "It's made me realize that we should not worry about dying, but we should worry about not living a life that matters."

While Swarner was an undergraduate on campus, he was on the Titan swim team and lettered during his freshmen year. He was an assistant coach on Head Coach Klamut's staff before he graduated in 1997.



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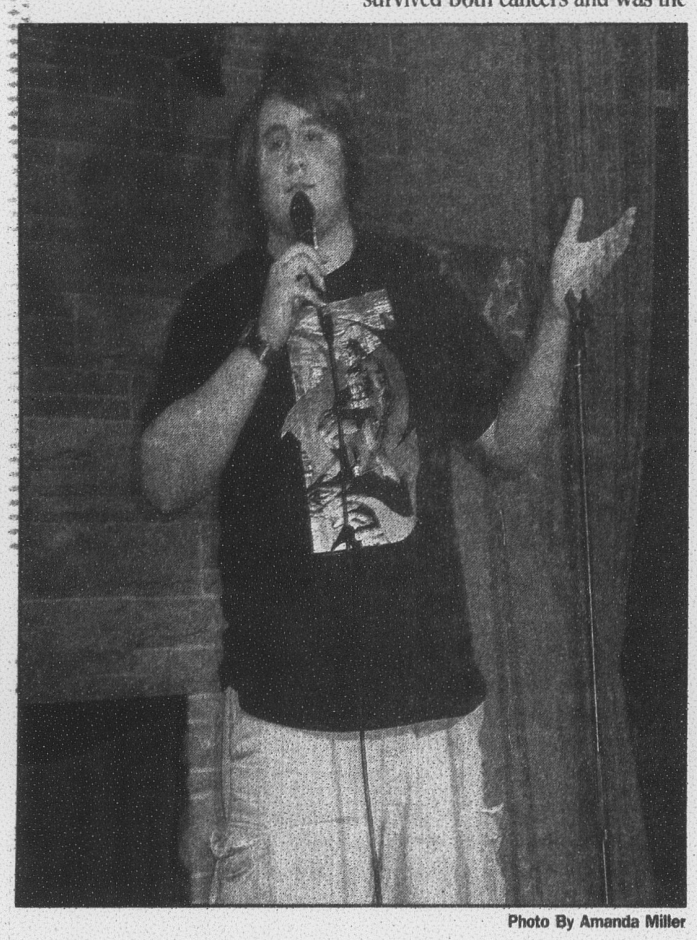


Photo By Amanda Miller

Junior Stefan Schneider keeps the crowd howling with his jokes during Phi Mu's Stand Up, Stand Off. Schneider went on to win the competition.

Laughs-a-plenty with Phi Mu's Stand Up, Stand Off

By Travis Gulling
Staff Writer

On Monday, Oct. 20, Phi Mu hosted its annual Stand-up Stand off in Berlin Lounge to over 100 students.

Two years ago, Phi Mu started this comedy -filled night to benefit the Children's Miracle Network, their national philanthropy. From this event Phi Mu received $669 to donate to this philanthropy.

Students in attendance were ready for a fun filled night and they were not disappointed. Nine students representing several organizations including College Feminists, Phi Kappa Tau, and Kappa Delta took the stage one at a time to deliver their routine which were packed full of one-liners. From the Albatross gentleman to the crazy aunt, the comedians definitely brought their best.

However, only one student could win this event and Stefan Schneider was the lucky man representing Phi Kappa Tau.

"It feels awesome to win," Schneider said. "I just tried to think of funny things to say and I was able to do that."

Although Schneider won the event, one man was able to steal the show. Junior Ryan Hitchcock did that when he took the microphone during a break.

He started by telling senior Tony Gomez a pick-up line and continued to entertain. Hitchcock told of his problem of uncontrollably swearing while playing Mario-Kart and how much he adores the Dallas Cowboys because of their symbol of the star. Even the judges felt Hitchcock did a great job.

"He would have given Stefan a run for his money," Event Judge, Dr. Suzanne Prestien said. "However, Stefan was the funniest one entered into the competition."

The judges rated each contested on a scale of 1-10 with the best comedian being ranked 10 to the not so good comedian being ranked a 1.

The judges eventually came to a conclusion that Schneider was the winner of this event. Some individuals felt that others made it a close competition.

"It was definitely between him and Jess Farrelly," Junior Liz McLaughlin said. "Stefan was definitely very funny though."

As the winner, Schneider received a $50 prize that Phi Mu will donate to a charity of his choice. Schneider said he will want to donate the money to the Hole in the Wall Gang Camps, which is the national philanthropy of Phi Kappa Tau. Schneider is excited that he won and could help support this worthy cause that was founded by Paul Newman who recently died.

Phi Mu thanks all who attended and all proceeds went to Children's Miracle Network.

"It feels awesome to win. I just tried to think of funny things to say and I was able to do that."
Junior Stefan Schneider

Philosophy Club keeps students thinking

By Brian Cosgrove
Campus Writer

Philosophy is not just for philosophy majors any more, thanks to the new Philosophy Club.

On Sept. 1, Phi Sigma Tau, the Philosophy Honors Society, decided to give other non-philosophy majors the opportunity to discuss their favorite topics with each other in a relaxed environment. With this incentive in mind, they held the Philosophy Club's first meeting. The Club currently has twelve members and meets every week at 5:45 p.m.

"It is a wonderful opportunity for students to come and engage in Socratic dialogue," president Veronica Geretz said.

The initial idea to form the club came from Geretz, Camille Hawthorne and the club's advisor, Dr. David Goldberg.

The club decides on a theme for every semester on which they will base their group discussions. This semester's theme is religion in the arts. The group will view various ways that religion can be found in art and how each co-exist with each other.

The club will be focusing on art outside of typical places where it would be closely tied to religion, such as a church, and how those pieces of art can cause religious experiences for different people.

With the intent to view different pieces of art, the members decided to take a trip to Pittsburgh on Oct. 17. Their specific destination was the Andy Warhol art museum.

"There is a lot of religiously controversial art at Warhol," Geretz said.

"A lot of the art there is interesting but also shocking and surprising," Amanda Miller, a member of the club that attended the trip, said.

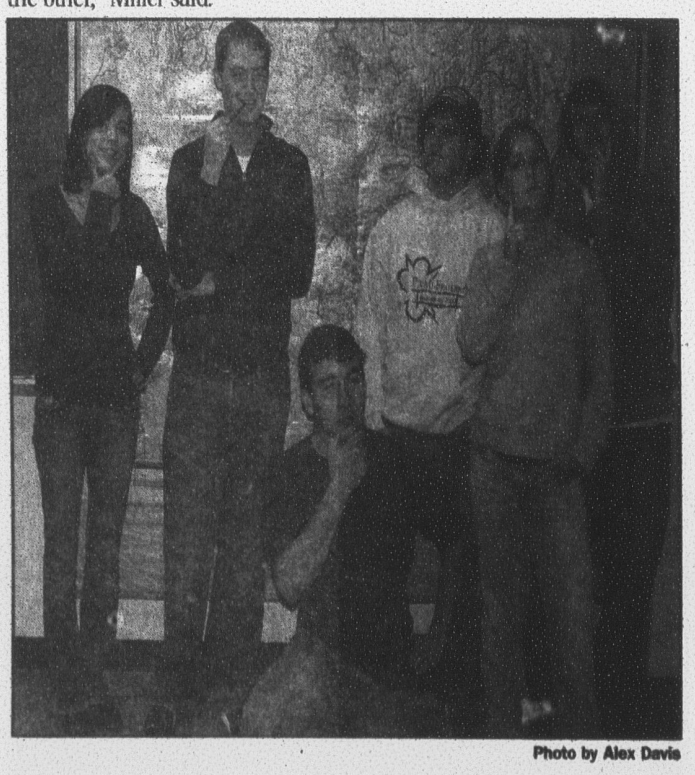
The club also discusses the other possibilities of art and what art actually is.

"Most people think of paintings and statues when you mention art. We try to establish that art could be the written word, singing, chanting, or anything else that conveys a feeling from one person to the other," Miller said.

In addition to these kinds of trips the group will also be attending the Mid-South Philosophy Conference. This annual conference takes place in Memphis, TN and hosts a wide variety of people from colleges and universities.

Along with the semester's topic, the club also chooses a member to bring a different topic to each meeting for the discussion.

"It's a good way for both philosophy majors and non-philosophy majors to become involved in the intellectual experience," Miller said.



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Campus News

Jazz ensemble holds concert

Student and alumni jazz ensembles entertained faculty, students, and visiting alumni

By Kandice Hartner
Campus Writer

The jazz ensemble gave an open "invitation" to their latest concert on Saturday, Oct. 18, which featured a special concert by the alumni jazz ensemble.

Ninety-seven people attended the concert which began at 7:30 p.m. in the Berlin Lounge and ended at 9 p.m. The concert, titled "Invitation," began as the lights dimmed and Dr. R. Tad Grieg addressed the audience.

After welcoming everyone to the concert, Grieg explained that Andrew Erb, the original director of the concert, was unable to attend. As assistant director for the jazz ensemble, Grieg would be taking Erb's place for the evening. Jenna Diorio, a 2008 Westminster graduate, attended the concert.

"As an alumni, this is a totally different experience," Diorio said. "It's like a mix of old and new."

When the ensemble, which was made up of 20 members, began playing, the audience responded by applauding during songs when a solo was performed and after a song was finished. The jazz band meets twice a week to work on music and prepare for their concerts.

After playing four songs, the jazz ensemble stepped offstage, and Grieg introduced the alumni jazz ensemble. This concert was the first time a group of jazz ensemble alumni was given the chance to put on their own concert during a regular jazz ensemble program.

"I'm exceedingly proud of all of them," Grieg said, referring to the alumni. "They got the music a week ago, and we met after the parade to rehearse for an hour.

The alumni ensemble, which was comprised of 17 members, took the stage and played five songs together before allowing the jazz ensemble to take the stage once again to finish the concert.

The event ended after the jazz ensemble played their final four songs. Grieg informed the audience that the last song the ensemble would play, "Winter Games," was a favorite of the group.

Grieg thanked the audience for attending the concert, and after the final song was played the audience applauded a final time before leaving. Darnelle Clark attended the concert and said she would attend the next jazz ensemble concert in a heartbeat

"I couldn't stop smiling the whole time," Clark said. "My cheeks actually hurt."

The next music department event is scheduled to take place on Sunday, Oct. 26 at 3 p.m. and will feature the Westminster College faculty woodwind quintet. The concert will take place in the E. Charles Wallace Memorial Chapel and is free to the public.

Photo by Amanda Miller

Making some noise

Members of the jazz ensemble performed lively tunes at the concert, "Invitation," held on Saturday, Oct. 18 in the Berlin Lounge. The alumni jazz ensemble only practiced for an hour before they had to perform, and the student ensemble ended the evening with a collective favorite, "Winter Games."

Library Renovations

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After learning about the library and recognizing everyone who helped make it as beautiful as it is, there was a tour given to view all the new renovations, and refreshments were served in the Ferguson Room on the second floor.

Some of the renovations included a new front entrance, stained glass windows, ceiling in the main entrance, light fixtures, circulation desk and many more. The wooden furniture in the library is the same oak furniture the library has had for years. Molly Spinney explained that it is hard to tell what is new and what is old because the architects worked to make sure that everything kept with the traditional style.

Dorita Bolger, the reference librarian at McGill, was pleased with the new renovations at the library. She felt that the library provides a study space for all study styles. There are individual desks and study rooms if one wants privacy, and there are also comfortable chairs and couches that students can use as well.

Now that the renovations are completed, students can sit back and appreciate the library. The library hours can be found on the campus website.

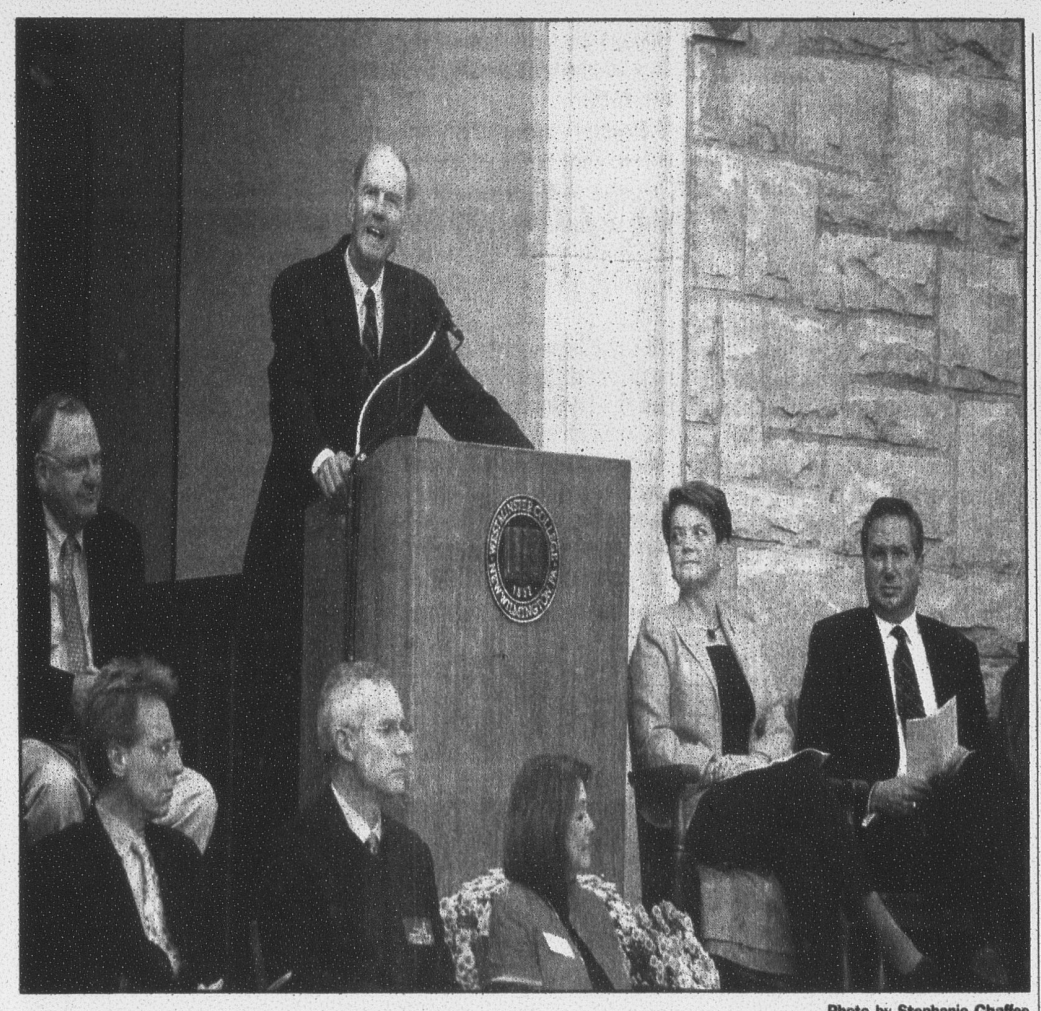


Photo by Stephanie Chaffee

Renovated and ready for patrons

Former President Dr. Thomas Williamson spoke at the McGill Library rededication ceremoney on Friday, Oct. 17. Other speakers included Deborah Foster, Dr. Richard H. Dorman, Molly Spinney, George R. Berlin, Dr. Elizabeth G. Drinko, and the Rev. Dr. Carolyn J. Jones.

mini-Scrawl

Want to get your poetry or art published in *The Holcad*?

Send your submissions to sanchelb@westminster.edu or campus mailbox 159 by Nov. 7.

Look for mini-Scrawl in the Nov. 21 edition

Correction:

In the article "Congressman Jason Altmire speaks to students and faculty, advocates education" in the Oct. 10 edition it was written that Dr. Shannon Smithey is the chair of the political science department when Dr. Edward Cohen is the chair of the political science department

SGA MINUTES

Student Government Association

10-22-08

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jordan Flaim, Secretary

I. Prayer- John Marlowe, Chaplain

II. Roll was called and all senators were present and accounted for except for the following: Nate Dodd, Zach Marsh, Sarah Sporrer, Kelsie Moon, Ben O'Keefe and Miltadis Constantine

III. Approval of minutes

The minutes will be approved at the next meeting because they could not be shown on the screen.

IV. Executive Officers Report

President-Ashley Carnahan

Thanks to everyone who helped out with homecoming and SGA float.

Make sure if you signed up to help at the Presidential Inauguration you know the schedule of events for the day.

Following the Presidential Inauguration there will be a reception and all students are invited to attend and please dress business casual.

The dinner for the Student Organization Presidents has been moved to Nov. 13th.

Every student is encouraged to attend the various events this weekend.

Vice-President-Jenna Cunningham

There is a SGA Bonfire tomorrow night, October 23rd at 7:30 PM with free hot dogs, smores, drinks and music.

Friday October 24th there is a Powderpuff tournament beginning at 4:30 PM there are currently 12 teams signed up.

Secretary-Jordan Flaim

There are 42 Senators in attendance.

Treasurer-Ryan Kirk

$100.00 was paid for Fall Fest entertainment.

$346.83 was paid to Giant Eagle for the Homecoming cookout.

$344.10 was paid for Mardi Gras beads for the Homecoming parade.

$2400.00 was paid for the Fall Fest drive in movie.

For all student organizations, your money from last year's allocations should be in your account as of the end of September.

Committee Meetings

Finance- Ashley Stebor

Met with Allies and because of the lack of receipts they failed their audit, however they will be able to use the money they already have been allocated, but they will not have the ability to seek an allocation for this year's drag show.

There will be an allocation for ICC in new business.

Student Concerns- Jake Shaffer

Facilities and Grounds Review Board met and discussed various issues.

Has received all computer lab hours and will be compiling the information from this research.

The café is having a spooky themed dinner on Wednesday, October 29th.

Academics- Cory Mathias

RLC met and discussed celebrating John Calvin's 500th birthday and there are no meetings permitted during Vespers or Mass.

EMC met and discussed the financial crisis in reference to enrollment, scholarship amounts and an increase in applications

Public Relations- Sarah Geist

No Report.

Special Events-Aimee Gerber

Friday October 24th SGA and CPC will be showing the movie Hancock on the quad beginning at 10:30 PM. At the movie there will be food and refreshments. The Set-Up crew must be there at 6:30 PM.

Diversity- Kylee Bennett

Ordering a holiday origami book and paper to make origami at the SGA Christmas Party.

V. Old Business

No Old Business.

VI. New Business

ICC was granted an allocation in the amount of $600.00 without objection.

VII. Open Floor

No Open Floor.

VIII. Announcements

Senators please help Sarah stuff mailboxes tomorrow morning, October 23rd at 9:00 AM.

IX. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Lurene McDonald and was passed.

Campus News

No talent necessary

Newman Club to host first on-campus "air band" concert

By Katelyn Livingston
Campus Writer

Music will fill the Berlin Student Lounge on Friday, Nov. 7, but the tunes will not come from any instruments.

For the first time, the Newman Club, the Catholic fellowship group on campus, is sponsoring an air band concert from 8-10 p.m. All students can create a band of 2-5 people to perform at the event. This concert, however, does not require any real musical talent. Band members will "fake" play or "air-play" any instrument, such as an air guitar, air drums, etc.

"We think it's going to be a lot of fun and could become a tradition for Westminster and the Newman Club to continue," senior Newman Club Secretary Rachel Burkot said.

Each band must prepare three songs on a CD, two to perform at the concert and one as a back up in case others are not appropriate or approved. Each band must register before Oct. 29. Students can pick up registration forms at the Information Desk in McKelvey.

All band members must pay $3 to register. The Newman Club will award prizes for first, second and third place. For those interested in attending, admission is free. Donations and canned goods will be accepted and donated to a local food bank.

"I plan on attending the concert," sophomore Becca Michalski said. "I think it is a funny idea, and it's for a good cause."

Faculty members will serve as judges for the event. Bands will be judged on their overall performance, talent, creativity and costumes. So far, the club has one judge in place, but hopes to have 4-5.

Senior Newman Club Vice President Jon Maielli discovered the idea for the Air Band concert when his dad revealed to him that he and his friends had created an air band for a talent show.

"I think it's different, and if we can get the word out enough – I'm hoping it will be a good thing," Maielli said.

Besides the concert, the Newman Club also gets together every Tuesday night at 9:30 p.m. in the Witherspoon Maple room. Club members do crafts and have discussions regarding their faith.

"It's a fun group to come together and share our faith," Burkot said.

The club also helps out at mass on Saturday nights. The club's other plans include visiting Coolsprings Corn Maze in Mercer and Hartwood Acres to see Christmas lights.

Students to attend WestPACS job fair in Pittsburgh

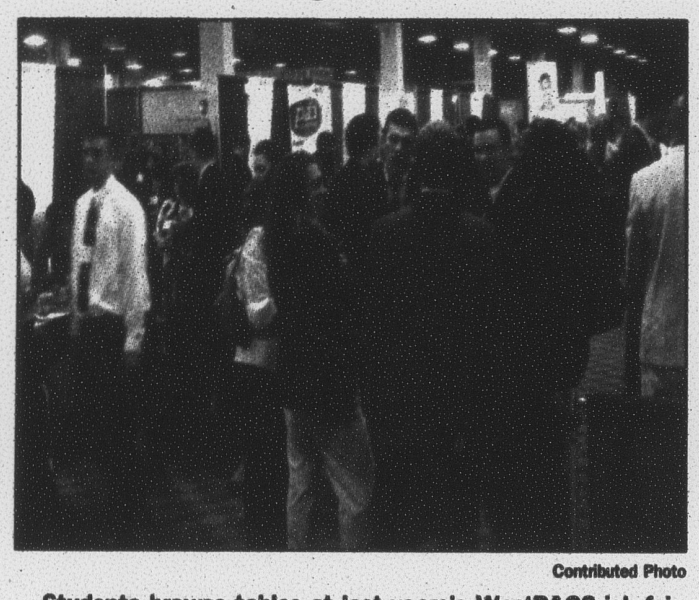
By Erika Clayton
Sfatt Writer

On Thursday, Oct. 30, students from more than 44 colleges and universities will attend the WestPACS College Job and Internship Fair held at the Pittsburgh Indoor Sports Arena in Cheswick, PA from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. It is sponsored by the PNC Financial Services Group.

This will be the 20th time this event will be held. For those who do not know what WestPACS means, it stands for Western Pennsylvania Career Services Association. These universities will meet with more than 175 companies, government agencies, and non-profit organizations for job and internship opportunities.

All students, regardless of major, are welcome to attend and free transportation is provided. To attend the WestPACS Fair, then students need to register online by going to www.westpacs.org or stop by the Career Center in the McKelvey Campus Center, where the registration fee will be waived.

When attending the fair, students need to have a resume and their college IDs, in addition to dressing professionally. The walk-in fee cost $10. Some colleges that attend every year include Thiel, Mercyhurst, Grove City, and Allegheny.



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Students browse tables at last years's WestPACS job fair. This year, the event will be held at the Pittsburgh Indoor Sports Arena in Cheswick, Pa. on Oct. 30.

Not only are students invited, but alumni are welcome as well. In fact, several of our alumni are planning to attend the fair. They include Daniel Brownlee (who graduated in 2001), Mark Munoz, (graduated in 1997). Thus far, eight seniors and a junior have signed up for the job fair.

The fair offers a wide variety of employers who inform attendees on how many people they are looking to hire. Students will have an opportunity to network and search for potential internships and jobs.

All walk-in attendees will have to pay the walk-in fee and provide their college ID card to indicate that that are a college student. On average, about forty to fifty of our students attend the WestPACS Fair every year, and a total of about 1500 students around the United States attend.

Students who would rather not pay the walk-in fee can instead pre-register online for free, and the final deadline to do so is Tuesday, Oct. 28.

Alumnus speaks to students about job with MTV reality show "The Hills"

By Christina Alducka
News Editor

Imagine working for MTV shortly after graduating college. Alumnus Jonathan Joy, a 2003 broadcast communications graduate, did just that and recently visited to share his story.

The Future Media Professionals sponsored Joy's visit to 40 attendees at 11:45 a.m. on Oct. 15, in the Berlin Student Lounge. Joy discussed his job as the videographer for MTV's reality show "The Hills," during a 45 minute question and answer session. Attendees inquired how he landed the job, what he thought of the cast members and what he plans to do in the future.

"He was straightforward," junior Andy Borts, Future Media Professionals president, said. "He was able to give you the answer that you wanted to hear."

One of the first questions dealt with how Joy got the job. He said that his friends worked for MTV and lived in Los Angeles. After networking and an approval of his resume, he packed his belongings and set out to start his job as the new cameraman for the reality show.

Four days a week, Joy works a 12-14 hour shift. He leaves his house at least an hour in advance, due to traffic. Joy travels to pre-determined locations, like restaurants or clubs, to film the cast members.

"It's one of the few reality shows on TV that's shot like a film," Joy said.

He explained that the crew arrives to the shoot before the cast to situate cameras and lights. The videographers then know what to film and what to focus on during the shoot.

Borts commented on the videography of the series.

"They [videographers] work so hard to make every shot dramatic," Borts said. "You're not just watching TV, you're in the show."

Just as viewers get involved with the show, Joy said the crew must watch their actions. He said that the producers prefer the crew not to befriend the cast members. He used the example that a cast member might look at the camera more often, because he or she is friends with the person holding the camera.

In the past, Joy worked as a cameraman for the television show "Numbers" as well as on commercials and independent films. When asked what television show he would want to work for, he immediately had a reply.

"I would like to work for any show on HBO or Showtime," Joy said. "They are very well-written programs."

Several questions enabled him to provide students with advice for getting a job after college. He said that networking helps. To show his enthusiasm for networking, he offered to give anyone in attendance his phone number. Joy also stressed conducting research to better one's knowledge on a job.

"If you want to do movies then learn everything about movies," Joy said. "There's no excuse because you have access to so much information."

Sophomore Kayla Zoller, who attended the event, said the most memorable advice Joy gave was to "find people who do what you want to do and stick to them like glue."

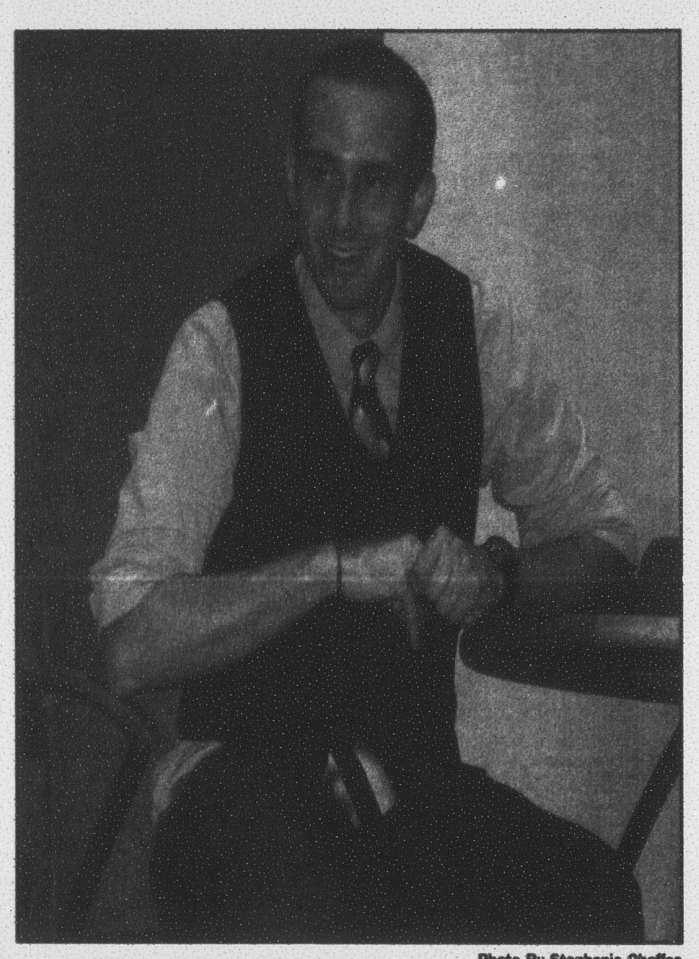
Not only does Joy like working behind the camera, he enjoys writing screenplays, especially dramas. Joy said he credits this hobby to one of his high school English teachers, who motivated him to write. For inspiration, he carries a notebook with him.

In the future Joy said that he might work on Whitney's, one of "The Hill's" cast members, spin-off series. He also said that he might attend graduate school.

On Oct. 15, Joy also visited Prof. Brad Weaver's video productions class, where students learn about cameras, tripods and shooting.

"He helped a lot of people in the video productions class and turned some heads about Future Media Professionals," Borts said.

Borts' goal for this year's FMP is to get the members to interact with one another. He said that media heavily relies on teamwork and communication. Some of his interests for the future of the club include sponsoring a film festival and taking trips that incorporate all forms of media.



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Living the Hollywood life

2003 graduate, Jonathan Joy spoke to students on Oct 15 about his professional videography work with the popular MTV show "The Hills." The Future Media Professionals Club arranged the talk.

Tibetan monks bring message of peace and harmony

By Laura Henry
Staff Writer

A group of Tibetan monks from the Gaden Sharse Monastery visited the campus Monday through Friday, Oct. 13-17, participating in several demonstrations and events, and attending several classrooms.

Professor of Religion and Philosophy Dr. Bryan Rennie holds the position of Vira I. Heinz Professor for the Heinz Company since 2003 and provides the Heinz Lecture Series on campus.

Rennie uses the Heinz funding toward religious studies globally and ecumenically, bringing in speakers and planning events for the college and community to enjoy. Every couple of years Rennie arranges for the monks to visit the campus.

The monks previously attended campus in 2003 and 2005. Their 2008 visit cost $4000. However, many feel their visit was money well spent, as the monks provided the campus and community with religious insight and lived experience and understanding.

"I try to educated everyone not just students about different religious possibilities, but one of my main goals is to teach students about different religions and give them an actual experience with people," Rennie said. "In order for people to understand the religion they need to meet the people who are involved in that religion."

On Monday, Oct. 13 and Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 6:30 p.m., the monks spoke about "Serene Mind, Compassionate Heart," describing Buddhist beliefs and doctrines and explaining the Buddha dharma or teachings of Siddhartha Gautama, the Buddha.

On Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 6:30 p.m., the monks demonstrated the ancient healing arts of Tibet. Many college and community members, especially those suffering from ailments, attended the ceremony and were encouraged to participate. The ceremony consisted of the importance of mental visualization and its involvement in healing.

The Sand Mandala's ceremonial dissolution was held on Thursday, Oct. 16 at 6:30 p.m. The Sand Mandala's complex building process, commenced on Monday, Oct 13, taking four days to complete.

Despite the strenuous hours of hard work and dedication the final product was destroyed to symbolize non-attachment and the Buddhist notion that all is change and there is no permanence.

To the Buddhists, the Sand Mandala signifies a visual representation of the heaven belonging to Chen-re-zig, the Buddha of infinite compassion. During the dissolution process monks place the sand in a body of water, transcending its holiness.

On the morning of Friday Oct. 17, the monks disseminated the sand into Lake Brittain, while performing another ceremonial chant.

Rennie expressed the chant was his favorite portion of the monks' visit.

"The chanting was really intense, almost intimidating and aggressive it was so loud," Rennie said.

Associate Professor of Religion and Philosophy Dr. David Goldberg expressed similar views.

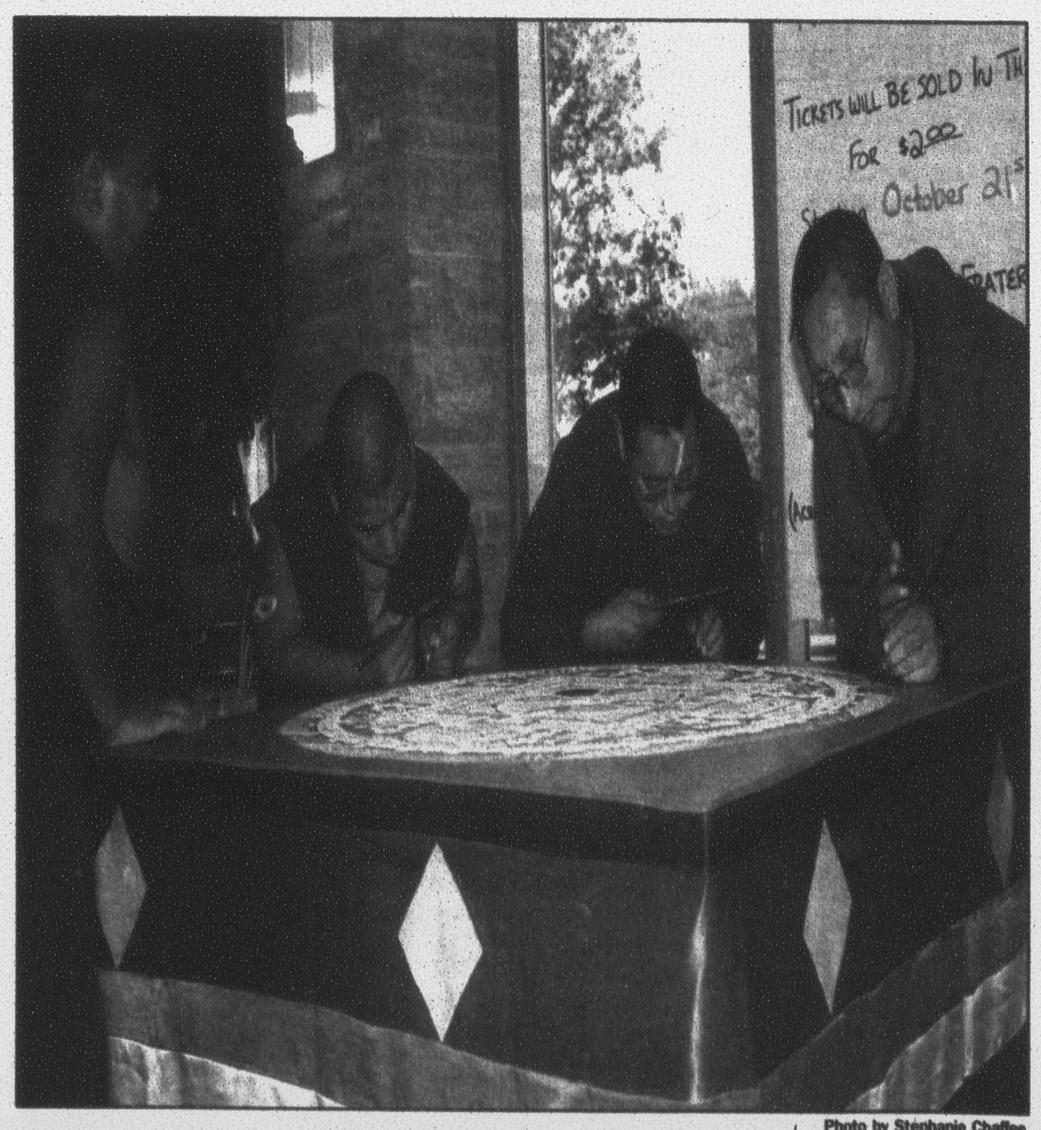
"I thought the chanting was amazing," Goldberg said. "It interested me because it is something that I cannot do. The intellectual part of the course is what I do all the time, but the chanting is such a natural ability. I absolutely love the sound. It is so relaxing."

The monks also attended four classrooms including Dr. Rennie's Religion 111 Understanding Religious Experience and Expression, Religion 117 Religion from India, Inquiry 111 SC An Introduction to the Liberal Arts, and Goldberg's Philosophy 218 Philosophy of Mind.

Rennie feels the monk's visit was very much a success, having a pretty good turn out. Not only did the events prove to be successful but the classroom visits were also beneficial according to junior English major Christina Alducka, who is currently in Rennie's Religion 111 class.

"It [the monks class visit] was interesting and entertaining," Alducka said. "Their stories made us laugh and it seemed that because of the student participation everyone was interested in learning."

Continuing on their 18 month tour the monks will visit other nearby college campuses including Grove City, Slippery Rock, and Washington and Jefferson.



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Concentration

The Tibetan monks chisel away at their Sand Mandala, a monument to the celestial beings and a representation of life's impermanence. The mandala was brushed away in a dissolution ceremony on Thursday, Oct. 23. All in attendance received a bag of the colored sand to commemorate the event.

Football makes homecoming comeback

Freshman Trevor Young boots 44 yard field goal in final seconds for Titan's 46-43 win

By Andrew Kubincanek
Sports Writer

The Titans improved to 4-3 (2-2 in the PAC) with Homecoming win against Bethany on 18 October despite a loss to Waynesburg on 11 October.

In the biggest comeback in Westminster history, the Titans defeated PAC rival Bethany 46-43. The Bison started strong and scored 28 unanswered points in the first quarter. The Titans took the lead after the second and third quarter 29-28 before Bethany scored two more touchdowns for a 15 point lead. The Titans scored two touchdowns in the final four minutes of the fourth quarter to tie the game at 43-43 before freshman Trevor Young kicked a 44-yard field goal to win the game. Head Coach Jeff Hand was happy that the team could pull out a win on homecoming.

"Homecoming is a great day for a Titan victory and our team understands a Titan victory makes a happier homecoming for a lot of people," he said.

The game was Westminster's sixth straight home victory. Bethany dropped to 1-5 overall at 0-4 in the PAC.

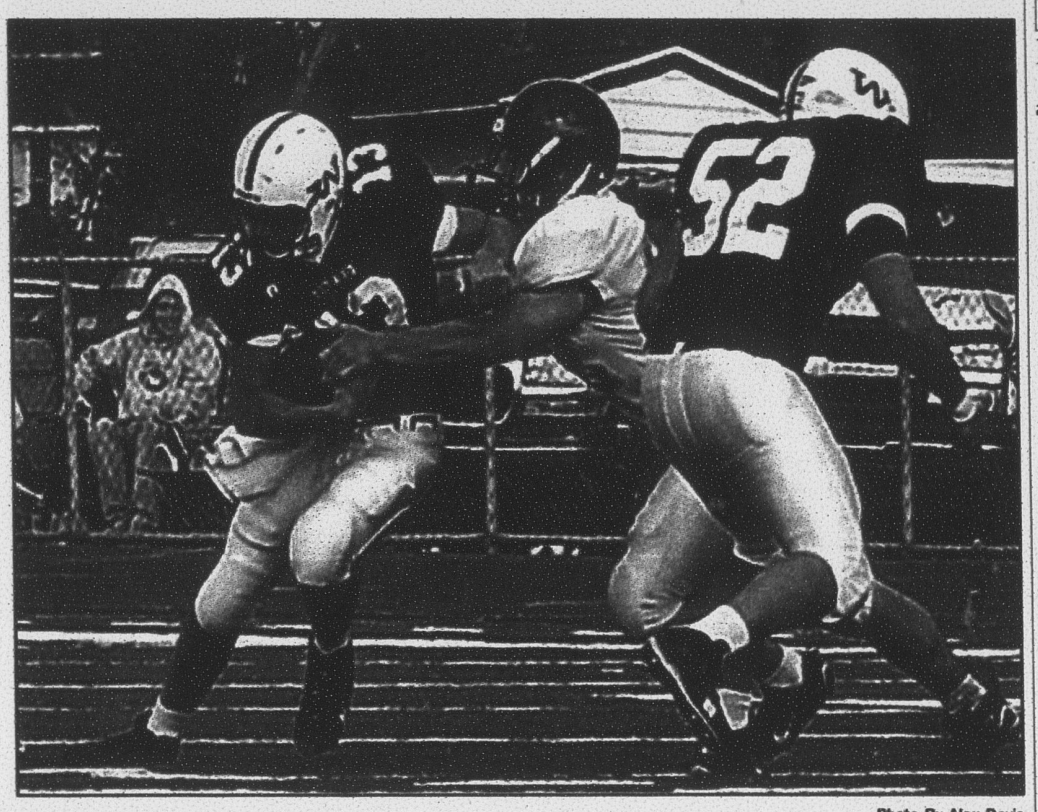
The win came after a loss to another PAC opponent, Waynesburg, 63-26. Waynesburg returned the opening kick-off for a touchdown and followed with several more including two opportunities from interceptions. The Yellow Jackets led by 21-0 at the end of the first quarter. The Titans scored their first points from a touchdown run in the second quarter. Waynesburg is currently 4-2 overall and 1-1 in the PAC.

"After the Waynesburg game we emphasized it was one game and we need learn and move forward together as a team," Hand said. "This past week's comeback victory proved what we can do when we get stronger and better every play."

The Titans threw nine interceptions in the two games, several of which resulted in touchdowns or scoring opportunities for their opponents. According to Hand there are a variety of issues that led to the turnovers in both games and the team was working to correct those issues and address the concerns about the team not starting well against either opponent.

"Turnovers were certainly a factor, but not the only factor. We did not come out of the gates strong…," he said.

Despite throwing four interceptions (a career high) against Bethany and three against Waynesburg, junior quarterback Kevin Franz continued his streak of games with over 200 passing yards. Franz has passed for over 200 yards every game this season and now has 5,609 career passing yards. He is on pace to take the record from James Graham who holds first place with 5,826 yards between 1997 and 2000. Against Bethany, Junior tailback Nick McKolosky scored a career-high three touchdowns and junior tight end Gary Hutsler had key plays in both comebacks.



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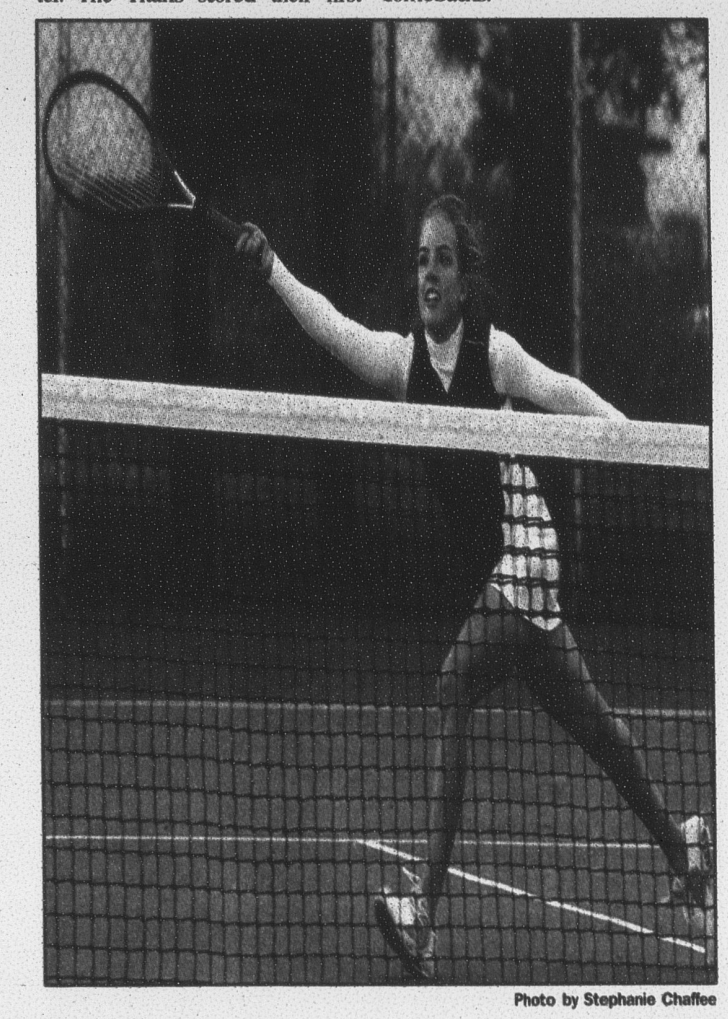
Hanging on

Junior wide receiver Jon Gubish protects the football while senior offensive lineman Joe Gizoni looks to block an opponent during the game against Bethany on Saturday Oct. 18. The Titans won a nailbiter in the final seconds 46-43.

Westminster will travel to Washington & Jefferson on Saturday 25 October for a 7 p.m. game. W&J is undefeated at 6-0 but have only played 2 games in the PAC. Currently they are in second place behind Thomas More at 5-1 but 4-0 in the PAC. The Titans lost to W&J 58-18 last season. W&J finished 10-1 (6-0 in the PAC) and lost in the NCAA first round. According to preseason polls they are expected to repeat as conference champions.

"W&J is a very good football team. We need to realize we are not playing their history… and we will need to play 60 minutes," Hand said.

The Titans have three games left in the season including a final conference game against Grove City at Burry Stadium. Grove City is currently fourth place in the conference. They are 1-2 in the PAC and but share the same overall record as Westminster with 4-3. The final game of the season will be played at Geneva with a 1-5 record.



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Finishing strong

Freshman Andrea Redhair reaches for the ball during the Lady Titan's match against Bethany on Tuesday, Oct. 21. Redhair won both of her sets.

Tennis caps off record-breaking regular season with three wins

By Andrew Kubincanek
Sports Writer

The Women's tennis team won three of four games since 10 October, including an 8-1 victory over Bethany on Tuesday, Oct. 21 to finish the regular season 12-5.

The Titans defeated the Bethany Bison 8-1 at an indoor match for their last regular season game. Juniors April Scudere and Hillary Newman and senior Alyson Lingle won both of their sets 6-0.

Freshman Dana Griesmer won her sets 6-0 and 6-1. Freshman Andrea Redhair won her first set 7-5 and her second 6-0 while senior Melissa Maines went to three sets, winning the first 6-3 but losing the next two 6-2 and 7-5. In the doubles matches, Scudere and Redhair won 8-0, as did Newman and Griesmer. Senior Beth Erwin and freshman Lauren Latinovich won 8-1.

"The key to tonight's game was just staying mentally focused, Scudere said. "We know that we have a tough weekend ahead of us so I think all of us were trying to use this as preparation for [the PAC Championships on] Friday and Saturday."

The victory capped off a record-breaking winning season for the team. The Titans broke the 10-win season record and finished 12-5 with five wins in six conference games.

"It really is something to be proud of because it was something we did together as a team. Without each other, we would have never been as successful as we have been," Scudere said.

Although she emphasized the strength of the team, Scudere earned PAC player of the week honors against Waynesburg on 10 Oct. She won her both singles sets6-0 and a doubles match with Redhair 8-1.

Redhair, Newman, Griesmer, and sophomores Natalie Hruska and Rachel Jack also took their matches in the 9-0 win. Erwin replaced Hruska for the third doubles match. The game tied the school record for wins in a season.

The Titans broke the record with a 9-0 win against IUP on 14 Oct. Scudere, Redhair, Newman, Griesmer, Jack and Lingle played in the singles matches while Erwin replaced Lingle in the third doubles match.

Scudere took the only win for the Titans against Tamara Nations in an 8-1 defeat to Grove City on 17 Oct. Nations is the 2007 PAC player of the year and ranked number one in singles competition. The lineup was the same as the Waynesburg game. Scudere said that the team saw the loss as a learning experience for the post-season.

"Grove City was a tough match, but it is not out of our reach to win. It really showed us what we need to do to be successful against them this weekend," she said. "I feel that every match and practice this year has given us the tools to beat them."

The two-day PAC Championships begin on Friday 24 Oct. in Erie. Grove City has taken the PAC tennis title for the past 21 years. This season they are undefeated in the PAC and 11-2 overall. Westminster finished in second place in the championship last year and is currently in second place in the conference.

Upcoming Athletic Events

Friday:
Powder Puff Football at 4:30 p.m. at various football fields

Volleyball v. Geneva at Buzz Ridl Gym at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday:
Volleyball v. Chatham at 11:00 a.m.; v. Saint Vincent at 3:00 p.m. at Buzz Ridl Gym

Men's soccer v. Waynesburg at 4:00 p.m.

Women's soccer v. Waynesburg at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday:
Men's Soccer v. Grove City 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday:
Women's Soccer v. Grove City at 7:30 p.m.

Volleyball wins four out last five matches

By Corey Kendall
Sports Writer

Over the past few weeks we may have had a fall break but the Lady Titans have been working hard. This has definitely shown on the court as the Lady Titans have won 4 of their past 5 games. The Lady Titans now comprise a record of 18-8 and 10-1 in PAC play.

On Wednesday, Oct. 8, the Lady Titans traveled to West Virginia for a PAC match-up against Bethany. The Lady Titans came out on top with an overall score of 3-0. The match was quite exciting with close individual scores of 29-27, 26-24, and 25-21.

Junior Sam Botzum put down 14 kills leading the Titans. Junior Beth Copp tallied 11 kills and freshman Lindsay Speidel posted nine while alse each recording 3 blocks. Senior Hannah Parker contributed 19 digs while senior Traci Hassell posted 25 assists.

After coming off a win, the Lady Titans took on Waynesburg on Tuesday, Oct. 14. With a close score of 3-1, the Lady Titans were able to contiune on their winning streak. The individual game scores were 25-17, 25-15, 23-25, and 25-23.

The Titans certainly played a great game as Speidel had 13 kills to lead Westminster while Botzum added 12 kills. Senior Reesha Jackson and junior Devin Kelley each posted five blocks. Jackson had two solos and three assists while Kelley tallied four solos and one assist along with seven kills. Parker posted 20 digs and Hassell contributed 20 assists while also serving up two aces apiece.

On Saturday, Oct.r 18, the Lady Titans traveled to Kentucky to play Thomas More and Rose-Hulman. The Lady Titans were able to defeat Rose-Hulman with a score of 3-0 and individual game scores of 25-21, 25-16, and 25-16. The Ladies winning streak was ended when they fell to Thomas More with a score of 2-3. The match was close as the Titans lost the first two games with scores of 15-25 and 21-25. They then came back to win the next two with scores of 25-19 and 25-14. Unfortunatly the Lady Titans couldn't grasp the tiebreaker losing 13-15.

After their first PAC loss the Lady Titans came back hard in a home match on Tuesday, Oct 21, against Washington and Jefferson. The Lady Titans were able to claim victory against W&J who was second place in PAC play. The overall score was 3-1 with set scores of 25-16, 18-25, 25-19, and 25-21.

Botzum tallied 16 kills to lead the Titans while Speidel followed with 15 kills which included .500 hitting percentage. As a team, the Lady Titans outhit W&J with a .243 compared to .136. Freshman Jessie Szakacs and Hassell handed out 18 assists each. Szakacs put up 14 digs while Hassell posted 15 digs and two solo blocks.

After a some amazing performance over the past few weeks the Lady Titans are planning to continue throughout the rest of the season. They will get the chance to do that tonight, Oct. 24, in a matchup against Geneva. The game will start at 7:00 p.m. Then on Saturday, Oct. 25, the Lady Titans will be playing two games against Chatham and Saint Vincent.

Show down at the Shoe

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

National title implications, rivalry pride, and the Big Ten Conference Championship are likely looming in the balance when Penn State travels to the Horseshoe to face Ohio State for one of college football's biggest games of the season.

Just look around campus; the majority of students are either Nittany Lions or Buckeyes fans. Also, having many students from Pennsylvania and Ohio, the debate over which state is better at football will no doubt come into play before, during, and certainly for one side, after the game.

When breaking down any football game, the first component that is examined is the quarterbacks. I can tell you from personal experience that both of these quarterbacks are extraordinary athletes.

Daryll Clark, the Penn State quarterback who often draws comparison to Michael Robinson, is a product of Ursuline High School. As a junior in high school, I got to witness Clark's ability when I played against him at YSU's Stambaugh Stadium.

Aside from being nearly impossible to catch, Clark also possesses the ability to run over defenders. I will never forget, the opening of WFMJ TV 21's "Inside High School Football," showed a clip for the entire season of Daryll Clark running over one of my best friends en route to a 62 yard touchdown run.

Across the field from Clark, freshman sensation Terrelle Pryor will command the Ohio State attack. Similar to Clark, I was matched up against Terrelle Pryor when he was in high school. However, while Pryor was a player, I was a coach.

I will never forget the capacity crowd that gathered for last season's state semifinal to watch the Wilmington Greyhounds take on Terrelle Pryor and the Jeanette Jayhawks. Talking solely about ability, it was clear to me in that game that Terrelle Pryor was the best athlete I had ever witnessed in my life.

Pryor has the ability to move effortlessly, like he is gliding. Very deceivingly, it does not look like Pyror is running very fast, when in reality he is gaining huge chunks of yardage. Personally, having seen both of these quarterbacks in high school, I am extremely excited to watch this game.

While the quarterbacks are only one component of this game, several other factors will play major roles in determining the outcome. I give Ohio State the edge in terms of the rushing attack. With arguably the best running back in the country in Beanie Wells, not to mention Pryor, Ohio St. He will look to find success running the football early and often.

Even with as much success as Penn State's defense has enjoyed this season, their one weakness is the defensive line. I look for Ohio State to try to exploit this weakness with talented runners and a punishing offensive line.

While Ohio State will try to grind the clock, Penn State will have to rely on its talented receivers to make big plays and take advantage of a very aggressive Ohio State defense; although this is easier said than done.

Defensively, the Buckeyes are stronger overall than the team often referred to as Linebacker U. Coach Jim Tressel's teams always play with a deep passion for special teams, which is another advantage the Buckeyes will need in a tightly contested game.

After the final buzzer sounds and it is time to crown the Big Ten Champion, it will be the Penn State Nittany Lions watching as the Ohio State Buckeyes receive their crown.

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Sports

Lady Titans soccer remains unbeaten in PAC

By Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

The women's soccer team improved their unbeaten streak to nine games with a scoreless tie against Washington & Jefferson (W&J) and a win over Bethany.

With only three regular season games remaining, the Titans are 12-2-2 overall and 3-0-1 in the President's Athletic Conference (PAC).

The Titans hosted conference team W&J Friday, Oct. 17 at Harold Burry Stadium. The match-up ended in double overtime with a scoreless tie.

"The game against W&J did not turn out like we expected and wanted it too," junior goalkeeper Lindsey Mellott said. "A win would have put us first in the PAC, but now we have the pressure on us to win every game from here on out with as many goals as possible."

Mellott registered the shutout with three saves in 110 minutes of play. The Titans out-shot the Presidents 16-7.

The women's team traveled to compete with Bethany Tuesday, Oct. 21. The Titans shut out their PAC opponent 2-0.

"Our effort improved against Bethany and during warm ups the girls were more focused," senior Abby Montgomery said. "Coach was adamant about us starting out strong."

Freshman Samantha Killmeyer scored the Titans first goal in the 2nd minute on an assist from classmate Hayley Ebersbacher. Sophomore Sarah Nee secured the Titan win with a goal in the 72nd minute.

"All of the girls worked hard but especially our forwards Sarah and Sam who had two hard-earned goals to lock us in with the win," Montgomery said. "All of our forwards are doing a great job this year with consistently putting goals in the back of the net. They really help hold our team together!"

Freshman goalkeeper Kara Kendall made two saves in 45 minutes for the shut out. Overall, the Titans held a 28-6 shot advantage over the Bison.

The Titans return to action Saturday, Oct. 25 as they host PAC opponent Waynesburg (2-2) and celebrate senior night.

"The team has high expectations for the game against Waynesburg," Montgomery said. "We need to put some goals in the back of the net early in the game and make sure we play at our level, no one else's. I'm hoping all the girls will come out fired up to get a win especially since it's our senior night! Personally I am extremely pumped up and can't wait to get out there and get another PAC win!"

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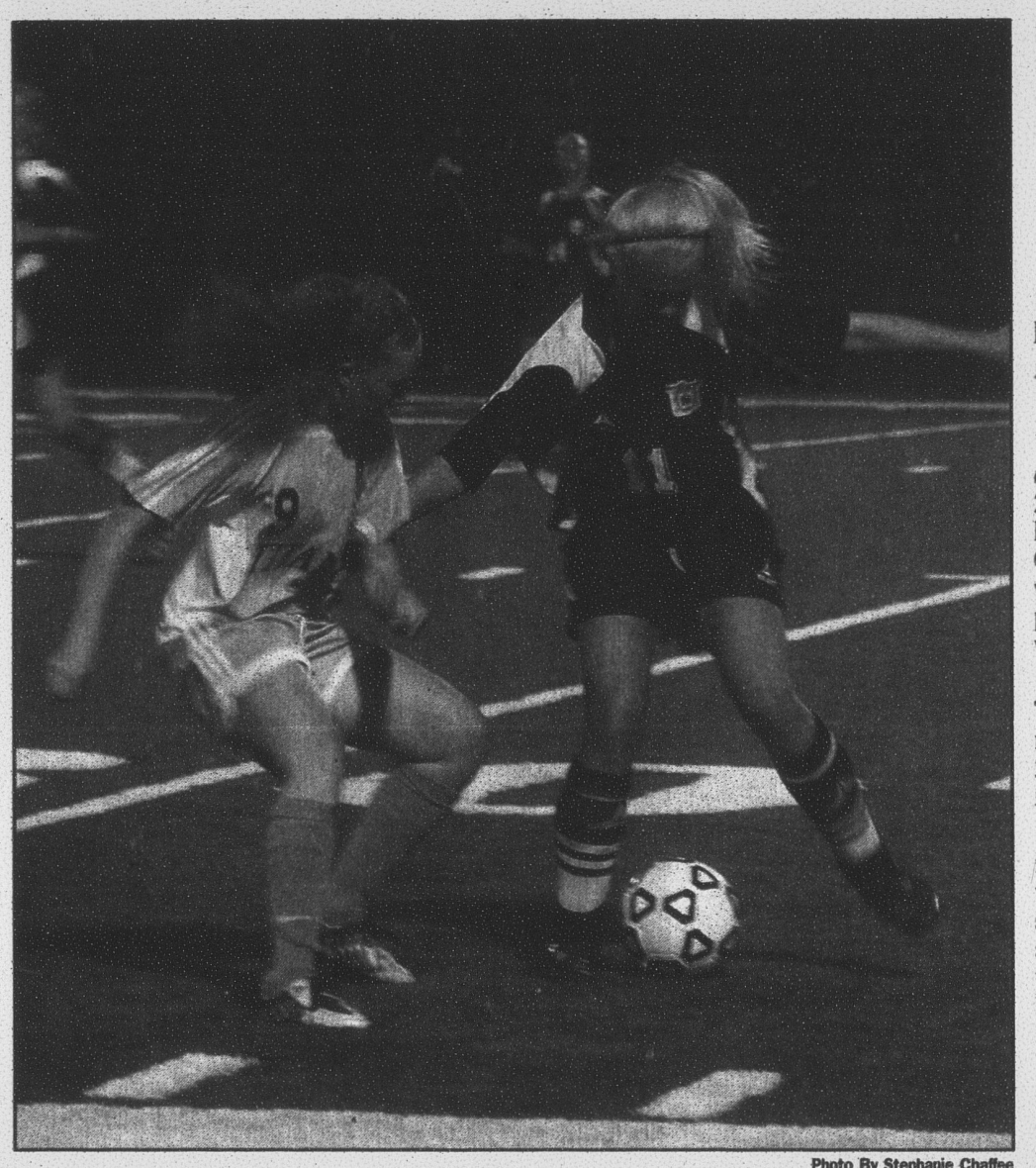
Junior goalkeeper Lindsey Mellot



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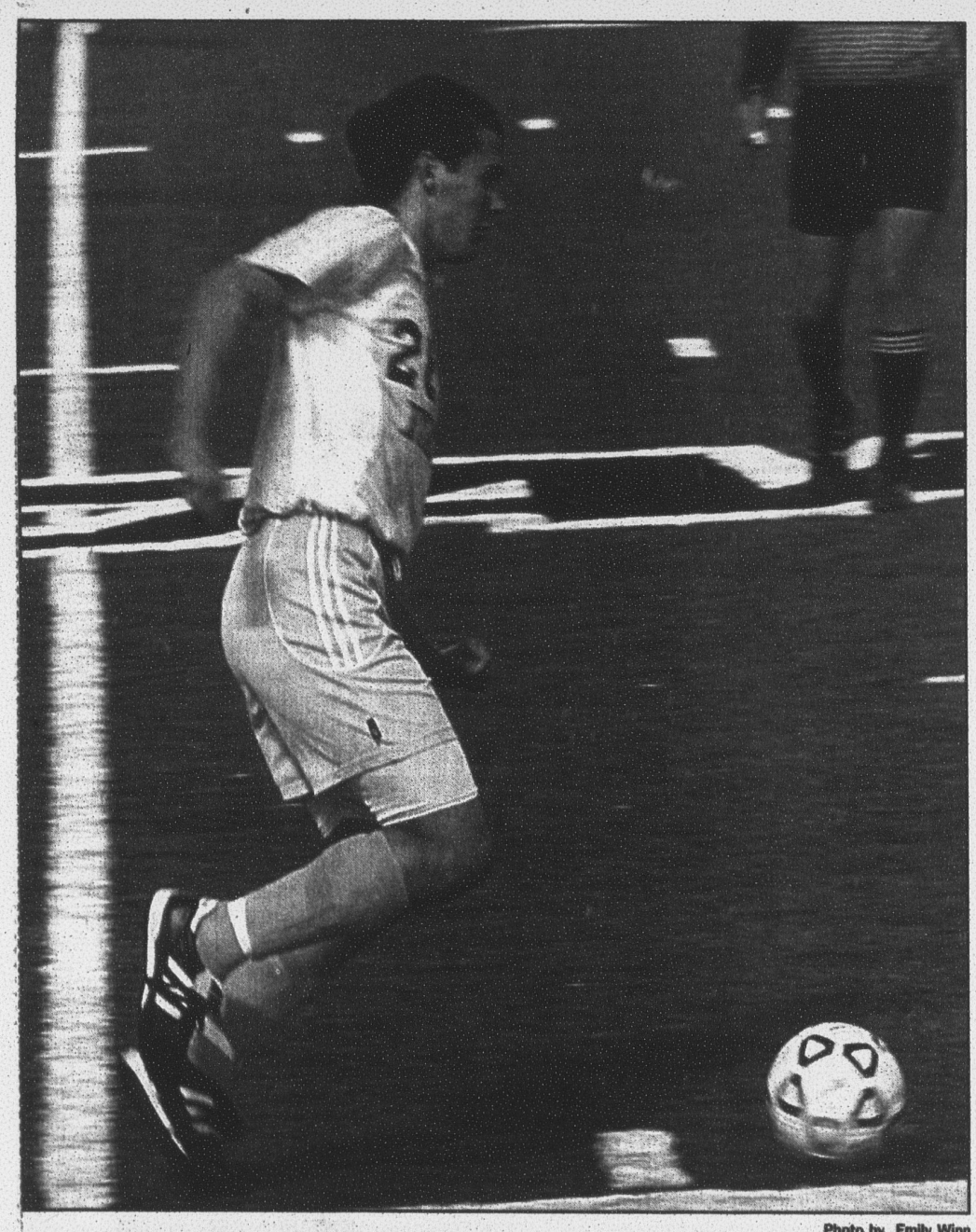
Under the lights

Freshman midfielder Eliza Gibbs fights for the ball during a recent night game on the new turf field. The Lady Titans have yet to lose in the PAC with only a few games left in the regular season.

Men's soccer continues winning streak, still unbeaten in conference



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Sophomore defender Shawn Flowers dribbles down the sidelines during the Titans' game against Washington and Jefferson on Friday, Oct. 17. The Titans went on to win the game 1-0.

By April Scudere
Sports Writer

The men's soccer team continues on a six game winning streak as they defeated Thiel, Washington & Jefferson, and Bethany the past two weeks in three straight shutouts. With the end of their season approaching, their record improves to 12-4 and 4-0 in the President's Athletic Conference (PAC).

The Titans played their second PAC match of the season against Thiel on Wednesday, Oct. 15. Although it was only their second time playing a game at Harold Burry Stadium, the men's team prevailed over the Tomcats with a 4-0 victory.

The first goal came from an own goal when a cross from freshman Pete Cline was deflected by a Thiel defender into his own net.

Junior Jarred Smeltzer gave the Titans their 2-0 lead in the 69th minute off of an assist by junior teammate Brice Lott. During the last five minutes of the game, freshman Coty Hainsey took a corner kick that senior midfielder Garrett Horvath would net. Horvath scored his 29th career goal on a penalty kick. His efforts have been rewarded by the PAC as the PAC Men's Soccer Offensive Player of the Week for the second time this season.

Sophomore goalkeeper Mike Codita helped earn their win by making four saves. Codita was also honored by the PAC this week with the PAC Men's Soccer Goalkeeper/Defensive Player of the Week.

In front of an excited Homecoming crowd, the men's soccer team came out strong on Friday, Oct. 17 with a 1-0 win against defending PAC champions Washington & Jefferson.

After a long scoreless 85 minutes, Horvath slid the ball to Lott who scored the game winning goal for the Titans. This gave Lott his fifth goal of the season.

The Presidents were out shot by the Titans 28-13 as Codita earned his third shutout of the season after gloving five saves.

The Titans traveled to Bethany on Tuesday, Oct. 21 to earn their seventh shutout of the season prevailing 3-0 against this PAC opponent.

Both teams came out strong in the first half. With 29 minutes into the game, senior Justin Rivas scored the leading goal off of an assist by Horvath.

The first half ended with a 1-0 lead which was not added to until sophomore Aaron Zavora's goal in the 78th minute. Nearly two minutes later, junior Ian Hill received a long ball played over the top of Bethany's defense and crossed it in to find Lott crashing the net to put the Titans up 3-0.

The goalkeepers ended the day with three saves, two by Codita and one by sophomore Lance Leathers.

The Titans look to receive their 13th win of the season when they travel this Friday, Oct. 24 to Case Western Reserve. Currently the only team to be undefeated in the PAC, they will also take on Waynesburg at home on Saturday, Oct. 25 at 4pm.

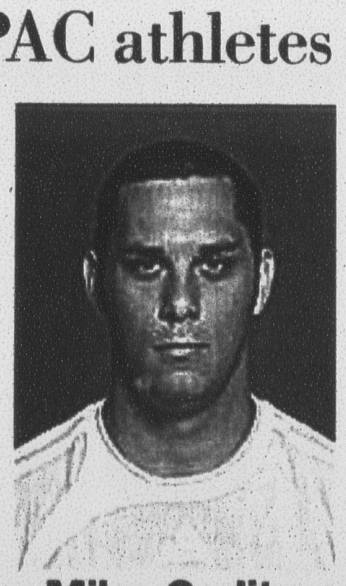
Titan athletic honors: PAC athletes of the week

Garrett Horvath

Senior midfielder Garrett Horvath was named PAC Men's Soccer Offensive Player of the Week for the week of Oct. 20.

Horvath is a two-year starter and three-year letterman. He is currently a fifth-year senior. Horvath started all 21 matches as a senior in 2007.

He earned first team all-PAC, was voted team's MVP. Horvath ranked fourth in the PAC with a team-high of 31 points and tied for third in the PAC with a team-high of 13 goals.



Mike Codita

Mike Codita, sophomore goalkeeper, was named PAC Men's Soccer Goalkeeper/Defensive Player of the Week of the week of Oct. 20.

One-year starter and letterman, Codita started 20 games in net as a freshman in 2007.

He earned second team all-PAC and made 21 goals against for a 1.12 average that ranked second in the PAC. Cognita also made 111 saves for a PAC-best.

Cross Country runs in Oberlin Regional Rumble

By Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

The women's and men's cross country teams placed 25th and 26th, respectively, at the Oberlin Inter-Regional Rumble Saturday, Oct. 18. The women competed with 27 teams and scored 765 points, while the men competed with 30 teams scoring 796 points.

Junior Rachel Hudson led the Titan women in the 6,000-meter race placing135th with a time of 24:58. Classmate Amanda Everett followed in 148th place at 25:43.

"I feel really happy about my race at Oberlin," Everett said. "It was my best race so far this season, so I was happy with my results. I knew going into the race that it was a good course, so I really tried and focused on maintaining a good and consistent pace."

Case Western Reserve was the top women's team with 49 points. Oberlin's Joanna Johnson led the women individually with a time of 21:03.

Freshman Morgan Hanes led the Titan men in the 8,000-meter race placing 129th at 27:08. Junior Jeremiah Patterson followed in 151st place with a time of 27:35.

"Oberlin proved to be a flat, fast course and that was great to run on for a change," Patterson said. "I'm pleased, individually, but I'm even more excited for the way the team ran. We had an awesome race–five guys less than 29 minutes. We're right there, but we need to stay focused on PACs next weekend. What we do now still counts."

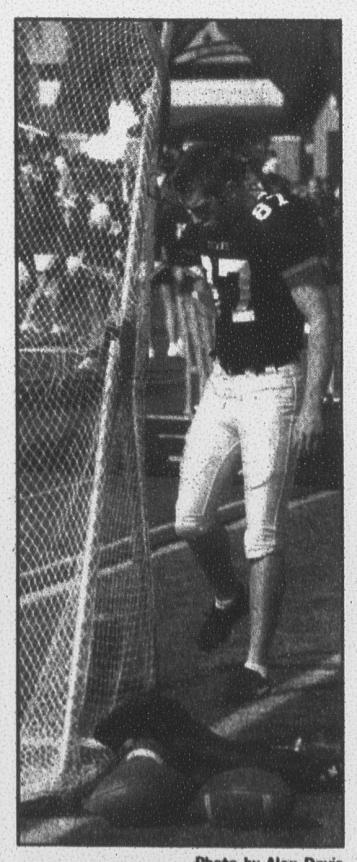
Jesse Schneider of New York University led the men individually with a time of 24:43. NYU also won the men's team standings with 26 points.

The Titans travel to Mason, Ohio Saturday, Nov. 1 where both teams will compete in the PAC Championships.

"I think Westminster is going to out there and make some heads turn and make some teams worry about us in future years," Hanes said.

The Titan men placed 3rd out of six teams with 95 points at last year's PAC Championships, while the Titan women placed 4th out of five teams with 99 points.

"I think that we will surprise a lot of the teams at PAC," Everett said. "We have been working really hard every week to try and peak just for the PAC meet. I think we will be really successful."



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Concentration

Trevor Young practices on the sideline during the game on Saturday Oct. 18. Young went on to kick a 44 yard field goal that won the game for the Titans.

CALENDAR

Friday, October 24, 2008

TBA Women's Tennis @ PAC Championships (at Erie, Pa.)

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM International AV Week (Various events on campus during week)

10:00 AM - 9:00 PM Study Abroad Photo Contest (MCC Second Level Lobby)

11:40 AM - 12:40 PM Biology Seminar (Phillips Lecture Hall)

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

4:30 PM SGA Fall Fest Powder Puff Football Tournament (Athletic Fields)

4:30 PM SGA's Fall Fest

7:00 PM Men's Soccer @ Case Western Reserve

7:00 PM VOLLEYBALL v. Geneva

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller – The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (MCC Mueller Theater)

8:00 PM Titan's Tavern: Ry Cumming (MCC Club/Lounge)

10:30 PM OUTDOOR MOVIE

10:30 PM SGA Fall Fest Drive-In Movie (Quad)

Saturday, October 25, 2008

TBA Women's Tennis @ PAC Championships (at Erie, Pa.)

8:30 AM Men's Swimming @ Clarion Fall Classic

8:30 AM Women's Swimming @ Clarion Fall Classic

10:00 AM Inaugural Ceremony for Dr. Richard Dorman, Fourteenth President of Westminster College (Orr Auditorium)

11:00 AM VOLLEYBALL v. Chatham*

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Inaugural Reception (MCC Witherspoon Rooms)

3:00 PM VOLLEYBALL v. Saint Vincent

4:00 PM MEN'S SOCCER v. Waynesburg*

6:30 PM WOMEN'S SOCCER v. Waynesburg*

7:00 PM Football @ Washington & Jefferson*

7:00 PM Mass (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Replay of OUTDOOR MOVIE (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller – The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (MCC Mueller Theater)

Sunday, October 26, 2008

1:45 PM Sierra Student Coalition's Highway Cleanup Event (Route 80) (Meet at MCC Info Desk)

3:00 PM Faculty Woodwind Quintet (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller – The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:00 PM Vespers – Reformation Sunday (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Replay of OUTDOOR MOVIE (MCC Mueller Theater)

Monday, October 27, 2008

* Last Day to Withdraw with Refund

10:00 AM - 9:00 PM Study Abroad Photo Contest (MCC Second Level Lobby)

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

12:00 PM Holcad Meeting (MCC MCC 255 Weisel Conference Room)

7:00 PM Green Party Meeting (MCC 352 Wile Conference Room)

7:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night at Westminster (MCC Club/Lounge)

9:30 PM Bowling Club Meeting (Patterson 311)

Tuesday, October 28, 2008

10:00 AM - 9:00 PM Study Abroad Photo Contest (MCC Second Level Lobby)

12:00 PM - 6:00 PM American Red Cross Blood Drive (MCC Berlin Lounge)

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM SLAC Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Conference Room)

3:00 PM MEN'S SOCCER v. Grove City*

7:00 PM Volleyball @ Thiel*

8:00 PM BSU Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Conference Room)

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Climbing Wall Open (Memorial Field House)

8:00 PM Disney Presentation (Old Main 213)

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night at Westminster (MCC Club/Lounge)

9:30 PM Newman Club Meeting (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

Wednesday, October 29, 2008

10:00 AM - 9:00 PM Study Abroad Photo Contest (MCC Second Level Lobby)

11:40 AM Student Pre-Law Association Meeting (Patterson 215)

11:45 AM Faires Faculty Forum: Suzanne Prestien, Homer & Hesiod – The Greek Classics in the Modern College Classroom (MCC Mueller Theater)

5:15 PM CPC Meeting (MCC Club)

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Trick or Treat for the Community in All Residence Halls

7:00 PM International Cultures Club Meeting (MCC Berlin Lounge)

7:00 PM SGA Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:30 PM WOMEN'S SOCCER v. Grove City*

7:30 PM Guest Artist Concert: Heather Johnson (Horn) (Orr Auditorium)

9:00 PM - 10:00 PM Study Abroad Awareness (MCC Mueller Theater)

9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship (MCC Berlin Lounge)

Thursday, October 30, 2008

10:00 AM - 9:00 PM Study Abroad Photo Contest (MCC Second Level Lobby)

12:40 PM - 1:50 PM GET REAL! Series: Investing for the Good Life (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

12:45 PM IFC Meeting (Memorial Field House)

6:15 PM Japanese Anime Club (Thompson-Clark 210)

6:30 PM Volleyball @ Grove City*

7:00 PM Gospel Choir Rehearsal (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM The Ken and Nancy Long Chemistry Lecture (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:30 PM Horn Ensemble (Orr Auditorium)

8:00 PM Allies Meeting (Thompson-Clark 314)

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Climbing Wall Open (Memorial Field House)

8:00 PM International Cultures Club's Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) (MCC Club/Lounge)

8:00 PM Newman Club Exec. Meeting (MCC 352 Wile Conference Room)

8:30 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night at Westminster (MCC Club/Lounge)

10:00 PM Titan Traverse Student Meeting (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

Friday, October 31, 2008

10:00 AM - 9:00 PM Study Abroad Photo Contest (MCC Second Level Lobby)

11:40 AM - 12:40 PM Biology Seminar (Phillips Lecture Hall)

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

11:45 AM Alpha Phi Omega Exec. Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Conference Room)

6:00 PM MEN'S SWIMMING v. Westminster Relay Carnival

6:00 PM WOMEN'S SWIMMING v. Westminster Relay Carnival

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller – Hellboy: The Golden Army (MCC Mueller Theater)

9:00 PM - 12:00 AM Alpha Phi Omega and Tri Beta Host Haunted Bio Trail (Meet at Brittain Lake Dock)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller : Pineapple Express (MCC Mueller Theater)

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21-April 19).

You would reschedule a personal project to help out a friend, but you wouldn't disappoint a friend in order to conduct your own personal business. Your selflessness turns out for the best early in the week, but don't make it a habit. You need and deserve to make your own mission the most important one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

You're trying to solve a big problem, and logic will only take you so far. It's your appreciation of art and poetry that will get your mind going in the right direction to glue together the pieces and, if not solve the mystery, at least accept and enjoy the fact that it cannot be solved. A Gemini speaks your soul's language.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

You're not invested in whether or not others come around to your way of thinking. If they do, fine. If not, the diversity amuses you. Just because you decide to "live and let live" doesn't mean others will. Hopefully those who don't agree with you will not try to change your mind, though, which is an impossible feat.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

A person who has been toxic toward you in the past will ask you, in their own funny way, for another chance. You still have a few emotional bumps and bruises left-over from the last time. When all is healed, you'll give this person another shot. Until then, put yourself around people who are sure to make you laugh.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

You like your relationships deep. However, this is no time to underestimate the importance of large networks with those you hardly know. It turns out you don't have to get enmeshed in other's lives to be successful in fun or business with them. Personal economics improve as you make light, friendly gestures.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Those who wish you well really mean it, though the message may come from a selfish place. It's possible they want you to succeed because it will affect their own lives favorably. There is nothing wrong with having fair-weather friends, but it's good to recognize the difference. A true friend loves unconditionally.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

It's easy to get down on yourself – your standards are so lofty. Ease up a bit. Were you an animal, you would deem yourself hugely successful to be able to get enough to eat and escape being eaten. Considering the shark pool you've been swimming in lately, you'd be wise to adopt the same criteria.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

Maybe it's sleep deprivation, or maybe it's a deal that didn't go the way you expected it to. Whatever the cause, you're feeling a little tight with resources and short on emotional reserves. Reinforce the idea of abundance. Indulge in a treat you normally wouldn't afford yourself. It's your turn to go wild over your bad self.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

There will be mishaps – oh boy, will there ever! Only the optimists will have something to gain out of the snafu. Do be reasonable and modest. It would be a shame to miss the cloud's silver lining because you were expecting gold. Almost everyone you meet this week is on your side, which helps enormously.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

You'll be meeting others with strengths similar to yours. It's tempting to partner up with these people, and it's true that you might be able to come up with something remarkable. But if you partner with someone whose strengths are different from yours, something even more amazing comes from that union.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

. There's an exciting sense of momentum. Progress is inevitable. Checks clear, deals close, the one who denied you before will finally take you in. Furthermore, from Thursday through Saturday it's like you can't do anything wrong. Gemini and Virgo friends make a meaningful contribution to your cause.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

Whatever is going on with the material items in your world, the same is going on in your heart. It's not difficult for you to see the metaphor in your life, though you're not always sure what it means. To decipher may be unnecessary, at least right now, though it is important to distinguish the real you from the symbols.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS:

In the past they said of you, "what a precocious child," because you were so beyond your years. This year you catch up and even go in reverse. You're younger than ever, finding new joy and innocence everywhere. November is a stellar month for your finances, although your income may not change much – it's your attitude about money and what it can buy that is different. Your love life gets a burst of magic in January. There's a trip to look forward to in June. Lively nights fill August.

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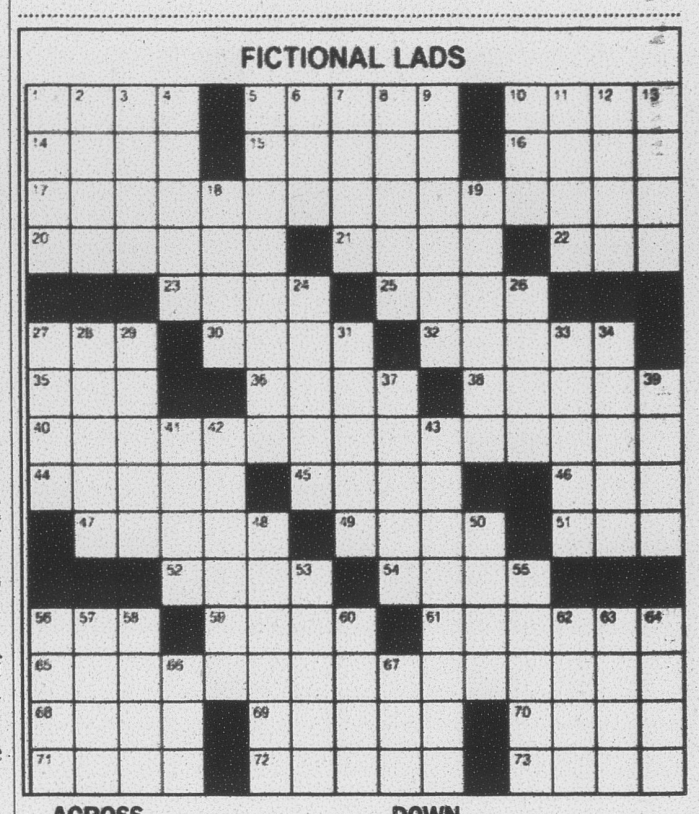
FICTIONAL LADS



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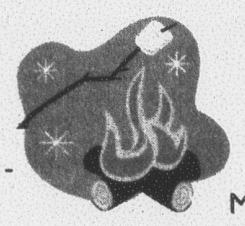
CROSSWORD ANSWER

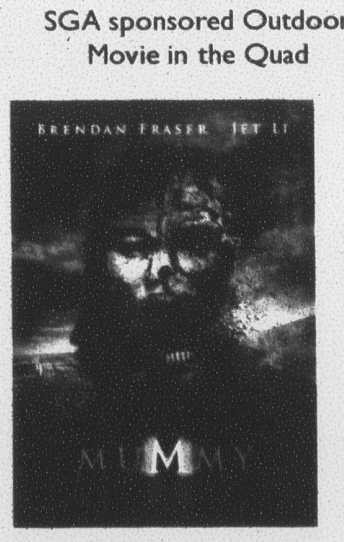
McKelvey Weekend Entertainment

SGA's Fall Fest

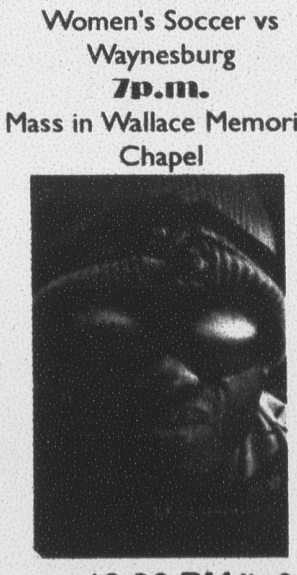
Friday
7p.m.
Volleyball vs. Geneva - White Out!
7:30p.m.
Bonfire by the Lake
8:30p.m.
CPC presents Ry Cuming - Songwriter
10:30p.m.
SGA sponsored Outdoor Movie in the Quad



Saturday
10a.m.
President's Inauguration
11a.m.
Volleyball vs Chatham
3p.m.
Volleyball vs Saint Vincent
4p.m.
Men's Soccer vs Waynesburg
6:30p.m.
Women's Soccer vs Waynesburg
7p.m.
Mass in Wallace Memorial Chapel



Movies Playing at Mueller Theater



8:00 PM Friday
10:30 PM Saturday
3:00PM Sunday

10:30 PM (in Quad)
8:00 PM
9:00 PM

Movies provided by Club Room
Entertainment provided by CPC
Westminster ID's will be checked at all movies.
ID will admit you and one guest.
There is no charge; it's just for a count.

Late Night in the Club Room
Monday - 8 PM to 1 AM
Tuesday and Thursday - 9 PM to 1 AM

Arts & Entertainment

Jack's Mannequin: another view

Chris Lehberger
A&E Editor

There have always been songwriters who have defined generations. Bob Dylan, John Lennon, Kurt Cobain – and although 25 year old Andrew McMahon may not be as famous as these legends, he's been the voice of an underground generation for almost a decade.

As front man of Jack's Mannequin, a band that made much of youthful America fall in love with pianos with the band's 2005 release of *Everything In Transit*, McMahon has aged a few years since that release, and with a few more important years of wisdom under his belt, his newest venture with the band proves to be everything but adolescent.

Indeed, the 14 tracks exhibit a different songwriter, one who has taken cues from the likes of Fleetwood Mac and The Beach Boys in creating a record that feels much smoother and more mature and appropriately like a warm California sunrise.

"Crashin" is introduced by a frolicking guitar melody and straightforward drum beat as McMahon smoothly sings "I wanna hear some music/Now that they're driving us all underground".

Much less decorated in scope and musicality, "Crashin" and "Spinning" produce a blended, cohesive sound, complete with harmonized background vocals from guitarist Bobby Anderson that sound velvety and calm.

"Spinning" is immediately catchy with quick verses and a chorus with vocals that replace McMahon's soft and shaky cantor with a dynamic confidence.

"Swim", mimicking the sounds of open water with its electronic percussion and sliding piano melodies, grabs the listener by the heartstrings as gently as the piano hammers hit the their respective strings.

"What Gets You Off", however, manifests a McMahon of the *Everything In Transit* era, with teetering, entranced vocals and a sort of desperation missing from much of the rest of the album.

McMahon, however, is as much a lyricist as a composer, singing "No one should let you go wandering off into the night/ You're not an orphan" on "Orphans", a preamble to the operatic "Caves," boasting a slightly magnificent and tipsy piano melody, nearly painting a picture of a couple dancing alone in evening clothes on a huge ballroom dance floor.

An elemental change of dynamics seems to take place on this second half of the record as opposed to the beginning, as evidenced by the former and "Hammers and Strings (A Lullaby)" singing "I used to hear you in this old piano", a ballad inside and out as it is driven heavily by a triumphant piano and beautiful vocals as opposed to the more prominent straight-forward feel of the bulk of the record.

As divine as the slower more graceful songs are, "The Resolution" is the heart and soul of the record. Full of energy, you'll be singing "And you hold me downnnn!" awkwardly under your breath all day before finally giving up and singing full-breathed.

"Bloodshot", an outlier that's ornamented with reggae-influenced guitar and handclaps, is as much a rock song as "The Resolution." But songs like the slowly psychedelic "Annie Use Your Telescope" present the fact that this isn't just a rock record, it's a pop record, and a good one at that.

Andrew McMahon is a dreamer. His success in the past has proven he's both a songwriter and a catalyst, but one all the more prone to the inevitable growth and change of the times as a crystal that slowly develops as time and pressure increase its molecular structure.

But both processes produce something beautiful and I dare say timeless, as the songs McMahon has created have the chance to ring in the hearts and minds of the younger generation for years to come, regardless of age, regardless of time, and regardless of the pressure it may take to make break the glass and let the passenger off the bus to slowly walk home down the beach to the Santa Monica Pier.

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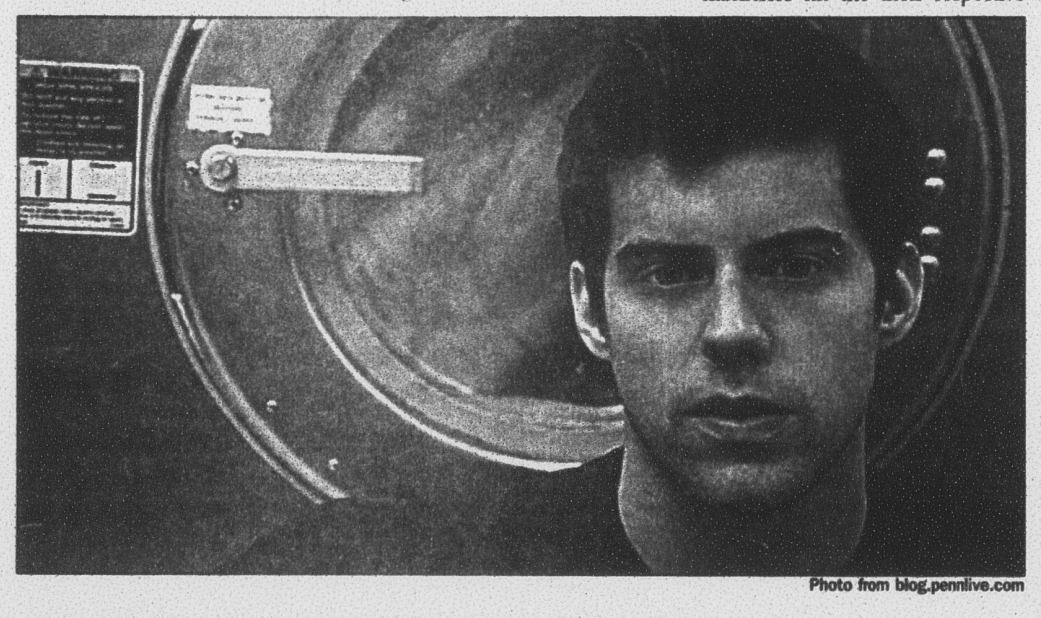
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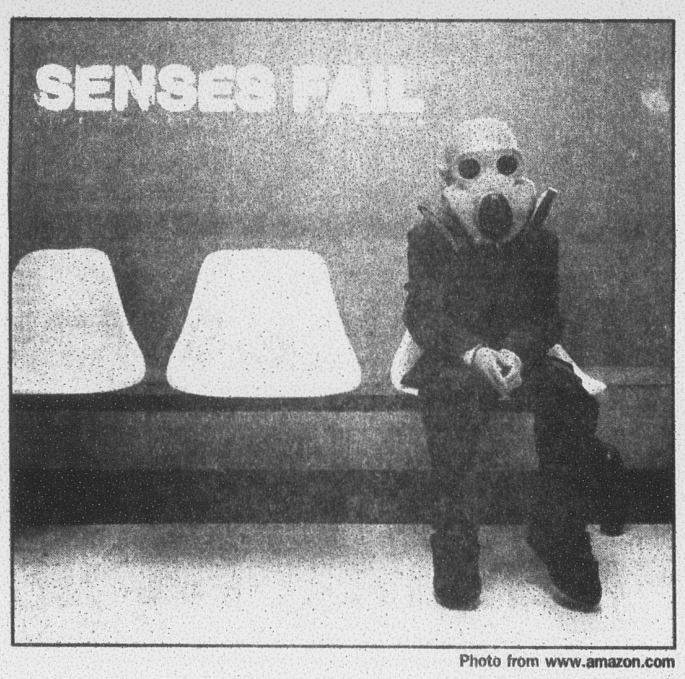
Chris is a senior public relations major. He likes reading, writing, and playing "Name That Tune" with his room mates.

Chris' Rating: ★★★★☆

Senses Fail creates schizophrenic album



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By Max Muska
A&E Writer

I have heard my fair share of bands imitating their idols, but I have never heard so many styles copied by a single band.

Senses Fail combines punk, metal, and hardcore influences to create a style that is utterly generic. I hear absolutely nothing on this album that I have not heard before.

The biggest problem I have with the band's newest effort, *Life Is Not a Waiting Room* is that there is no flow between the songs. It seems the band decided to dedicate some songs to mimicking hardcore/metal acts like As I Lay Dying and others to the pop-punk style of Taking Back Sunday with no transitions.

Now, I should explain why I gave this album a decent rating. Although the overall sound is generic, most of the tracks are catchy and well-written, but they do not work well together as an album because of the extreme genre differences between tracks.

Every member of this band plays like a seasoned veteran, making the music sound less like recycled versions of older bands.

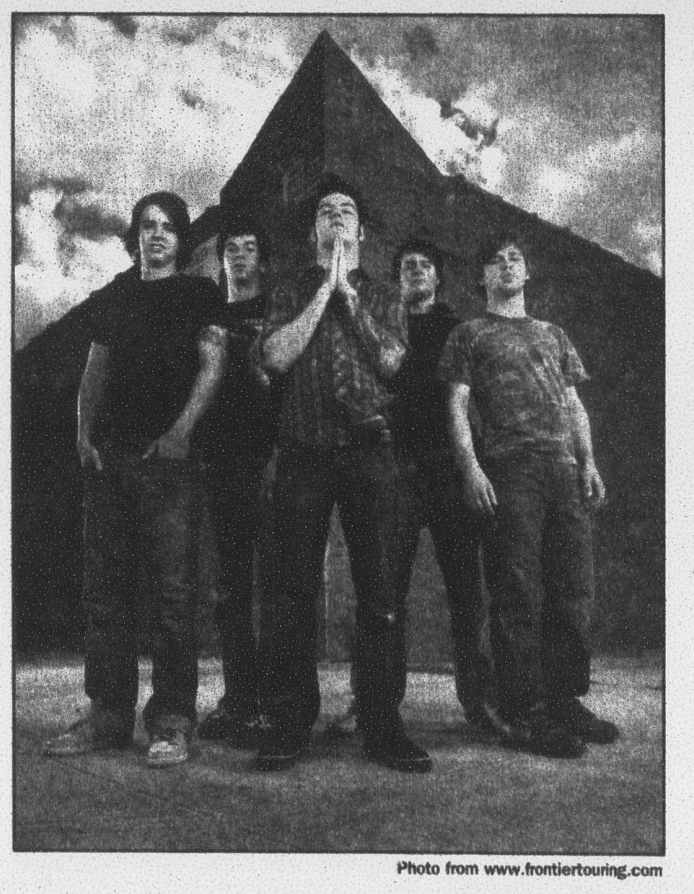
The first song that really stood out to me was "Family Tradition" with its punk foundation and an echoed lead guitar part reminiscent of the dream-like sound of Armor For Sleep. The vocals are catchy and compliment the music well, especially when the vocals are layered during the chorus.

"Hair of the Dog" sounds like a slightly upbeat version of Angels and Airwaves, and songs like "Ali For Cody" and "Wolves At the Door" mix metal and punk in a way that sounds very much like Avenged Sevenfold.

"Yellow Angels" is my favorite song because it is so different than the others. It is very atmospheric and dream-like with a slow and laid-back tempo.

This album works much better when listened to one song at a time rather than listening to the whole thing straight through. Each song has its own feel and some songs even sound so different from each other that it seems like two separate bands.

If you like to keep up with the current trends in punk or hardcore you should probably pick up this album. Otherwise, you might want to pass this up.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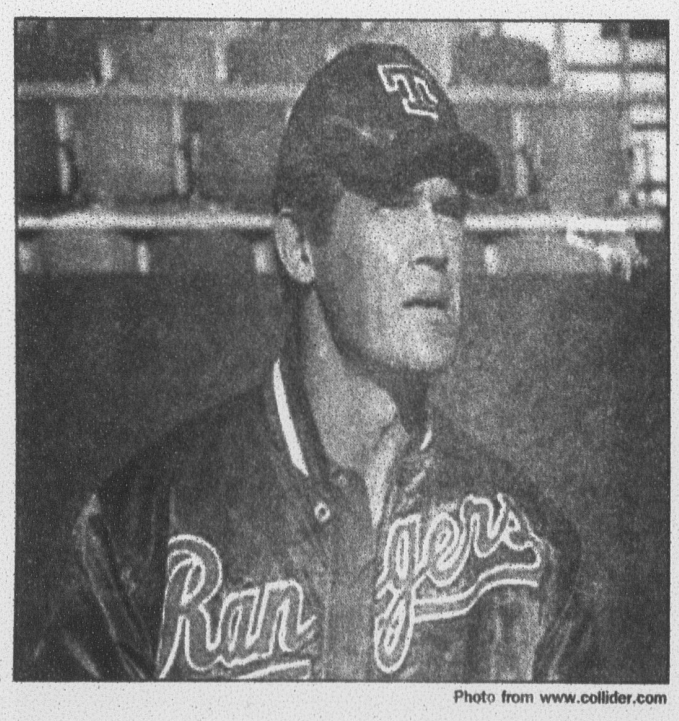
Max's Rating: ★★★☆☆

"A life misunderestimated"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By Erik Chesney
A&E Staff Writer

W., Oliver Stone's comedic and dramatic biopic about George W. Bush's ascendancy to president of the United States has the power of a star-studded cast, but falls short with a simple plot.

"Dubya" is played by Josh Brolin of *No Country for Old Men*. He delivers a good portrayal of our bumbling president, and there is some real support from his fellow actors. Two of the most memorable, and conniving members of the Bush administration in the film are vice president Dick Cheney and Karl Rove, played by Richard Dreyfuss and Toby Jones, respectively. George H.W. "Poppy" Bush is played by James Cromwell and Jeffrey Wright gave a powerful performance as General Colin Powell.

The film jumps between scenes leading up to the invasion of Iraq in 2003 and flashbacks to Dubya's past beginning with his fraternity days at Yale in 1966. Bush's early years are plagued with alcoholism and failure, and he gives up every summer job that his father, "Poppy", gets him.

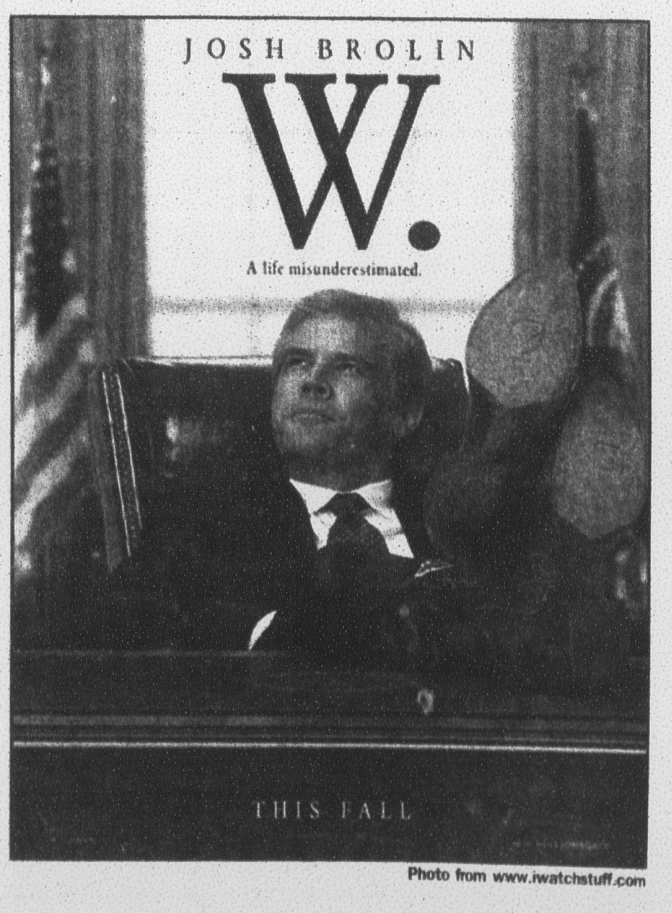
He gains ground when he quits drinking and becomes a born again Christian, and works on his father's successful presidential campaign. Stone periodically reverts to scenes of Bush on an empty baseball field, alluding to W's desire to be baseball commissioner.

In the future sequences, Bush and his cabinet are shown going about the ill planned invasion of Iraq, and the conflict between Gen. Powell and the rest of the administration.

Stone compiled some of the best known of what one could call "Bush trivia" and used them to plot out his film. Choking on a pretzel, "fool me twice", and the examples of Bush's illustrious past are just some examples. Using the well known facts about Bush made the plot too simple and incoherent. Yes, Oliver Stone, President Bush sounds pretty dumb. We know already.

He also goes wrong in his mixture of drama and comedy. It's presented more like gallows humor, and becomes stale after the first hour. The previews presented the film as a skit type comedy, which it certainly is not.

While Oliver Stone is certainly anti-Bush, and one cannot expect him to give any credit to him, his criticism is more on the level of a YouTube collection of Bush footage than a Hollywood movie. Portraying Dubya as an idiot is a fun pastime to many Americans, but in this film it was overplayed.



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Erik's Rating: ★★☆☆☆

Arts & Entertainment

Ray Lamontagne's Brilliant *Gossip*

Photo from www.amazon.com

By Levi Sanchez
A&E Writer

Besides having an amazing beard, Ray Lamontagne is one of the best folk/soul musicians that America has to offer. Although the name might not sound familiar, there's a good chance you've heard Ray.

His wonderfully unique voice has been buried in the soundtracks of popular movies like *The Devil Wears Prada*, *27 Dresses* and *The Last Kiss*. His soulful, acoustic version of Gnarls Barkley's "Crazy" has made its rounds around the internet.

However, the New Englander's third full-length album, *Gossip in the Grain*, proves that his music is much more than background sound and flattering imitation. The album reaches wide in musical genres and succeeds in them all, leaving acoustic, folk, bluegrass, soul and rock in its wake.

The opening track "You are the Best Thing" gets the album started off with a blaring horn section and a soulful call and response chorus. It sounds as if the King of Funk, James Brown himself, was resurrected.

"Sarah" is probably my favorite track on the album with its ukulele and string accompaniment. If there are any of you out there that are familiar with the singer/songwriter Nick Drake, you'll love this song. The lyrics of the song tell the story of a childhood romance blighted early that still haunts the singer to the present day. It's a beautiful song that effectively relates the singer's regret and sadness.

"Meg White," a flattering ode to The White Stripes's drummer, successfully mimics The Stripes's stripped down style. While the lyrics are cutesy, (all about how "swell" Meg is and bicycle rides on the beach) they suffice. It's a catchy song that's got me singing "Meg White, you're alright. Fact: I think you're pretty swell."

"Hey Me, Hey Mama" is a feel good bluegrass song that's sure to get even the most dogged wallflower's foot tapping. The down-home harmonies on the chorus and the strummed banjo give it a great upbeat bluegrass feel, and its catchy lyrics are sure to stick with you.

The most intense song on the album has also got the coolest title. In "Henry Nearly Killed Me (It's a Shame)," Lamontagne rails against those that use their physical strength to compensate for other inadequacies. The song starts off with a twangy guitar and a bawling harmonica, ala "When the Levee Breaks" by Led Zeppelin. Ray's impassioned vocals perfectly fit the violent nature of the lyrics.

I always have high expectations for artists that I highly respect when they release a new album, and Ray Lamontagne is one of the first to meet them all. I'd be hard pressed to find a track on the entire album that I'd be tempted to skip. Unfortunately, Ray's not making any stops even remotely close to New Wilmington on the tour supporting *Gossip in the Grain*, but the songs themselves are a great enough gift.

Levi's Rating: ★★★★★

Concert Calendar

Rock out with your favorite artists at these upcoming local shows!

October:
25: Matisyahu @ Mr. Smalls: 8:00 pm
28: Anberlin w/ Straylight Run @ Mr.Smalls: 7:00 pm
29: Underoath w/ Saosin @ Gravity: 7:00 pm

November:
3: Pierce The Veil @ Strummers: 7:00 pm
5. Ted Leo & The Pharmacists @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
5: Norma Jean w/ Haste The Day @ Mr. Smalls: 7:00 pm
9: 3OH!3 @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
10: Mest @ Strummers: 7:00 pm
13: Senses Fail w/ Dance Gavin Dance @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
21: Cobra Starship @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
22: Hawthorne Heights @ The Rex: 6:30 pm
22: Frank Caliendo @ The Benedum: 8:30 pm

December:
2: Aiden @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
4: Augustana @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
13: The Misfits @ Mr. Smalls: 8:00 pm

Oasis found again with *Dig Out Your Soul*

By Ben Portz
A&E Writer

The band Oasis is known for two things: the dysfunctional relationship between lead members/brothers Liam and Noel Gallagher, and British-pop mega hits such as "Wonderwall" and "Champagne Supernova".

Over the course of the past fifteen years, Oasis' popularity has gone up and down. Some people hate them so much that an unspecified person even attacked Noel on stage in Toronto breaking his ribs. This could be because they started on the top and the press loves to tear down people at the top.

Their debut album *Definitely Maybe* was the fastest selling album in British history hitting number 1 on U.K's charts and peaking at 58 in the U.S.

Their second album *(What's the Story) Morning Glory* got acclaim due to it being heavily Beatles influenced carried by songs with catchy choruses and Liam's in-your-face vocals. Unfortunately in the late nineties, they began to suffer problems. The brother's fired drummer Tony McCarroll saying that he wasn't good enough and their overall ignorant attitudes led guitarist Paul Arthurs and bassist Paul McGuigan to quit the band.

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In the year 2000, Oasis came out with an album entitled *Shoulders of Giants*. This record unfortunately sold the least amount for any Oasis album. The Gallagher brothers had a large concert at Wembley Stadium and eventually made a live album out of it entitled *Familiar to Millions*.

This also did not sell many to the masses. Finally in 2005 they released *Don't Believe the Truth*, which basically saved their careers and jumpstarted them into another well attended tour.

With the release of *Dig Out Your Soul*, Oasis proves to us that they still know how to write, and create British rock with a punk flare.

One thing I'll say that really stuck out to me while listening to this record is Liam's vocals. His voice has always been such a trademark of the band. It has the expressiveness of John Lennon, only with a little more attitude. This should make sense seeing that The Beatles are among Oasis' biggest influences.

The single off the album is "The Shock Of The Lightning". Compared to previous songs written by the band, this track is very "big sounding", relying heavily on electric guitars and the bravado of Liam.

Noel's voice makes an appearance on "Waiting For The Rapture". To be honest, compared with other times I've heard him sing, I'm quite impressed. Hopefully Liam did not heckle Noel about his voice as opposed to another concert where Noel sang and Liam sat in the back and tormented his poor brother while he was singing.

Some favorite tracks of mine include "I'm Outta Time" and "[Get Off Your] High Horse Lady". "I'm Outta Time" is definitely a Lennon reproduction with it's continuous Imagine-like piano chords, underneath the gliding vocals of Liam.

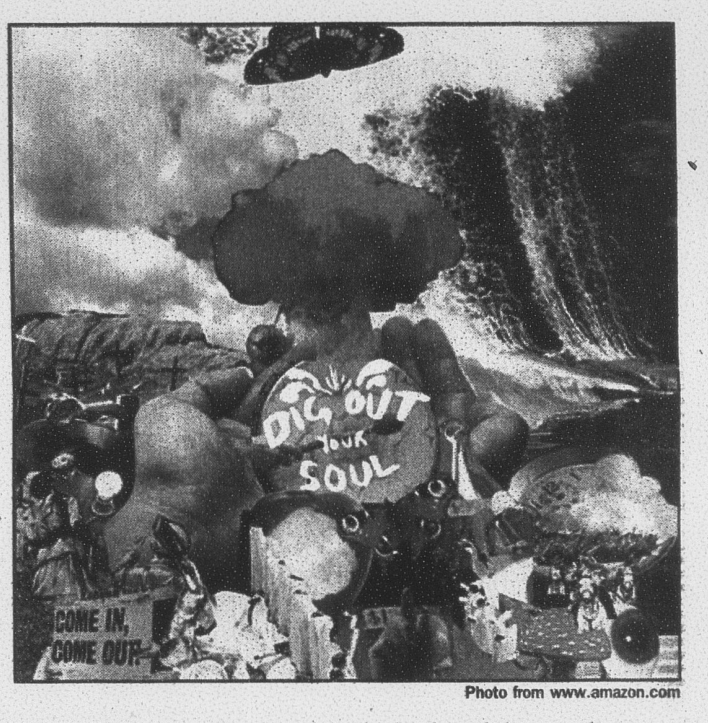


Photo from www.amazon.com

"[Get Off Your] High Horse Lady" is a melancholy tune about someone who they think obviously should not be getting the spotlight.

I really hope Oasis gets some good press from this album. After years of bad press and incidents of the brothers fighting with one another, this record is something noteworthy to talk about. Hopefully this allows Liam and Noel to feel born-again, and create good music in the future.

Ben's Rating: ★★★☆☆

Quarantine delivers with realistic thrills

By Brett Gerthoffer
A&E Writer

As one of the few in its class, *Quarantine* stands out by administering violent graphics and realistic acting. It can be compared to recent movie *Cloverfield* in the way it was filmed and written.

The focus of the film is on the life of the people and how they react to the situations they find themselves in instead of the how they got in the situation. *Cloverfield* produced the same effects because the focus was on the people who held the camera instead of who the monster was and where it came from.

Quarantine emphasized the victims' struggles to get out of their barricaded apartment instead of delving into why the sick people were sick and how they can be stopped.

If you didn't like the way *Cloverfield* was filmed then you might not like *Quarantine*. But don't scratch it off the to-do-list just yet because there is a lot to see. To give some comfort, the movie is filmed from a news cameraman's perspective. So the shots are far less pointless and not nearly as shaky as the ones filmed by the idiotic friend in *Cloverfield*.

Angela Vidal (Jennifer Carpenter) is a reporter doing a special report about firemen. She follows them to a call about a distressed woman in an old apartment building.

Bloodied and ill-minded, the old woman attacks a police officer on the scene and tears his neck apart with her foaming mouth. Panic ensues and the group rushes for the front door. But low and behold it's locked and barred from the outside.

Red and blue flashing lights are seen through the door's windows and helicopter and megaphone sounds are heard. This implies that the place is surrounded and something big is going on.

The frightened barricaded victims head for the back door and windows for optional escape routes. The back door is barred as well and all the windows are guarded by fully armored soldiers. Plastic covers are dropped over all the windows and the old tenement building becomes completely quarantined.

The fireman (Jay Hernandez) and the remaining police officer round up all the tenants in the lobby and try to devise a plan to get out. A doctor conducts research on the few victims that have fallen to the infection thus far.

He comes to the conclusion that they have a hyper-acting form of rabies. Once bitten or if blood enters an open cut the virus will put you in full swing rabies within seconds. The problem at hand presents itself and the victims struggle to solve their problem.

The darkly lit building and even darker rooms complemented by the point-of-view film style provides numerous frightening instances and psychological thrills. The infected range from an overweight decrepit woman to a little girl who no one wants to see bite her mom's face off. But it happens. They would not be nearly as scary if it wasn't for the realistic and glamorous reactions of the survivors.

Luckily there is not one instance where the performers sound scripted or try to steal the scene from the other actors. The emotions of all the characters, especially Carpenter's, look improved and whimsical. So when the characters find themselves in a tight spot, which is all the time, the audience feels concern and admiration for their safety and survival.

Photo from horror-movies.ca

Quarantine does not end happily but it would be foolish if it did. It ends as dark and suspenseful as the rest of the film and will leave you breathless and worrying about the nightmares you will have that night.

Quarantine delivers the best thrills and scares compared to any movie this year. You will most likely find yourself saying the same thing my roommate Aaron Whisman did when we jumped 5 feet out of our seats during the final 10 minutes; "I'm terrified".

Brett's Rating: ★★★★☆

Features

Are the sidesplitters splitting votes?

Megan Hoffman
Features Editor

Every four years Americans split into two general groups in which they participate in heated debates on national television and in local communities. Heightened tensions escalate all throughout October and then finally peak with the November presidential elections. Obviously, this is the perfect chance for Saturday Night Live to comment on politics.

While capitalizing on the popularity of the election coverage Saturday Night Live recently aired thirty minute prime time specials, in addition to its regular 11:30 p.m. time slot. The specials contained no guest-host or musical act and were solely devoted to the election coverage and Weekend Update. These specials, called Saturday Night Live Weekend Update Thursdays, aired the past three consecutive weeks at 9:30 p.m. beginning on Oct. 9 through Oct. 23rd.

Since SNL's first season in 1976, with Chevy Chase impersonating former President, Gerald Ford, SNL has used politics and the presidential elections as a major source for its satire. For this election SNL is employing current cast members like Fred Armisen as Barrack Obama, former cast members like Tina Fey as her look-a-like Sarah Palin, and even special guests like Queen Latifah as moderator Gwen Ifill.

Last week in the USA Today, Weekend Update anchor, Amy Poehler, commented saying, "People are actually paying attention to the election. They're following it like a sport. It's satisfying to do jokes the day after the debate."

Since the fall of last year, SNL has had guest appearances by Republican Presidential nominee John McCain, Democratic Presidential nominee Barrack Obama, and former Democratic Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton. Even before his run for the presidential office, John McCain hosted SNL on Oct. 19, 2002. Which leads to the question – Does comedy affect votes?

Armisen stated in a USA Today article, "It's all about how entertaining, how relevant we can be. It's never about, 'We're thinking we're going to affect the election."

SNL maintains that they try to keep their position neutral during the election period by outrageously satirizing both candidates equally. This mentality towards politics has been the basis of the show's political coverage since SNL first aired.

Former writer and cast member, Al Franken, commented on this when talking about SNL's early political sketches by stating, "We didn't feel that it was the job of the show to reflect on a political view. When you had Nixon resigning, you made fun of Nixon. And when Carter came in the first stuff about Carter was him as a detailed genius knowing everything."

Obviously, this political mentality is working for the show. Last week's SNL episode that aired during its regular time slot generated the show's highest ratings in over 14 years. SNL writer, James Downey, credits the show's comical election coverage for this rise in ratings.

Downey mentions, "Someone did a survey of college students on where they got their political views and information, and television comedy was number one, ahead of newspapers or discussions on campus or even TV news."

The way in which college students and Americans in general are receiving their election coverage seems to connect with that survey.

People Magazine published an article on the SNL election coverage which reported that a poll taken by the Pew Research Center discovered that the sketch in which Fey and Poehler reenacted Palin's interview with Katie Couric made a bigger impact on viewers than Palin's actual interview.

Since satirizing politics is so popular amongst viewers as well as voters, it is comical, but not altogether surprising to discover that several politicians have looked towards the SNL's debate coverage to better adjust their strategies and tactics.

Tom Shales and James Andrew Miller note in their book, *Live From New York; An Uncensored History of SNL*, that Al Gore and his aides working on his campaign actually watched SNL election debate coverage during the 2000 election to better understand the mistakes Gore made during his own debate.

Ultimately, this idea of poking fun at elected officials as well as celebrities and other figures in the news is the general essence of the show. SNL is largely a show that reflects current events and the current culture, thus, the show would be seriously lacking if it did not cover the election. Former writer, Adam McKay, notes that these types of impressions and political satire are the reasons the show is produced.

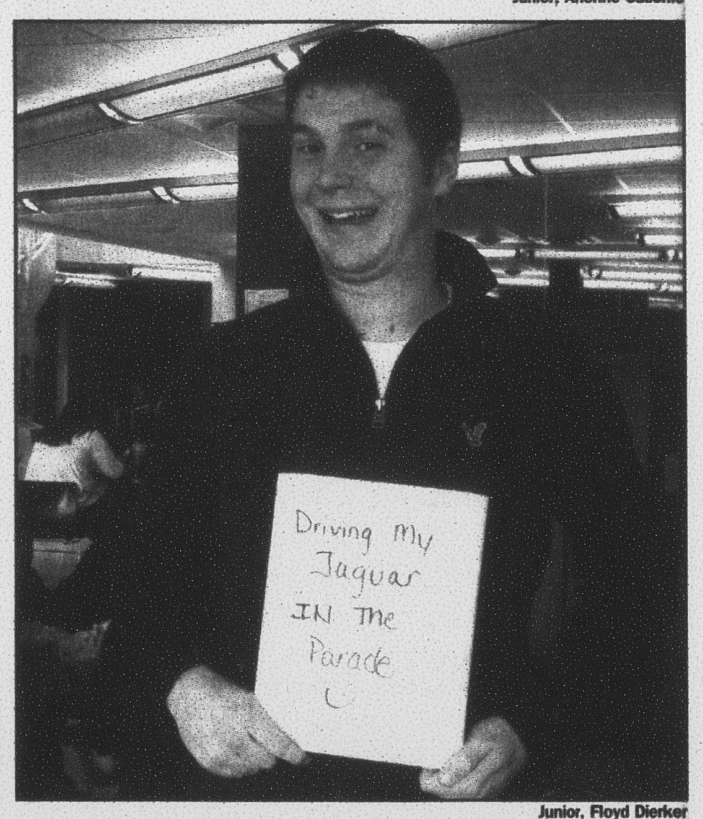
McKay states, "We always knew the number one reason the show exists is to do impersonations of the president, our leaders, the Donald Trumps of the world – the people who need to be made fun of. And the show works when you do that."

So does SNL's comedy affect votes? You decide. NBC reports that SNL is planning on airing a 90-minute SNL Election Special that will air Monday Nov 3, the night before Tuesday's election takes place. Watch as the show reruns the best of the current debates as well as their all-time best presidential debates from the past 34 years. Then in the polls on Tuesday, decide for yourself if comedy affects votes.

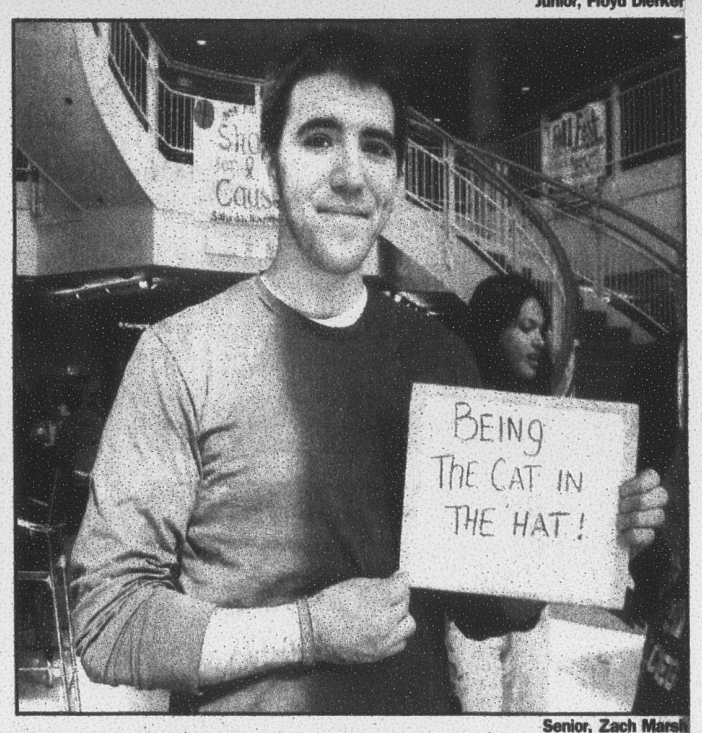
Question of the week

What was your favorite part of homecoming?

Junior, Arienne Cauchie



Junior, Floyd Dierker



Senior, Zach Marsh

Candid Campus: Homecoming edition

Photo By: Derek Deremer

Jennie Smith and Steve Sankey are very excited to have bam-bams at the pep rally.

Photo By: Stephanie Chaffee

Yertle the Turtle makes an appearance in the homecoming parade thanks to Phi Kappa Tau.

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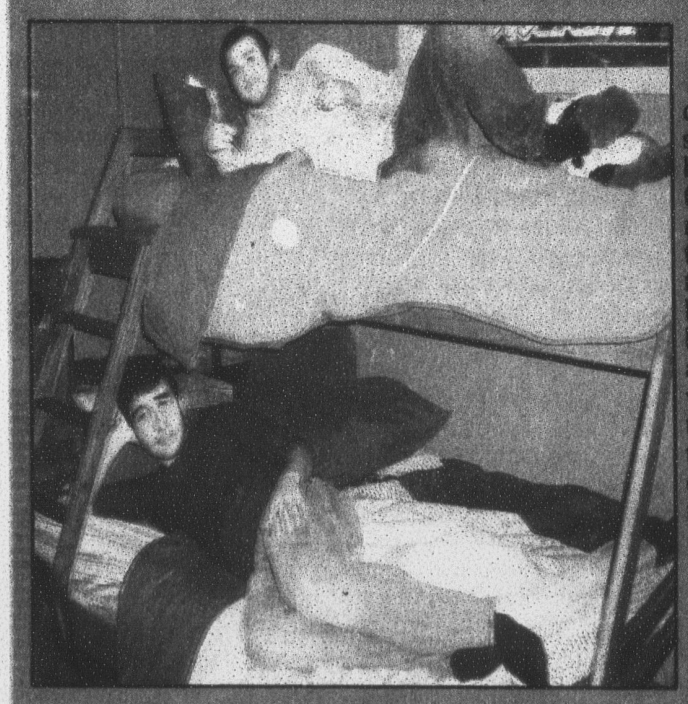
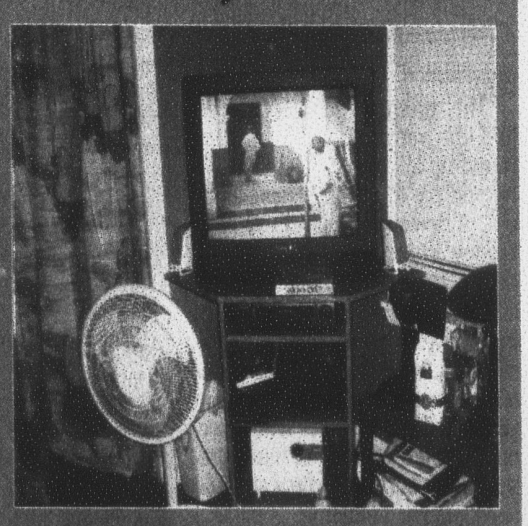
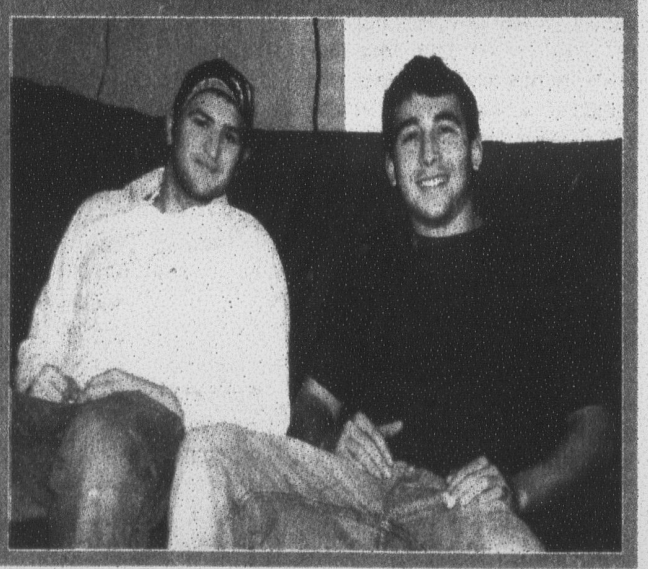
This week Megan takes a trip down to Theta Chi Fraterity to visit the room of Steve Seidelson and Erik Chesney





Right: The ducky curtain is seperating their bathroom from the rest of the room; they have the only room in the house with a bathroom in the bedroom. They also enjoy watching movies together. Below: the boys hang out on their futon.

Above: Steve and Erik show off their bunk beds. They also painted their walls blue over the summer. Below: The guys added these shelves for food. They definately have stocked up for winter.



Reasons to stay on campus this weekend

Friday:
Powder puff tournament starts at 4:30 p.m.
SGA's Fall Fest 4:30 p.m.
Volleyball v. Geneva 7:00 p.m.
Come see the drive in movie showing of *Hancock* on the Quad with SGA at 10:30 p.m. bring a blanket to sit on. Popcorn and drinks provided.

Saturday:
President inauguration in Orr at 10:00 a.m.
Volleyball v. Saint Vincent at 3:00 p.m.
Men's soccer v. Waynesburg at 4:00 p.m.
Women's soccer v. Waynesburg at 6:30 p.m.
Mass in Wallace Memorial Chapel at 7:00 p.m.
Movies in Mueller: *Hancock* at 8:00 p.m. and *The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor* at 10:30 p.m.

Sunday:
Faculty woodwind quintet in Wallace Memorial Chapel at 3:00 p.m.
Vespers service in Wallace memorial Chapel at 7:00 p.m.
Movies in Mueller: *The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor* at 3:00 p.m. and *Hancock* at 9:00 p.m. and

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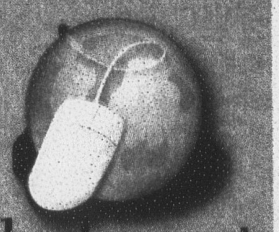

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Dorman inaugurated as college's 14th president

By Danielle McCullough
Layout Editor

On Saturday Oct. 25, students, faculty, alumni, and friends gathered in Orr Auditorium to participate and witness the inauguration of Westminster's fourteenth president, Richard H. Dorman.

Dorman wanted the inauguration to be about the college and the students, rather than about himself.

Dr. Gittis, a professor of psychology; Ashley Carnahan, SGA's president; Melissa Spencer, president of the Westminster Alumni Council; Donald Shelenberger and Connie Davis all offered their perspectives on Westminster during the ceremony.

"[Westminster is] where professors' concern for their students' success shines through their teaching, advising and caring manners" Carnahan said.

She discussed what makes the Westminster community more like a family and then welcomed Dorman into this family.

"Westminster is a special place [and he] further suggests that it is the people here who make it special." Shelenberger said.

Dr. James T. Harris III, the president from Widener University introduced Dorman, he was also the man who nominated Dorman for the job.

Dorman mentioned three central principles: "number 3: the breath of the students experiences provide each one the depth of willing outcome sought 2. a liberal arts education uncovers intellectual talent not revealed through traditional measure of intelligence. And number 1 the impact of an individual teacher who brings the greatest patterns in changing a student's life."

He continued by explaining these three principles. Smaller liberal arts colleges like Westminster have more students involved in campus activities therefore, the students have a chance to get more out of their college experience.

Further in his speech he discussed that he learned early on that he was not good at football. A liberal arts school lets you find what you are good at by giving you the chance to experience other things.

His plan for Westminster is called "Advantage: Westminster" which will help Westminster continue on an ascending path.

The medallion placed around the new president's neck was made by Dr. A. Dwight Castro, Peggy Cox and former Dean John Deegan Jr. in 1995. It included the phrase "Quaerite Et Invenietis" which translates to "seek and you will find;" the phrase was taken from Matthew 7:7.

Additionally the choir and wind ensemble were both invited to perform. Dorman taught music in his early years of being a teacher and greatly enjoyed having the choir and instrumentalist's presence there.

Afterwards there was a reception held. The first 50 students who entered got free T-shirts that stated "I heart President Dorman." All mailboxes received a blue bracelet with "Advantage: Westminster" engraved on it, which is his plan for Westminster and was also the title of his speech.

Attending students felt it was special to have taken part in the inauguration of Dorman. The inauguration of a college president is not something that happens often (only every 10-20 years) and it is a very special event when it does.

Photo By Derek Deremer

Advantage: Westminster

Students gather around newly inaugurated President Richard H. Dorman while proudly displaying their wristbands provided by SGA for the event. The motto on the wristbands, "Advantage: Westminster" represents Dorman's plan for the college.

Gender and race prominent factors in 2008 election

By Jessica Davis
Staff Writer

Election day is approaching and while voter polls anticipate Senator Barack Obama's victory, polls may not be the best indicator of the way people will actually vote.

Obama (D-Illinois), is the first African-American presidential nominee from either party. His opponent, John McCain (R-Arizona), chose his running mate, Governor Sarah Palin (R-Alaska), on Aug. 29. Palin is the first female Republican vice presidential nominee in U.S. history.

While voter polls indicate that Obama holds the lead over McCain, historical patterns in politics concerning race and gender make predictions difficult. However, there is still debate over the validity of the explanation for variances between voter polls and election results.

According to cnn.com, the most recent national voter polls suggest that Obama is in the lead with 50% of the vote, while McCain has 42% of the vote.

"I think all Americans are caught up in the historic nature of this campaign," Dr. James Rhoads, associate professor of political science, said. "We will have either our first African-American President or our first female Vice-President."

In 1982, an African-American man named Tom Bradley ran for governor of California and although voter polls predicted his triumph, he was defeated by the white candidate. He lost the race, some have argued, because of his race. Fear of racial motivation when responding to voter polls that vary from the final ballot has been termed the "Bradley effect."

"I hope people vote on the basis on who they think can do the best job," president of the Black Student Union, Reesha Jackson, said. "Unfortunately for some people skin color is a determinate on who can do the best job."

While the Bradley effect was conceived based on the results of a race between a nonwhite and white candidate, it may also affect Palin's nomination as Republican vice president. Voters may feel obligated to vote for the Republican Party and its female vice presidential candidate to avoid perceptions of sexual discrimination.

Analysts have suggested a "reverse" Bradley effect may come into play during Obama's campaign. Rather than claim their vote for the African-American candidate, Republican voters will deny their support for Obama for fear of ostracizing themselves from their political party.

According to wikipedia.org, some analysts have found the Bradley effect misleading and baseless, especially in recent elections. However, while recent elections between nonwhite and white candidates suggest that the Bradley effect has diminished, there is not enough evidence to disprove that it is not a valid cause-and-effect model.

Adding to the uncertainty of the polling data is the exclusion of young voters with cell phones. Recent surveys and polls show an increase in voters between the ages of 18 and 29 years old. This voting block may make or break Obama's chances to secure the presidency.

"I feel that race and gender are what are the driving force behind the number of young voters that are interested in the elections and are participating in the campaigning," president of the College Democrats, Heather MacKenzie, said. "Voting turnout has been down in recent elections, and I only hope that the new developments of a woman and African American in the race would help to increase the number of people who participate and get out and vote!"

A royal start to 24th annual lecture series

Dr. Deborah Mitchell discusses *Royal Portraits in Hollywood: Filming the Lives of Queens*

By Amanda Miller
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, Oct. 22, in Mueller Theatre, Dr. Deborah C. Mitchell presented the 24th annual Henderson Lecture from a portion of her and Dr. Elizabeth A. Ford's upcoming book, *Royal Portraits in Hollywood: Filming the Lives of Queens.*

Co-author and former Westminster professor of English Dr. Elizabeth "Betsy" A. Ford introduced Mitchell, commenting on her completion of her doctoral work in film studies at Case Western University under the guidance of Dr. Louis Giannetti, a pre-eminent film scholar and author of popular film texts including *Understanding Movies and Flashback.*

"I feel so lucky to have collaborated with Deb on this project," Ford said in her introduction.

This book is Ford and Mitchell's second collaboration. The first, *The Makeover in Movies*, was published by McFarland Publishing. Mitchell is also the author of *Diane Keaton: Artist and Icon.*

During the Henderson Lecture, Mitchell presented a chapter from her and Ford's upcoming book, slated for publication in 2009. This chapter deals with Queen Elizabeth I and looks at the many films about this queen dating from the 1930's to modern adaptations.

Specifically, Mitchell chose to focus on three of the most recent bio pics of this queen: *Elizabeth I* starring Helen Mirren and the two films starring Cate Blanchett, *Elizabeth I* and *Elizabeth: The Golden Age.*

As Mitchell pointed out in her lecture, films about queens such as these recent ones about Elizabeth I are especially popular with modern audiences due to the growing interest in women gaining political power as well as the idea of women balancing a public and private life.

After giving a brief autobiographical background of Elizabeth I, which includes a wide range of historical figures such as Henry VIII, Anne Boleyn, and Sir Walter Raleigh, Mitchell proceeded to talk about the three recent biographical films.

Mitchell praised Helen Mirren's depiction of the queen.

"She disappears into her characters, a sign of brilliant and talented acting," Mitchell said of the actress.

Mirren captured "the beating heart beneath the icon" and is able to show Elizabeth both as a powerful ruler and private woman, according to Mitchell.

Although the version starring Cate Blanchett took a much more liberal creative license, Mitchell praised the physical and intellectual similarities between actress and queen.

This film focuses more on art than on history, but it still captures "not the truth but a truth of Elizabeth," Mitchell said.

Students wanting to read more about the many films that deal with Elizabeth and other queens, including Cleopatra, Marie Antoinette, Mary of Scotland, and Victoria the Great, are encouraged to read Mitchell and Ford's upcoming book *Royal Portraits in Hollywood: Filming the Lives of Queens*, due out in 2009 and published by University of Kentucky Press.

Alpha Sigma Phi hosts haunted house

By Dan Ross
Campus Writer

This Halloween weekend is the last chance to experience Alpha Sigma Phi's annual haunted house fundraiser, fittingly dubbed "Fright Nights."

The brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi have taken the skeletons out of the closets, freed the ghosts from the attic, and transformed their house into a ghoulish haunt for all to see. Directed by the fundraiser's co-chairs, Matt Monahan and Matt Bickert, Fright Nights opened its doors Wednesday and Thursday night from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. and kicks off its finale tonight, Oct. 31, at 9 p.m.

"We are working hard to make this our best haunted house so far," Bickert said. "The brothers are here every night building this thing, and we really like how it's turning out."

The house, which is located at 129 Waugh Avenue across from the Shenango Retirement Home, has three floors of thrills from a hall of illusion to a haunted dungeon, and the newly added outdoor maze takes the experience one step further. Dozens of new secrets and surprises will make their debut, promising that this year's Fright Nights will be bigger than ever.

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RANT & RAVE

Thom Roth is Ridiculous!

Don't worry: You're on my to-do list.

...and then I heard some "lip smacking"

My candidate can see Russia from her house. . .what can Biden do for you?

Give me a chicken sandwhich and some waffle fries...FOR FREE

Good Night and Good-Bye? That is the question.

Creepin' on Casey is FUN

I smell crickets

Love the soldier & hate the war.

You're so mad right now

Mer+Jer = Hot N' Cold

This rant and rave box is a pretty confusing thing...

1 ticket to HELL! - Plagiarizing the Bible

I think a sand castle represents our culture!

1,2 Freddy's coming for you. . . 3,4 better lock your door. . . 9,10 never sleep again

I heart Halloween!

Snow is no.

Can you put GO PHILLIES in the random phrases part of your paper?

My coat is on that cyclist

Sometimes I wonder what I'd look like with a jaunty eye patch whilst I bleed in an emergency room.

The Titan mascot is kind of creepy

I'm buying an Olive Garden so that I may have all the salad and bread sticks I can put in my mouth!

I chant every Sunday... don't judge me.

You're the reason no one is here

Shoo Shoo

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OUR VIEW: ELECTION 2008

Who we support and why

"Though I'll be the first to admit that I'm not the smartest cookie when it comes to politics, I filled in the bubble beside Barack Obama's name on my absentee ballot this year for a number of reasons that I feel I can justify.

Fundamentally, I like his tax plan. I would rather see a tax increase on those making more than $250,000, than a spending freeze. I'm sure the upper class will live perfectly prosperously with less disposable income, while a halt on spending could negatively affect and limit anyone in need of those funds.

I like Obama's ideas for innovation in energy conservation and industry. I grew up in a town that is overly dependant on welfare and unemployment checks, yet is abundant with natural resources begging to be utilized safely. If we become a more energy-efficient country while simultaneously creating jobs, then that is just a bonus for everyone.

Most of all, I like his overall morale. For example, I've heard him say a number of times that parents should turn off the TV and become more involved in their children's lives. My parents are teachers in a public school district, so I've seen, first-hand, problems with students who obviously had no support system at home. Sometimes more funding and better teachers cannot make the dominant impact. Though, a simple message of ethics, if taken to heart, can be widely effective."

Lindsey Nuzzo
Editor-in-Chief

"For months I've watched these two candidates battle it out, and when I go to the polls on Tuesday, I'll be voting for Barack Obama.

My motive is not so much that he persuaded me with his platform, but more I really don't want more of the same. I studied abroad and our current president has moved from a domestic to a global joke. I feel that Obama's intelligent and eloquent speaking abilities will be a favorable change.

I may have been swayed by John McCain if his selection of Sarah Palin did not seem like such obvious pandering. It seems like he figured all women would be voting for Hillary because of her gender, so with her out of the race, he just needed to dangle a female VP in our faces, and all of us women would jump.

Also, the thought that Palin could be our future president if anything should happen to McCain is terrifying. The very thought of that happening makes this an appropriate addition to our Halloween *Holcad*.

This is not to say I'm not aware of the issues. I prefer Obama's tax plan which favors the middle class; does that make me a socialist? Also, our country consumes an obscenely disproportionate amount of energy in comparison with our population. I prefer Obama's plans for energy conservation.

While I'm registered as an independent, I generally tend to be more liberal, so that's the direction I'll be taking this election."

Shannon Richter
Managing Editor

" I'm a Republican, who is not too terribly happy with McCain, but he still has my vote.

Not only am I unhappy with McCain, but his choice in Palin outraged me so much that I considered voting for Obama. However, I am a party voter. I have faith in my party. No matter how much I don't agree with these candidates, I much rather have them than have Obama.

I feel Obama has too many hurdles to bound over to catch up. Having Biden will help him, that was a great choice for him, picking someone almost as liberal as he is.

Though I really did enjoy his 30-minute (million dollar for each of the 4 channels he broadcasted on) infomercial on Wed. night. Man, do I love infomercials! He still could not persaude me. Though I like how he only mentioned swing states and ended up speaking live in FL.

McCain has appeared frustrated during his debates because he feels Obama is just a bad candidate. McCain really needs to just calm that down.

Speaking of calming down, Palin may just want to lay low until the election. She's kind of out of control now. I think McCain (and the rest of his campaign) might agree with me on that one.

If you think McCain is too old than look at his mom, yeah she's still alive. Plus he seems pretty healthy to me.

I'm still wondering where Obama is going to get the $500 he's going to give everyone . . . "

Danielle McCullough
Layout Editor

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Alternatives to $700 billion bailout plan

On October 24, Professor Kang Na suggested that lower capital gains taxes could be a viable alternative to the $700 billion Troubled Assets Relief Program. In my opinion, this tax cut would be a triumph of hope over experience.

Capital gains tax cuts theoretically encourage investment by increasing the after-tax return of a capital gain. However, personal savings rates did not improve following a reduction of capital gains taxes in 2003 and some have argued that lower rates encouraged speculation in the equity markets. Why would we want to pursue this indirect and historically speculative solution again?

A direct approach is likely the best way to use taxpayer funds to address the frozen credit market, which is the source of the problem. Sweden recapitalized its banking system following a real estate bust in the early 1990s using preferred shares with equity warrants, and has since recovered a substantial portion of the funds. After some start-up delays, TARP is taking the same path by facilitating mergers and by directly recapitalizing several notable banks. However, TARP does not address the clear incentive for banks to hold the new capital as future loss reserves and a continued deterioration in the value of the underlying assets which comprise bank capital.

Next steps could include reconsidering capital requirements for the duration of the economic downturn, obligatory mortgage asset write downs and rights offerings for private investors concurrent with the injection of any additional capital, mandates to accelerate lending of injected capital, and mortgage restructuring to put a floor under real estate values. Falling home prices uncovered a great degree of risk within the financial system that likely cannot be mitigated until the cycle of distressed sales is restrained quickly and substantially. Secondarily, a regulatory regime could be developed to prevent the unregulated shadow banking system from once again becoming a weapon of financial mass destruction.

And perhaps some additional government funding to enable academic institutions to completely and immediately transfer from business textbooks to history textbooks all mention of the efficient market hypothesis…

Ben Nelson
Class of 2006

I want turnip pie

Andrew Brown
Columnist

Chemistry major, Spencer Gabriel Rhorbacher, wanted nothing more last week than to engage in a delightful and rigorous reading of renowned literature otherwise known as *In Search of Schrodinger's Cat*.

Required reading for those in physical chemistry, this book left Rhorbacher questioning his own existence and contemplating any foundation of knowledge he had previously acquired. "I felt like calling my doctor," Rhorbacher explained after his reading, as he feared internal hemorrhaging. Left beaten and appalled, it seemed the end of the road for Rhorbacher's intellect, but luckily there was a saving hope.

Exhausted after running three flights of stairs in Hoyt, geek week teams had to run into a room and answer a question regarding whether or not a pumpkin was classified as a fruit or a vegetable. As fate would have it, Rhorbacher happened to be in the exact room of this pumpkin test.

Quite amused by some teams' incompetency in both knowledge and fitness, Rhorbacher daydreamed back to a time when he was a young lad, and was faced with a similar dilemma. At the eager age of 11, Rhorbacher was involved in a cyber space competition were one of the bonus questions pertained to the origin of pumpkin carving. Unlike the answer to the geek week question, the history of the origin of pumpkin carving begins with a vegetable.

Halloween has its roots in an ancient Celtic festival known as Samhain. Custom in Gaelic culture, this festival was a celebration of the harvest. It was also a time to store crops and other staples before Oct. 31. For on this day, the barrier between the dead and alive was broken, according to the people of Gael, and free spirits could roam freely.

The spirits would destroy crops and cause sickness. To scare off these spirits, the Celtics would carve a turnip, and place a light inside to function as a lantern. According to the culture, the head is the part of the body most connected with spirit and knowledge. The turnip symbolized this, since it is the head of the turnip plant.

The story is not over yet. The term jack-o'-lantern was originated on an Irish legend whose protagonist is named Stingy Jack. This greedy, reckless, and drunken fool (not to be confused with your roommate) was crafty. He tricked the devil into climbing a tree. Following his swindling ways, Stingy Jack carved a cross on the tree and thereby trapped the devil. Still having power, the Devil cursed Stingy Jack to an eternity of roaming the earth. In order for Stingy Jack to see at night, he had but only a carved turnip with a light inside.

Fast-forwarding from Irish legend to American reality, the tradition of Halloween still thrives, but with less focus on Stingy Jack. His legacy of the turnip has even transformed, as Americans find it far easier to carve a pumpkin. Even this action has lost its functionality.

I never see people carrying around pumpkins at night for a light. No, rather I see happy faces cut into the pumpkins that are painted very nicely. What a shame!

The present and future are all we will live in, but this does not mean we can be impolite to the past. My original intuition included a negative opinion towards the pumpkin smashers of the world. However, I just might have to join them and stand for what is right. These children aren't trying to ruin Halloween.

They are rather trying to raise awareness that Halloween is all about a vegetable. All I can say is that any candy seeking Batman, Ironman, or other character of choice that makes his or her way to my place for some candy will undoubtedly walk away, with not chocolate, but rather the true commodity of Halloween: the turnip.

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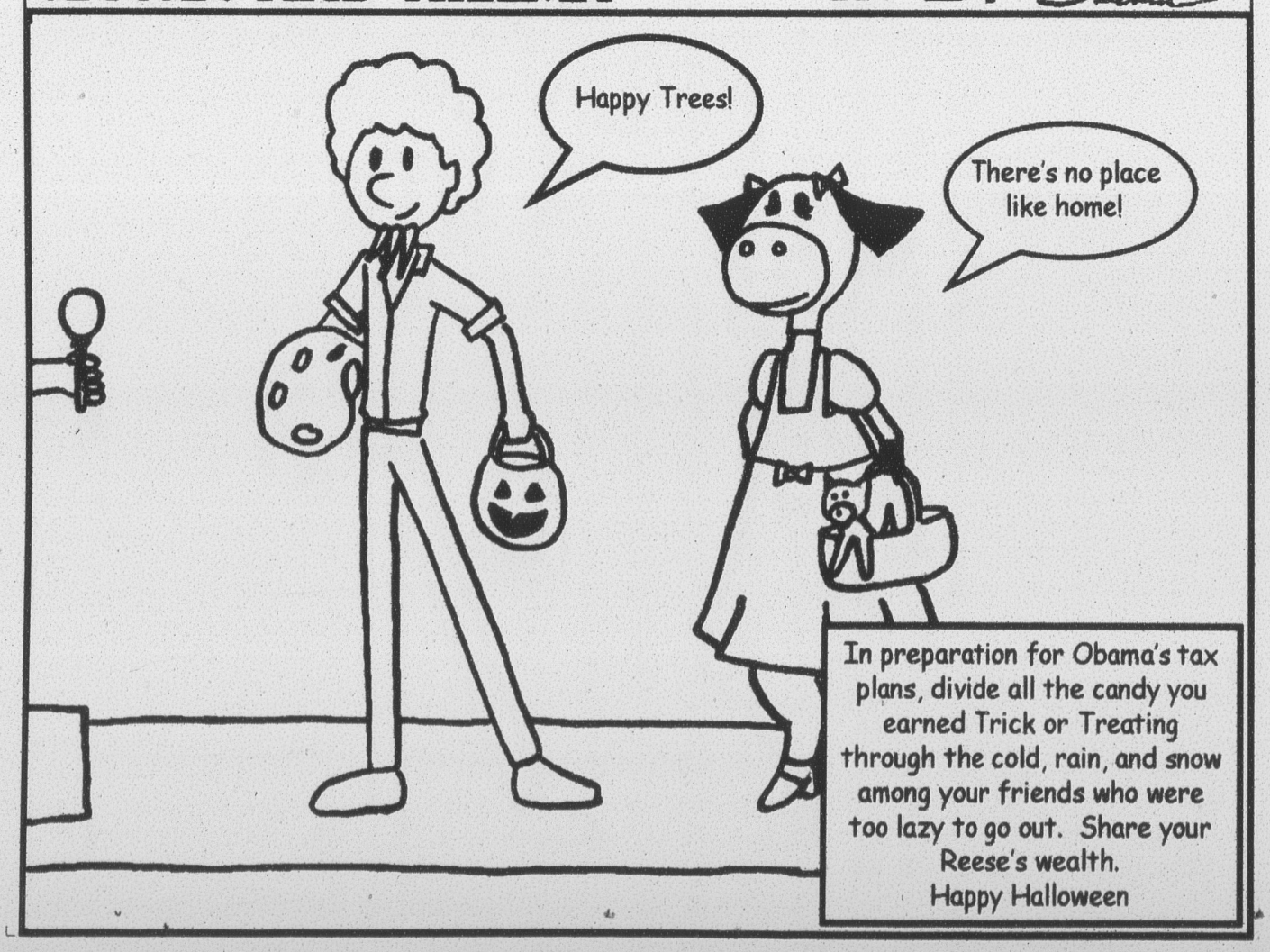

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REGIONAL

Real Halloween back for long traumatized Pa. town

OIL CITY, Pa. (AP) _ For 16 years, real horror overshadowed the make-believe terror of Halloween in this Pennsylvania town, where trick-or-treating after dark was banned after an 11-year-old girl was abducted off the street and murdered.

But on Friday, pint-sized witches, princesses and vampires will once again be shuffling from house to house at night, thanks to a petition drive by a fifth-grader.

Elizabeth Roess gathered signatures, wrote an essay outlining her argument, and persuaded City Council two months ago to bring back nighttime trick-or-treating.

"I was a little scared that happened," Elizabeth said of the 1992 slaying of Shauna Howe, who was kidnapped while walking home from a pre-Halloween party. But she added: "I did this and now I'm so happy."

For weeks now, children and their parents in this struggling, working-class town of 10,000 about 80 miles north of Pittsburgh have been eagerly anticipating Halloween's return, though not without some trepidation.

Shannon Goodman got a tether to make sure her 2-year-old daughter, who will dress as a witch, doesn't wander off while they go door to door. "It's going to be a lot of fun, but every parent who cares about their kid should have that fear," she said.

Fifteen-year-old Braden Craig said: "I have a gut-wrenching feeling something bad's going to happen."

The police department plans to have seven officers on duty Friday night, or about twice the usual number, in addition to four school security guards and all 10 of the town's crossing guards.

"If this all goes well, that's great, that's fantastic. I long for those days, too. But the world has changed," said Police Chief Robert Wenner, a father of five who was a patrolman when the murder occurred.

The local radio station has been running a public service announcement by Wenner urging parents to accompany their children, examine any candy before it is eaten and make sure kids wear reflective material.

The police chief said Shauna's murder shattered the "Mayberry attitude" many people in Oil City had toward their hometown.

Shauna, whose family no longer lives in the area, was abducted on Oct. 27. Three days later, her battered body was found under a railroad trestle eight miles away.

With the town gripped by fear that a child killer was on the loose, trick-or-treating the next day was held in daylight for the first time. Police watched from helicopters as parents led their children from house to house along quiet streets.

Residents also began locking their doors and driving their children to school. And every year afterward, the City Council voted to allow trick-or-treating in the afternoon only, a move duplicated around the same time by many other U.S. cities and towns worried about children's safety.

The Oil City murder remained unsolved until a witness came forward four years ago and police turned to DNA evidence. Two brothers were arrested and convicted of murder and sexual assault. A third man pleaded guilty to murder.

Hoping to move Halloween back to night hours, Elizabeth, her mother, grandmother and family friends gathered 175 signatures. The 10-year-old also wrote a paper in which she made her case. Among her reasons: Halloween decorations are best appreciated at night, and many people aren't home during the day to give out candy.

The council vote was unanimous. Elizabeth plans on dressing up as a Goth princess bride.

"Unfortunately, Shauna's tragedy seemed to define Oil City for many years," Oil City blogger John Noel Bartlett wrote on his Web site. "It's time to move on."

Pa. judge to rule soon in voter attire lawsuit

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) _ A state court judge promised a speedy ruling Tuesday in a case that questions whether Pennsylvanians should be allowed to vote if they are wearing partisan political attire.

Two local elections officials say the Pennsylvania Department of State lacked authority in issuing an advisory opinion last month that said counties should let voters cast ballots if they are wearing political shirts, buttons, stickers or similar items.

Richard Kraft, a judge of elections in Bethel Park, and John Dickinson, a minority inspector of elections in Pittsburgh, also contend that the legal position the state is promoting lacks support in Pennsylvania law.

"What the commonwealth – or the Department of State – is trying to do is legislate," said Ron Hicks, the plaintiffs' lawyer.

Louis Lawrence Boyle, representing the state, called the lawsuit "a tempest in a T-shirt" and said Hicks' clients waited until too close to the Nov. 4 election to seek a ruling that could affect counties throughout Pennsylvania.

"There is no constitutional right to procrastinate," Boyle told Commonwealth Court Judge Robert Simpson. "It is much too late to do anything."

County elections officials, political parties and candidates regularly seek the Department of State's guidance on matters of election law, Boyle said.

"It would be irresponsible for us not to tell the counties something we know," Boyle said.

Simpson did not indicate how he will rule, but he told both sides they will "be hearing from me soon."

He said he had concerns that, as a solitary judge, the decision he makes will not serve as precedent. It may not be practical to assemble a full court panel to hear the case before the election, and there also may not be enough time for the state Supreme Court to review the case, he said.

The Department of State wrote in its memo last month that voters' apparel should not matter as long as they do not take additional steps to influence other voters inside the polls.

The lawsuit said wearing political attire inside a polling place could snowball into "overreaching intimidation in a place that has traditionally been free of politicizing." It also warned that "chaos, confusion and non-uniformity" could result in polling places.

But in a brief filed Monday, the state said it was not aware of problems arising in counties that have previously allowed political T-shirts or buttons at the voting booth.

"While the petitioners cry out that 'the sky is falling,' the record demonstrates that the sky has not fallen," the state's agency's brief said.

State law prohibits "electioneering" within 10 feet of polling places, but the law does not provide a definition of the term. The opposing lawyers on Tuesday had conflicting interpretations of an 1880 state Supreme Court case that delved into the topic of electioneering.

If Simpson rules against the plaintiffs it will not necessarily end the case, and Hicks his clients would have to decide whether to continue to pursue it after the election.

Experts: Plot detracts from race progress in South

HELENA-WEST HELENA, Ark. (AP) _ Shades of the region's racist past came creeping back this week just as the South could be poised to play a pivotal role in electing the nation's first black president.

An alleged plot by two young white supremacists to go on a killing spree and assassinate Barack Obama, though far-fetched by most accounts, may conjure images of the Jim Crow era for some. But it doesn't necessarily reflect the modern South, which in recent years has seen a huge influx of immigrants and transplants from other regions, as well as the empowerment of a black electorate that could decide the Nov. 4 election.

"These incidents, isolated though they are, serve as a reality check," said journalist John Seigenthaler, 81, who was U.S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy's administrative assistant and was attacked with the Freedom Riders during the Civil Rights era.

"Yes we've changed in significant ways, but there are those that haven't," said Seigenthaler, who also was editor and publisher of The Tennessean in Nashville and founded the First Amendment Center.

The alleged plot "should serve as a low voltage electric shock. We're a new South, but there are elements of the old South still under the surface."

Paul Schlesselman, 18, of Helena-West Helena, Ark., and Daniel Cowart, 20, of Bells, Tenn., who are accused of dreaming up the plan to behead blacks across the country and assassinate Barack Obama while wearing white top hats and tuxedoes, were likely too disorganized to carry out the plot. They have a federal court hearing scheduled for Thursday morning in Memphis.

While authorities say the men had guns capable of creating carnage, documents show they never got close to getting off the ground.

Among the blunders: They drew attention to themselves by etching swastikas on a car with sidewalk chalk, only knew each other for a month, couldn't even pull off a house robbery, and a friend ratted them out to authorities.

"Certainly these men have some frightening weapons and some very frightening plans," said Mark Potok, director of the Southern Poverty Law Center, who studies the white supremacy movement. "But with the part about wearing top hats ... it gets a bit hard to take them seriously."

The Rev. James Lawson, an 80-year-old Freedom Rider who worked closely with Martin Luther King Jr. during the Civil Rights movement and is now a visiting distinguished professor at Vanderbilt University, says he's not surprised by this latest threat to Obama.

He says he's had conversations with fellow blacks at various places, not just the South, since Obama's candidacy began nearly two years and they have been afraid for Obama's life.

"In the black community, there's been all over the country anticipation of his being in harm's way," Lawson said. "That is a reflection of the fact that, by and large, the black community still experiences racism when it comes to access to jobs, in unemployment levels, in housing discrimination and predatory lending in housing."

The alleged plot highlights tensions that both blacks and whites say exist in Helena-West Helena, a predominantly black east Arkansas city that has struggled economically.

Mayor James Valley said he doesn't believe Schlesselman's alleged involvement in the plot indicated any organized effort by white supremacists in the city, but said there has been at least a political tension among blacks and whites.

"The white community controls the finances and the black community here controls the ballot box, so that's where you're going to see it," said Valley, who is black.

One Helena-West Helena resident, Larry Johnston, said he was not surprised that white supremacists had been plotting to kill Obama. Johnston, who is white, said he voted for Republican John McCain during early voting and that he didn't believe the country is ready for a black president.

"You look at all your big cities that have black mayors and you have trouble," said Johnston, 58. "That's what I'm afraid of with Obama."

Despite making sure the plot was stopped, authorities did not believe Cowart and Schlesselman had the means to carry out their threat to assassinate Obama, said a federal law enforcement official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the case publicly.

Asked whether the two suspects had Obama's schedule or plans to kill him at a specific time or place, a second law enforcement official who also was not authorized to speak publicly said, "I don't think they had that level of detail."

The two met online about a month ago, introduced by a friend and bound by a mutual belief in white supremacy, according to an affidavit written by a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives agent who interviewed them.

Schlesselman's family said Tuesday that it was unlikely he was seriously planning an attack, even though he expressed hatred for blacks. A high school dropout who was unsuccessful finding work, he often spent time on the computer, his 16-year-old sister, Kayla said. She said she often argued with him about his racial beliefs, and he would say things like "Obama would make the world suffer."

He hated his tiny Delta hometown of Helena-West Helena because it was predominantly black, she said.

"He just believes that he's the master race," she said. "He would just say things like 'white power' and 'Sieg Heil' and 'Heil Hitler.'"

Comments like those and the plot uncovered are inevitable as the region still struggles with its past, said Dan Fountain, assistant professor of history at Meredith College in Raleigh, N.C. Fountain said those views are no longer mainstream in the South, but have not completely disappeared either.

"Those people who stood in the doorways had children, and their ideas still passed on and still live on to some extent today," Fountain said.

Cowart showed no signs of being a racist skinhead when he bagged groceries at a Bells store owned by Scotty Runions, 54.

"The guy I saw on TV last night was not the same person that I knew, and I saw him about a month ago," Runions said. "This is something he's created in the past month – that's not the young man that we know."

Runions said Cowart was preoccupied with computers and bagged groceries at the store until about May 2007, before moving to Texas

Doug Shipman, executive director of the Center for Civil and Human Rights in Atlanta, says threats to Obama and blacks in the South are remnants of the Old South, the Jim Crow era, but not the face of most of today's South.

"I don't think it's more a reflection of the new South," he said. "I think the South is going through a transition, you're seeing huge numbers of individuals moving in from elsewhere."

"But these kinds of feelings are harbored by individuals and will probably continue to be in the future," he said. "The political season has shown race is still a relevant issue, but it's much more complicated than in the past."

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

United Way reports need for local poor up 20%

NEW CASTLE, Lawrence County– Lawrence County United Way organizers say the need at local non-profit agencies helping the poor is up 20% this fall over last year when it comes to local families in need. The agencies blame rising food, gas and utility prices for having a much great impact on low income families. Meanwhile the United Way continues working toward it's annual goal of $580,000 for the county as a way to help agencies cope with the increasing

Trying to keep poll workers in Lawrence County

WILMINGTON TOWNSHIP, Lawrence County -- Lawrence County's predicted 70% voter turnout for November 4 means the county needs a full staff of poll workers. However, recruiting new volunteers for Election Day has been a challenge for the county. Wilmington Township Election Judge Gladys Kapcewich says its harder and harder to recruit and retain poll workers.

"Young people say that $60 isn't enough money for the hours you put in on Election Day," Kapcewich tells TR Reporter Michelle Bistrica, "Older people think it's a long day and they just don't want to do it."

Poll workers are required to be at the polls from 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m on November 4th. Any registered voter in a district with a vacancy is elligble to become a replacement poll worker in case of resignation or illness. Those interested in being put on the replacement list should contact Director of Voter Registration and Elections, Marlene Gabriel, at the Lawrence County Board of Elections. need.

INTERNATIONAL

Russell Brand quits BBC after prank calls flap

LONDON (AP) _ Every entertainer knows there's a fine line between offbeat and offensive. Russell Brand has built a career walking it – but now he may have stumbled.

The wild-haired, motormouthed British comedian is renowned for risque routines, wrote a memoir recounting his drug and sex addiction and called President Bush "that retarded cowboy fellow" while hosting MTV's Video Music Awards.

On Wednesday, Brand quit his BBC radio show after he and fellow performer Jonathan Ross were suspended indefinitely for leaving lewd messages on the voicemail of a 78-year-old actor. Also under threat is the reputation of Britain's state-funded national broadcaster, which allowed Brand's routine to make it to air.

The calls by Brand and Ross to actor Andrew Sachs – best known for playing Spanish waiter Manuel in the 1970s Britcom "Fawlty Towers" – have drawn more than 18,000 complaints. Prime Minister Gordon Brown called the comments "inappropriate and unacceptable."

In the ad-libbed messages, the pair claimed Brand had slept with Sachs' granddaughter Georgina Baillie, and joked that Sachs might hang himself as a result of the news. Baillie, a 23-year-old burlesque performer, acknowledged she had a sexual relationship with Brand but said the calls to her grandfather were "cruel."

The duo made further calls to Sachs in which they tried to apologize but continued to blurt out lewd messages. The calls were recorded Oct. 16 and aired on Brand's radio show two days later.

Both Brand and Ross apologized.

"I am sorry that I upset Mr. Sachs," Brand, 33, told reporters outside his London home Wednesday. Ross, 47, said he was sorry for his "stupid error of judgment."

BBC director general Mark Thompson made a "personal and unreserved apology" for the "gross lapse of taste by the performers and the production team."

He said the pair would be suspended pending a full report into the affair.

Brand later said he had decided to resign from his BBC radio program, which attracted 2 million listeners a week.

"As I only do the radio show to make people laugh, I've decided that given the subsequent coverage I will stop doing the show," he said in a statement. "I got a bit caught up in the moment and forgot that at the core of the rude comments and silly songs were the real feelings of a beloved and brilliant comic actor and a very sweet and big-hearted young woman."

Several politicians have called on the BBC to fire the pair. Telecommunications regulator Ofcom said it would investigate whether the calls breached the broadcasting code, which sets standards for fairness and privacy.

The case is reminiscent of the antics of American "shock jocks" such as Howard Stern – who paid repeated obscenity fines before jumping to the unregulated haven of satellite radio – or Don Imus, who was fired from MSNBC and CBS Radio for making racist and sexist comments about a women's basketball team. There have been numerous incidents of DJ-inspired outrage in the U.S. In 2002, DJ team Opie and Anthony were fired by CBS Radio after broadcasting a live account of two listeners having sex in New York City's St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Sachs said he did not plan to complain to the police or other authorities.

"I respect his decision," he said about Brand. "I hope he moves forward, I really hope he does."

Ross, a voluble Cockney with a degree in modern history, is one of the BBC's most popular presenters. His three-year contract is reportedly worth $29 million.

Brand, an edgy performer with an image as a quick-witted hedonist, also has a growing U.S. profile thanks to film appearances and a job hosting last month's MTV Video Music Awards. He offended some viewers by joking about Bush and mocking clean-cut pop act the Jonas Brothers.

The British case is especially explosive because the salaries of Brand and Ross are paid by taxpayers. The BBC receives most of its funding through a license fee of almost $220 a year levied on every British household with a TV.

The BBC is under pressure from some politicians and other broadcasters, who feel the license fee gives it an unfair advantage over its rivals.

Trust in the BBC also has been undermined by recent scandals. Last year, a senior BBC executive resigned over the editing of footage that wrongly implied Queen Elizabeth II had walked out of a portrait sitting with photographer Annie Leibovitz. That episode followed other cases of audience deception, in which contest results were faked or prerecorded programs were presented as though they were live.

Arts & Entertainment

Copeland: *You Are My Sunshine*

Chris Lehberger
A&E Editor

It's autumn, and as the leaves change to vibrant hues of red and orange, yellow and apricot, and the air chills to a sweater-beckoning incalescence, much of North America rolls over in preparation for winter.

It seems things slow down and mellow out, and although walks become brisk and hoods become bundled, there's still a bit of peaceful listlessness permeated throughout the atmosphere. This is prime season for a fall record, one which captures the ease of the season, as Mother Nature sheds its summer skin and buries its acorns for wintertime.

The four-piece indie band called Copeland, ironically bred out of the autumn-less state of Florida, capture much of the accords of fall in their fourth full-length album entitled *You Are My Sunshine*, a moody and ambient mix of beautifully orchestrated tracks worthy of being played on repeat."Should You Return", the album opener, presents the band similarly to where they left off on *Eat, Sleep, Repeat* with a mixture of slow penitence and quiet soul, as the cooperative voice of vocalist Aaron Marsh floats above blended guitars and synthesizers.

Although it's fair to say the band draws heavily from the electronic and experimental facets of bands like Radiohead ("Not Allowed", "Strange and Unprepared"), and the often brittle tonality of Coldplay via the *Viva La Vida* or *Death and All His Friends* era ("The Grey Man") *You Are My Sunshine* gathers into a sound that is too breathy to be rock and not dynamic enough to be Sigur Ros. Instead, the soothing melodies and swelling guitars make a sound that is Copeland, and only Copeland.

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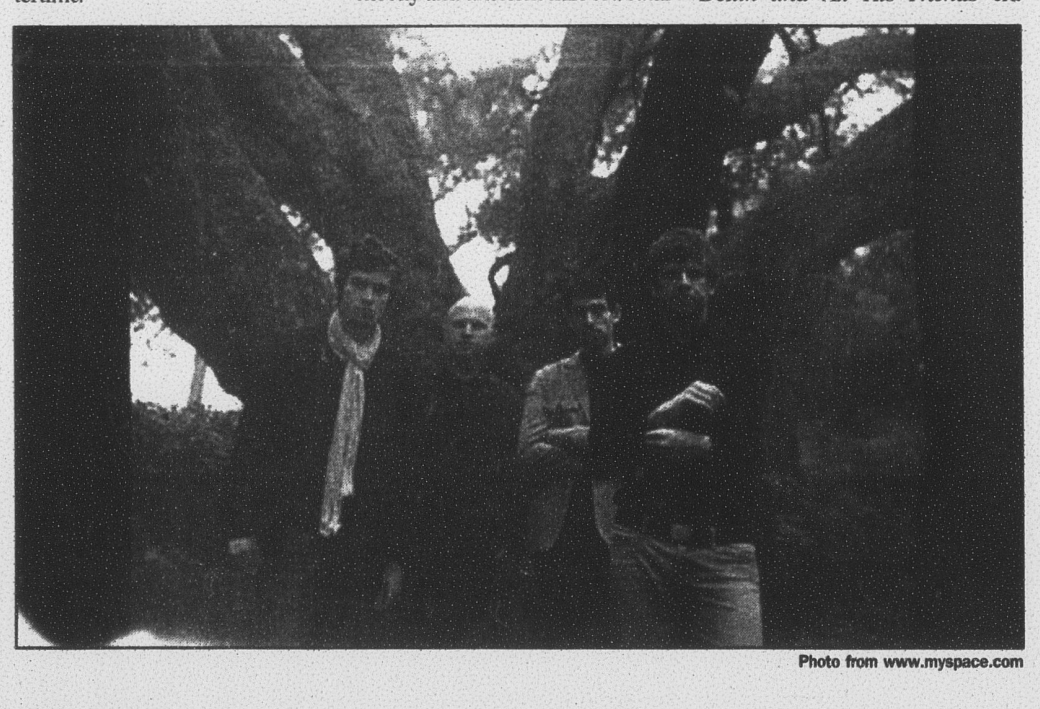

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"The Day I Lost My Voice (The Suitcase Song)" is small and beautiful, never building enough to break the graceful delicateness, but never quiet enough to bore. Lyrical and almost poetic, Marsh's vocals take a backseat to the guest vocals of Rae Cassidy, as intoxicating as transfixing.

On "Chin Up", Marsh swoons "you break your neck to keep your chin up" in light falsetto with a sort of indeterminate cause, part of the mystery that makes Copeland who they are.

"On the Safest Ledge" is vocally oriented as well, as Marsh's vocals take the forefront in dramatic craftsmanship of melody and control before building to a heavier chorus and more spectacular guest vocals from Cassidy.

All of the aforementioned however, offer much ado to musicianship, through wafting piano melodies to far-off sounding drumbeats, all complimenting each other to the full extent.

"Not So Tough Found Out", however, is the band's masterpiece, and at over 10 minutes in length never reaches a bore. Written around a solitary drifting melody and a heavy atmosphere as created by reverbed guitars, the song remains heavy and light at the same time.

Taking cues from post-rockers This Will Destroy You, spacey electronic samples add to the already ethereal atmosphere until the song comes to a close attached to the same melody that rung it in.

You Are My Sunshine is not a departure from the vision fronted on *Eat, Sleep, Repeat* but is simply better. The melodies are better, the vocals are better, the production is better, the musicianship is better; everything is better. The band has capitalized on the proliferation of shoegaze and ambient music as evidenced by the grand swelling guitars and keyboards often leaving the listeners hypnotized behind a soft cumulus of sound.

Indeed, although the leaves will change, and snow will soon cover the ground outside of my apartment, this album, although relevant now, will surely become a staple in my music collection despite the season, to be enjoyed both in the dead of winter and under the heat of the hot July sun.

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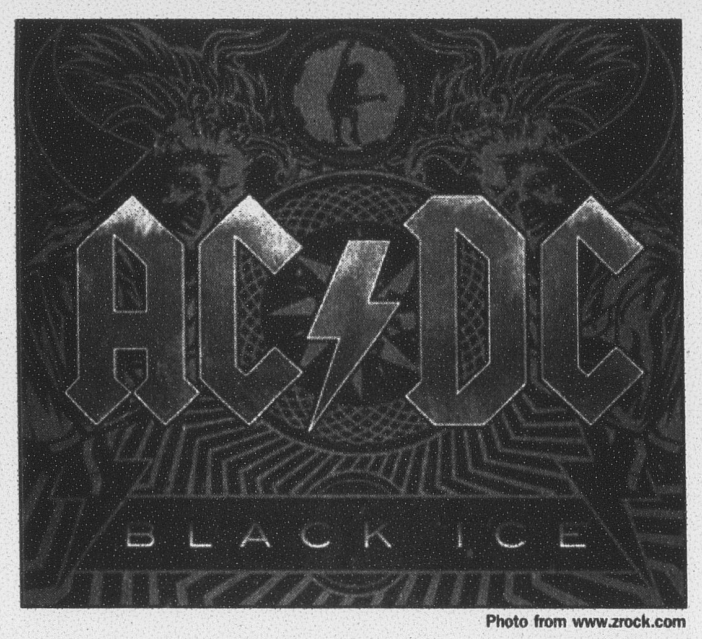
Chris' Rating: ★★★★☆

AC/DC still rocks on *Black Ice*



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By Max Muska
A&E Writer

When you think of rock and roll, you might picture Angus Young in his school uniform outfit strumming his red Gibson SG across a stage. But you probably would not picture Young as a 53 year old man.

Yes, AC/DC's members are getting up there in age, ranging from their mid-fifties to early sixties. But the band's new album *Black Ice*, their first in eight years, rocks every bit as hard as the now famous *Back In Black* from 1980. And yes, Young still wears the school uniform.

I hear absolutely nothing different from the band's previously successful formula. Bluesy rock riffs from brothers Angus and Malcolm Young dominate from beginning to end.

Bass player Cliff Williams keeps the low end handled by mimicking Malcolm's rhythm parts. Drummer Simon Wright plays typical driving rock beats.

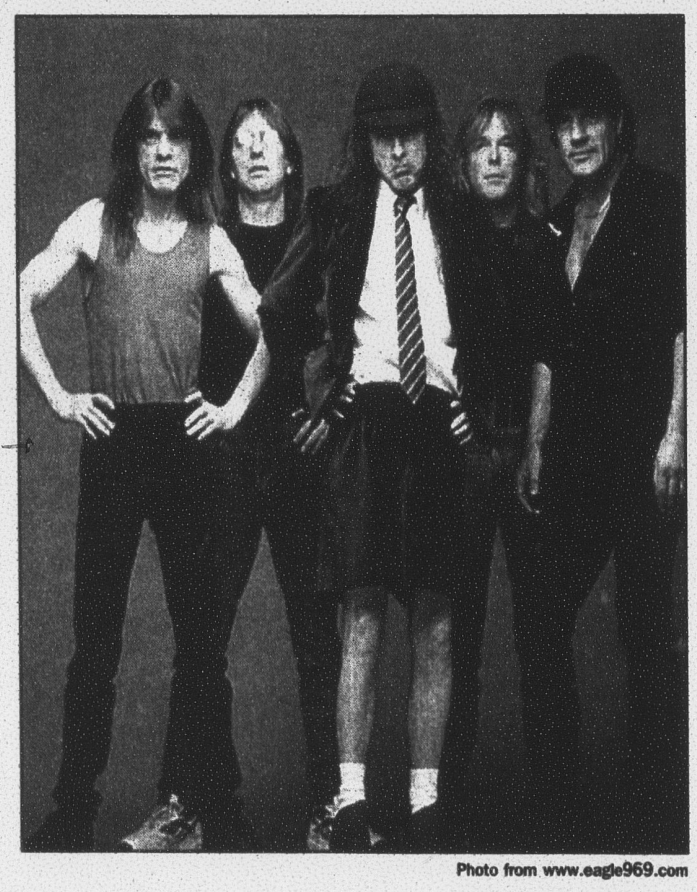
The raspy voice of Brian Johnson sounds every bit as good as it did when he joined the band in 1980. I cannot believe such soulful sounds can come from 61 year-old vocal chords.

The final aspect of the band's formula is the fun-loving, simplistic lyrics. Just like any previous AC/DC album, do not expect to find any heartfelt story-telling, deep poetic lyrics, or lyrics protesting war (although one song is titled "War Machine); all the songs are about living a carefree rock and roll lifestyle. Four of the tracks actually have "Rock and Roll" or some variation of the term in their names.

As a general rule when evaluating music, I look for something I have not heard before from a certain band or genre. However, I cannot fault AC/DC for lack of originality in this case. How can I expect the Young brothers and Johnson to do anything other than rock like they always have? AC/DC's been at it since the late '70s. The fact that they can still pump out 15 tracks of original music is nothing short of amazing.

AC/DC is timeless. I usually go for music with deep meaning and originality, but there's nothing wrong with just having fun with some good old rock and roll every once in a while.

I can't help but feel good listening to this music. If men in their '50s and '60s can create something so timeless, just think of how much today's college students will be able to accomplish by the time they reach that age.



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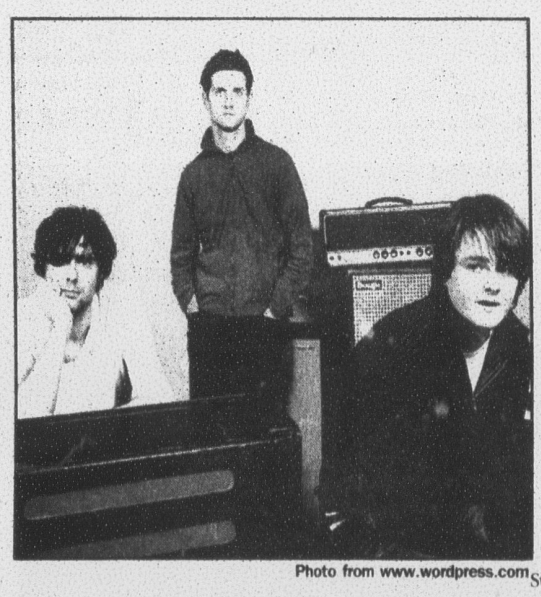
Keane brings back 1980s sound



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By Ben Portz
A&E Writer

Within the past five years, Keane has been looked at as a band trying to be Coldplay. I suppose it's due to both bands being lead by high voiced singers and pianos rather than guitars. Lame reason.

I'll be the first one to tell you that thanks to Keane's new album *Perfect Symmetry*, there should be no comparison. It is heavily '80s influenced with constant keyboard hooks throughout.

Keane's strength is Tom Chaplin's soaring vocals which in fact, I find are better than Chris Martin's of Coldplay. Martin could probably learn some diction lessons from Chaplin, it would be to his benefit.

Along with Chaplin, the brain of the band is writer/pianist/backup vocalist Tim Rice-Oxley, who feels that this new album is his best work yet. Finally, Richard Hughes is the lucky one to play drums, and after listening, I'm assuming this is Hughes' chance to really show off his ability.

One word to describe *Perfect Symmetry* is "big". From beginning to end, this album sounds large, with ringing choruses and infused poppy dance beats. Most songs on this album are fairly upbeat unlike their past couple records including *Hopes and Fears*, containing the songs "Somewhere Only We Know" and "We Might As Well Be Strangers," which are quite mellow sounding and very stripped down carried by constant piano chords.

According to Keane's homepage, they say "There's nothing that our record company would have loved more than for us to have delivered *Hopes and Fears* three times…But we've already done one, and that's enough."

And thank goodness for that. We'd all be depressed by the end of those records.

So, what could go wrong with '80s infused pop? Nothing, as long as it doesn't happen all the time. The first track off the album is entitled "Spiraling", also their single. This David Bowie-esque song show's their ability to incorporate synthesizers throughout and their love of huge choruses.

The next track, "The Lovers Are Losing" almost sounds like they were trying to sound like The Killers. It's about how we all struggle with figuring out where our life is going and how we'll end up. Chaplin's vocals are great in this, almost rivaling Bono's from "Joshua Tree".

The next track, "Better Than This" is not my favorite. To me, it's very bizarre and almost has no flow whatsoever. Although according to Rice-Oxley, he states "I think it might be the best song I've ever written".

The best thing this song has going for it is it's unambiguous lyrics about celebrity culture and how artists are doing the whole "gig" for the wrong reasons such as money and being popular. Rice-Oxley argues that you should do it for the music and only the music.

One of my favorite tracks from *Perfect Symmetry* is "Pretend That You're Alone". The title says it all. It's about just going through life without a worry in the world like an animal. Something we should all do every once in a while…

Overall, Keane packs this album with an energy that not many other bands could accomplish. They also managed to alter the songs making each one it's own entity and separate work of art from the others. Great job by Keane.

Photo from www.amazon.com

Ben's Rating: ★★★★☆

Campus News

Geeks up intesity as competition ends with tie - breaker

By Amanda Ratliff
Campus Writer

Students from the five departments in Hoyt participated in competitive events during the sixth annual Geek Week.

Each night a different department prepared a competition for the teams. The games ranged from sudoku puzzles from the math department to a scavenger hunt from the chemistry department.

Geek Week began on Oct. 20. A tie-breaking round on Oct. 27 was played to determine the winner. Three teams were given five minutes to answer five questions, and the team with the most correct answers won the competition.

"I thought it was very interesting to see students from the different departments come together to participate in the area of science they may not excel in," senior psychology major Nicole Roberts said. "Everyone was really intense and they were all excited to try and win."

Geek Week was started in 2003 by Tracia Despo who was a senior biology major. According to Dr. Ann Throckmorton, the adviser for Tri-Beta, the week is a fun activity to see which department has the best all around geeks.

Students with the same major formed teams of three to six people to participate in the competition. Each student paid a registration fee and received a Geek Week t-shirt.

At the end of the week, the winning department is given a microscope trophy. The trophy stays on display within the department until the next year. The math department's Big Oh Snap team won Geek Week. One point separated the top three places. Department committees created awards each night for teams that did not finish first.

"Geek Week is unique to our campus because it is not something other colleges participate in," Throckmorton said. "A big thing is recruiting students to participate in this event."

Geek Week preparations began over a month before the event by Tri-Beta president LeighAnn Jordan. Each department also formed a committee to assist her in planning the event. The committees met to determine the fairness of the night's activities and to sort out any other issues.

"We had forms for the committees to fill out about their night," Jordan said. "We want years from now to have an easy time and have everything organized."

Geek Week is a fun rivalry between the five departments in Hoyt and many students hope the tradition will be continued in the future.

Photo by Alex Davis

Three teams competed in the Geek Week tie-breaker held on Oct. 27.

ZTA to hold Shoot for the Cause

By Olivia Sweeney
Campus Writer

On Saturday, Nov. 1, from 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Zeta Tau Alpha sorority will host their annual Shoot for the Cause event in the Field House to support their philanthropy, the Suzan G. Komen Foundation.

As of Sunday, Oct. 26, 30 playing teams and 30 non-playing teams were to participate, but sign-ups for the three-on-three basketball tournament were extended until Monday, Oct 27. According to ZTA's fundraising chair Sarah Sporrer, they hope to have 70 teams. Some students paid the $24 entry fee in order to receive the t-shirt but have opted not to play.

In addition to the prize for winning the tournament and a 50/50 raffle, the event will also host a Chinese auction with 60 baskets donated by local businesses such as Rebecca's Salon, Ruby Tuesdays, and Pizza Joe's.

"Shoot for the Cause is where we get the bulk of our fundraising for the year," Sporrer said.

Admission for spectators is $1, and tickets will be sold at the door. The tournament is open to the public, but mainly students participate. Philanthropy chair Leigha Krivacek's grandmother, who is a breast cancer survivor, will throw the first shot to begin the festivities.

"Bringing my family into this is really important to me," Krivacek said. "And knowing that as a philanthropy chair everything I am doing is helping people like my 'grandma' is extremely rewarding."

All the fraternities and sororities on campus will have booths in support of their various philanthropies. Specifically, Sigma Nu will hold an iPod raffle to raise money for the Mario Lemieux Foundation, which supports Hodgkin's disease research. ZTA will also sell food and refreshments in the concession stand including water, Gatorade, pizza, hot dogs, chips and cookies.

"I am looking forward to good food, great competition, and raising money to support research to cure this disease, which has affected so many people including my family," ZTA public relations chair Jamie Swarm said.

ZTA has a biyearly fundraising goal of $10,000. So far they have raised $3,000 toward their goal. According to Sporrer, in addition to Shoot for the Cause, the organization sells ribbons for football games.

ZTA also plans to sell "Think Pink" accessories during Mardi Gras, and in the spring they will host Big Man on Campus in order to reach their fundraising target.

Photo by Alex Davis

Students from Hoyt's five departments participated in the Geek Week competition.

ICC sponsors first Day of the Dead Festival

By Elizabeth Beardsley
Campus Writer

In America, writing the obituary of a close friend is not an activity people usually partake in, but in Mexico it is part of their annual Day of the Dead celebration.

Students had the opportunity to do this along with other rituals unique to this holiday at the International Culture Club's (ICC) first-ever Day of the Dead festival. The celebration took place Oct. 30 in the Berlin Lounge from 8 to 10 p.m.

Aside from writing obituaries, there were a variety of crafts, games, and traditional food and music for the students to enjoy while learning about this Mexican holiday.

"The point of this celebration is to not teach the campus about the Day of the Dead or Mexican culture, but rather to provide a simulation of it," ICC member Colleen Lataille said.

One such activity that simulated the culture was a contest where groups of three or four people worked together as a "family" to make an altar to honor an imaginary family member which ICC has created. After the groups finished their altar, it was judged and the team with the best altar will win a gift certificate to El Canelo Mexican restaurant.

When discussing which holiday to celebrate, ICC chose to celebrate this holiday because it is one that many people are unfamiliar with or may have misconceptions about the true meaning behind it.

"We chose to celebrate this holiday because it is a prevalent and sometimes misunderstood holiday from an outsiders perspective," ICC member Steve Sankey said. "We hope that students can get past the seemingly morbid practices and understand that the Day of the Dead, as much as it is about fun, is also about respect for the dead. It is our hope that this, along with other events similar in nature will become regular at Westminster."

Despite the fact that this is a holiday celebrated in a Spanish-speaking country, students of all majors were encouraged to join in the festivities.

"Non-Spanish students are more than welcome too, because we will have a list of vocabulary for them to use and there will be plenty of things to do that you don't need to understand or use Spanish to accomplish," Lataille said. "We are really urging people to attend because it will be a night of fun, festivities and food!"

The students involved in ICC are trying to generate as much publicity for this event as possible and are really anticipating this new event.

"The thing I am looking forward to most is seeing how effective this event will be," senior Danette Nelson said. "Although this event may only be an hour or so more, it is an additional amount of time toward learning how to communicate in another language."

Members of ICC hope that this along with other events similar in nature will become regular on campus.

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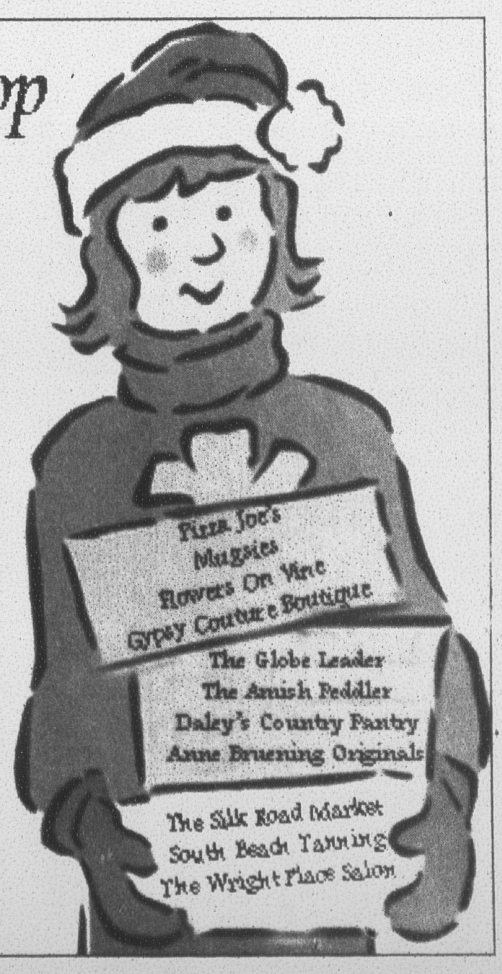

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Men's soccer ends perfect in PAC

Titans now prepare for semi-finals to begin on Nov. 4

By April Scudere
Sports Writer

The men's soccer team ended their regular season this week undefeated in the President's Athletic Conference (PAC), 6-0. They only gave up one game out of three this week to improve their record to 14-5.

The Titans faced a tough game on Friday evening, Oct. 24 when they traveled to Case Western Reserve to play through a never-ending rain and wind. They fell to their non-conference opponents to spoil their six-game winning streak with a 1-0 loss.

The Spartans' senior captain, Kevin Bigart, scored the game-winning goal in the 64th minute. They held the shot advantage over the Titans 16-8.

Sophomore goalkeeper Mike Codita ended the night with eight saves.

Although the Titans were not victorious, many feel that the game on Friday helped them measure themselves for the upcoming PAC tournament.

"We benefited from playing a tremendous team," Codita said. "Case is ranked nationally just about every year so it was nice to see where we were at so late in the year as a competitive team."

The men's soccer team bounced back on Saturday, Oct. 25 with a 4-1 win over PAC team Waynesburg. This win clinched first place in the PAC conference.

The Titans came onto the field strong in the first half. With only six minutes on the clock, senior Chris Ellwanger passed the ball to freshman teammate Jarred Smeltzer to score his eighth goal of the season. Ellwanger continued the momentum with his second goal of the season in the 20th minute assisted by freshman Jake Huey.

Following the half, Waynesburg got onto the board with a goal from J.C. Danhires. The Titans answered back in the last 20 minutes of the game with two more goals. Junior Ian Hill netted a ball in the 71st minute off of a shot from Smeltzer while sophomore Wade Grubbs scored his first goal of the season in the 82nd minute.

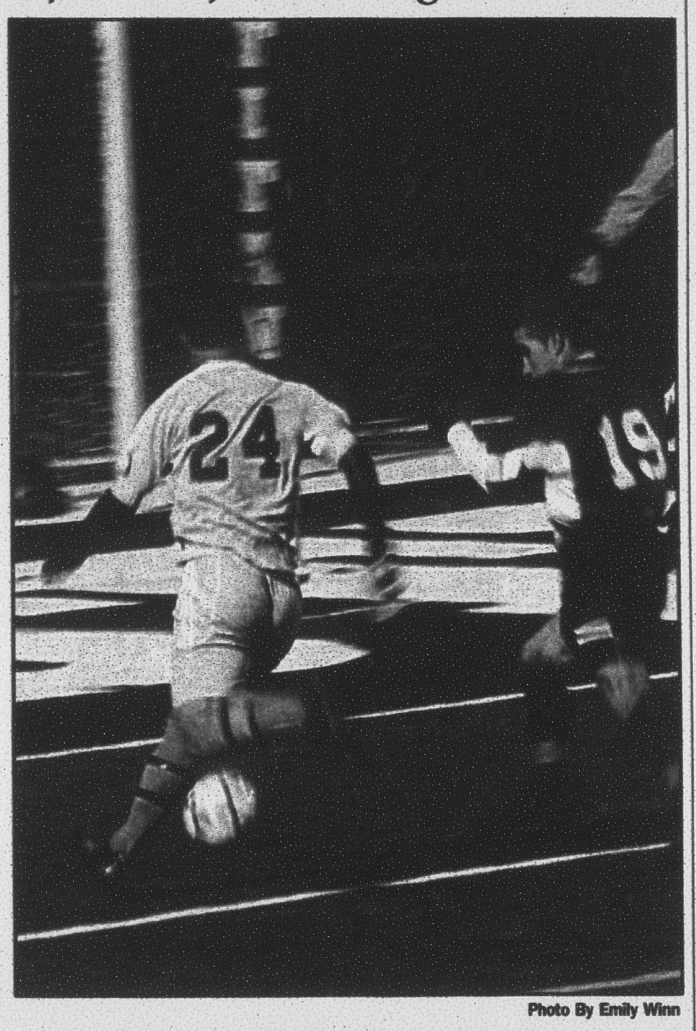


Photo By Emily Winn

Junior Brice Lott dribbles past two defenders to take a shot on net against Grove City on Tuesday. The Titans won 1-0, making them undefeated in the PAC and clinching their first place spot going into play-offs. The first place Titans (14-5, 6-0) will face fourth place Grove City (5-10-3, 3-2-1) at 2 p.m. on Tuesday Nov. 4.

Codita was successful without making a single save in the first half, while in the second half, sophomore goalkeeper Lance Leathers made four saves.

The Titans finished out their season on Tuesday, Oct. 28 coming out victorious over PAC team Grove City.

Although the elements were not ideal for a soccer game, the Titans came out determined to get their sixth win in the PAC. They did just that in the 76th minute when freshman midfielder James Gross came fresh off the bench to put in a cross that deflected off a Grove City defender into the back of his own net.

Goalkeeper Codita earned his fourth shutout of the season with three saves.

With their regular season over, the team starts to focus on the upcoming PAC matches. Although this is their second consecutive undefeated year, many are trying to avoid being overconfident. "Going in as the top seed is definitely an advantage, but we have to make sure we don't underestimate our opponents," freshman Coty Hainsey said. "We have had a couple close games against PAC opponents and any team we play is going to be a tough game."

The number-one seeded Titans will have to wait until this weekend to find out who they play at home on Tuesday, Nov. 4 in the PAC semi-finals.

Tennis finishes as PAC runner-up

By Andrew Kubincanek
Sports Writer

The women's tennis team came in second place in the PAC championships on Oct. 24-25.

At the end of the first day of the competition, Westminster and Grove City were tied with 36 points. However, on day two, Grove City took a clear lead and finished first with 52 points to Westminster's 38. All nine finals matches were played between Grove City and Westminster. Grove City won eight.

"I felt somewhat disappointed that we didn't beat Grove City this year, but at the same time, I have never seen my girls play so well," junior April Scudere said. "Anyone watching could tell that we went out there and put not only all our talents out there but our whole heart as well."

Scudere and freshman Andrea Redhair earned Westminster's first doubles win in a PAC championship. Junior Hilary Newman and freshman Dana Griesmer lost to Grove City in the second doubles match. Griesmer and Newman recorded an upset win against a Waynesburg team earlier in the tournament. Senior Beth Erwin and sophomore Rachel Jack also fell to Grove City opponents in the final doubles match.

Grove City's Tamara Nations defeated first seed Scudere in their singles final. Redhair, Newman, Griesmer, Jack, and sophomore Natalie Hruska all lost to Grove City opponents in the finals of their respective singles brackets. Newman and Redhair both took their matches to three sets.

The championship was essentially a rematch of the Grove City/Westminster regular season game on Oct. 17 when Grove City defeated Westminster 8-1 overall. Scudere recorded the only win against Nations in the singles competition. Nations had previously held the number one singles competitor title before the loss. Grove City has now won the PAC women's tennis championships 22 years in a row.

"Grove City doesn't overpower anyone, they are just extremely consistent and patient during points," Redhair said. "Because they have such a great record, I'm sure they work really hard to maintain it."

Despite the second place finish, Redhair stressed that the team had developed greatly.

"…everyone improved since the first time we played Grove City," she said. "We now know that next year will be an even closer match."

The team finished the regular season with a record-breaking 12 wins for an overall record of 12-5 (5-1 in the PAC). Previously, the women's tennis team had only earned 10 wins in a season. In addition, head coach Scott Renninger was named Coach of the Year for the third time.

"I couldn't think of a coach that deserves the coach of the year award more than ours. Within the past three years, I've not only seen myself and my teammates become better players, but I have also seen Coach Renninger become a better coach…," Scudere said. "I really do feel that this year alone my tennis has improved by the different drills and plans our coach has come up with throughout the season."

Westminster finished with double the points of third place Waynesburg who had 19. Thomas More came in fourth in the championship with 14 points. W&J finished with seven points, ahead of Chatham with only five. Bethany came in last place with zero points.

"Anyone watching could tell that we went out there and put not only all our talents out there but our whole heart as well."

Junior April Scudere

A long time coming

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

It has been a while since a Pennsylvania team won a major sports championship and the city of Pittsburgh was not the one celebrating.

In fact, before the Philadelphia Phillies World Series triumph, it had been 25 years since Philadelphia won a major sports championship. The trendy team to root for in this series was the Tampa Bay Rays, primarily for two reasons. One, it was the Rays first World Series and two, because of the compelling turn around where the Rays went from worst to first in one season.

While this makes a valid case for cheering on the Rays, what excited me about the Rays more than anything is that they have a similar payroll to that of the Pirates. Yes, Buccos fans, there is hope.

Sure, the Rays had endured a lot through the years (like putting up with Jose Canseco) and would have been deserved winners, but Phillies fans have endured plenty of hardship en route to their victory.

For Philadelphia sports fans, this wait had culminated 25 years and 98 combined sports seasons. Before this baseball season, the Phillies, Eagles, 76ers, and Flyers did not win one championship in 98 tries.

With two baseball franchises so shunned from the national spotlight for such a run of years, how could this series not be exciting? Peter Gammons, hall of fame baseball reporter and one of my personal favorites, called this possibly the worst World Series ever played. As much as I respect the opinion of the distinguished Gammons, on this particular point I strongly disagree.

For starters, the performance, dominance, and sheer brilliance of Cole Hamels in the October Classic made this series well worth watching. Hamels garnered MVP honors by winning both of his World Series starts to help the Phillies win two of the four total games needed to be crowned champs. Also, by winning both of these starts, Hamels kept clean his unblemished playoff record. It is hard to believe, but Hamels went through the 2008 postseason without one mark in the loss column.

Certainly, laughing at Akinori Iwamura trying to field balls that little leaguers would have been able to field made this series fun. I sure was on the edge of my seat waiting to see the next error Iwamura would make. Okay, this reason, maybe not so much.

Back to the serious, as a sports fan I like seeing unusual events or events that have never happened before. The 46 hour rain delay in Game 5 was the first of its kind.

While Gammons argues that this delay ruined the Series, I argue that it was exciting. Unquestionably, it was exciting when Geoff Jenkins came out after the delay in the bottom of the sixth and led off the inning with a frozen rope double.

If you agree with Gammons about the rain delay, then maybe this will make you realize that the World Series was indeed exciting. At approximately 1:45 a.m. pitcher Joe Blanton hit a home run to win the game for Philly. That's right, a pitcher went yard to win a game in which the Phillies were 0-for-13 with runners in scoring position. To any true baseball fan, that was exciting.

As a genuine fan of sport, I am always excited when something happens for the first time. This year's World Series gave me that first time feeling. Along the same lines of first time and exciting, I also compared the Pirates to a World Series team for the first time.

Now that is something to get excited about.

Women's soccer splits with PAC opponents

Lady Titans beat Waynesburg , suffer first PAC loss to Grove City

By Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

The women's soccer team split games against league opponents Waynesburg and Grove City.

The Titans won against Waynesburg (4-1), but then suffered a loss to Grove City (3-1). The team's overall record is 13-3-2 and their Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) record is 4-1-1.

The Titans hosted Waynesburg on Saturday, Oct. 26 at Harold Burry Stadium. Senior Christina Adams led the way with a PAC-leading 17th goal and an assist.

Adams scored in the second minute followed by senior Jessi Losteter with a goal in the 20th minute. Junior Michelle Latta-Maloney and freshman Samantha Killmeyer supplied the assists, respectively.

"The Waynesburg win was an awesome win for our team," Losteter said. "The team really came together to put the game away early and then we were able to have some fun on senior night, which was great!"

Sophomore Sarah Nee scored on an assist by Adams in the 21st minute and Michelle Sabol scored the Titans' fourth goal on a penalty kick in the 80th minute. Melody Cox registered the Yellow Jackets' lone goal in the 86th minute.

Junior Lindsey Mellott and classmate Christina Clawges recorded one and three saves in goal, respectively. The Titans held a significant shot advantage, 31-7.

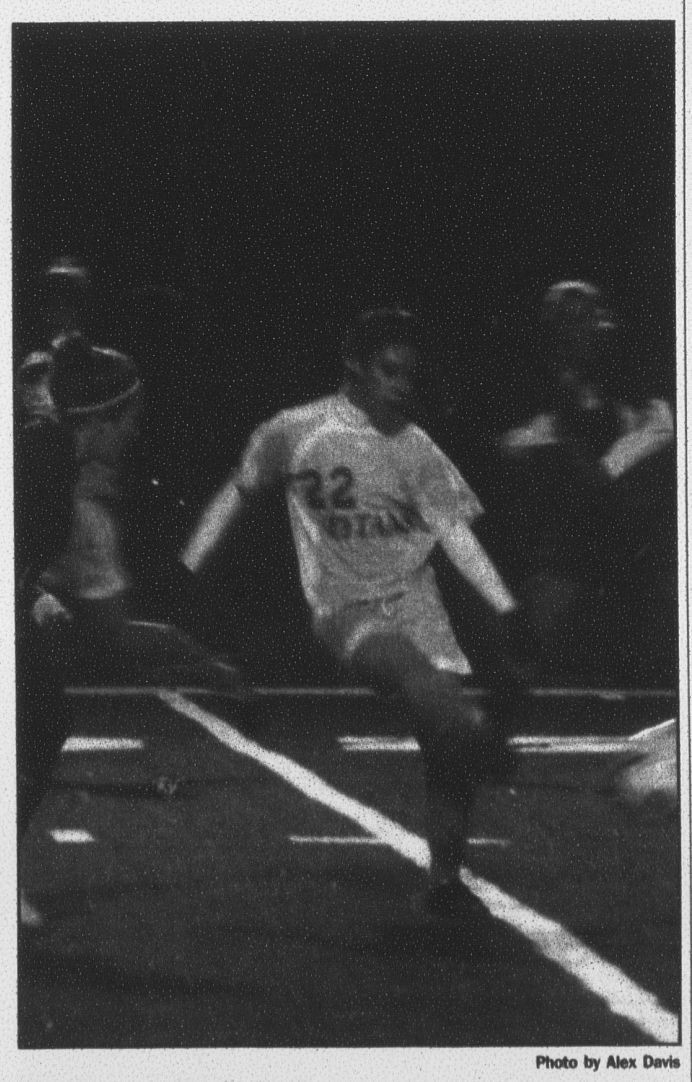
"We have improved dramatically since the beginning of the season," Mellott said. "We play as a team and not as individuals anymore, which I think is the most important improvement."

The visiting Grove City Wolverines halted the Titans 11-game unbeaten streak on Wednesday, Oct. 29.

Sophomore Danielle Struble scored the Titans single goal in the ninth minute on an assist from Killmeyer. Despite holding a one-goal lead for 76 minutes, the Titans fell short as the Wolverines scored three goals in the final 14 minutes of the game.

Mellott stopped two Wolverine goal attempts during the game. Grove City out-shot the Titans 13-11.

The Titans return to action on Saturday, Nov. 1 when they travel to compete with Chatham (1-4-1) in their last regular season game. With three teams having only one loss in the PAC, the Titans will need to win to have a chance at obtaining the top seed in the PAC tournament.



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Battling a PAC rival

Sophomore midfielder Sarah Nee passes to a teammate during their game against Grove City. The Lady Titans were handed their first PAC loss this season falling to Grove City 3-1.

"Our team play has improved enormously since the beginning of the year," Losteter said. "We know our positions and roles, but most importantly we know our fellow players better, which helps us mesh both on and off the field."

Upcoming Athletic Events

Friday:

Men's and Women's Swimming: Westminster Relay Carnival at 6:00 p.m. at the Pool.

Saturday:

Cross Country PAC championship at Thomas Morein Mason, Ohio

Zeta Tau Alpha's Shoot for the Cause starting at 1:00p.m.

Tuesday:

Men's soccer conference playoffs, opponent TBA.

Next Saturday:

Last home football game in regular season and Senior Recognition.

Sports

Volleyball maintains winning record late in season

Lady Titans win 3 of last 4 games to earn 12-1 PAC record

By Corey Kendall
Sports Writer

Halloween may be a fun and scary time, but for the competition for the volleyball team it is anything but scary.

The Lady Titans will have certainly filled their PAC foes with fear, as they are now 12-1 in PAC play and 21-9 in overall play. Over the past week the ladies have played four games, coming out victorious in three.

On Friday, Oct. 24, the Lady Titans held a match against Geneva. The game did not count in conference play, as Geneva is a provisional member of the PAC. After losing a match to Geneva earlier in the season, the Lady Titans came came to the court with the intentions of claiming victory. With the early loss fueling the ladies, they were able to defeat Geneva 3-0 with set scores of 25-18, 25-22, and 26-24.

Junior Devin Kelley led the Lady Titans with nine kills and five blocks. Junior Beth Copp and freshman Lindsay Speidel were each able to put up seven kills apiece. Senior Traci Hassell contributed 22 assists and scooped 16 digs while Copp and freshman Jessie Szakacs each added two service aces. Szakacs also tallied five kills.

"They were a tough opponent who beat us the first time," Speidel said," So it was nice getting the win the second time around."

After a win the Lady Titans had little time to rest as they would take on both Chatham and Saint Vincent on Saturday, Oct. 25, at home. The Lady Titans had no problem defeating Chatham with an overall score of 3-0 and set scores of 25-4, 25-7 and 25-6 giving them another win in PAC play.

The ladies were unable to get the win in their match against Saint Vincent which did not count in conference play since they are provisional member of the PAC just as Geneva. It was a close match with a score of 3-2 and set scores of 25-19, 19-25, 25-14, 22-25, 15-9 with the win going to the Bearcats.

In the Chatham match, Szakacs had seven kills and 11 assists while Batzel tallied 6 kills. Senior Reesha Jackson posted five kills while Hassell led the Titans with 14 assists and seven digs.

In the Saint Vincent game Szakacs and Speidel each had nine kills to lead the Lady Titans. Hassell tallied 13 digs, 23 assists, 4 blocks (1 solo) and 5 service aces while senior Hannah Parker also contributed 13 digs.

The Lady Titans took the court again on Tuesday, Oct. 28, in an away match agains Thiel. After coming off a loss the Lady Titans played with heart to defeat Thiel 3-0. They easily handled Thiel as the set scores were 26-24, 25-15, and 25-16.

The ladies certainly had a good game as Speidel led the Titans with 12 kills while Copp contributed seven. Hassell tallied 18 assists and Parker added 18 digs as well as two service aces.

"We took control of all the games," Speidel said, "And during the critical points in the game, we were able to produce important points."

The Lady Titans will be traveling to play Carnegie Mellon on Saturday, Nov. 1. They are looking to play hard and to improve their level to prepare for the PAC Tournament.

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Freshman Lindsey Speidel, on the win over Geneva College

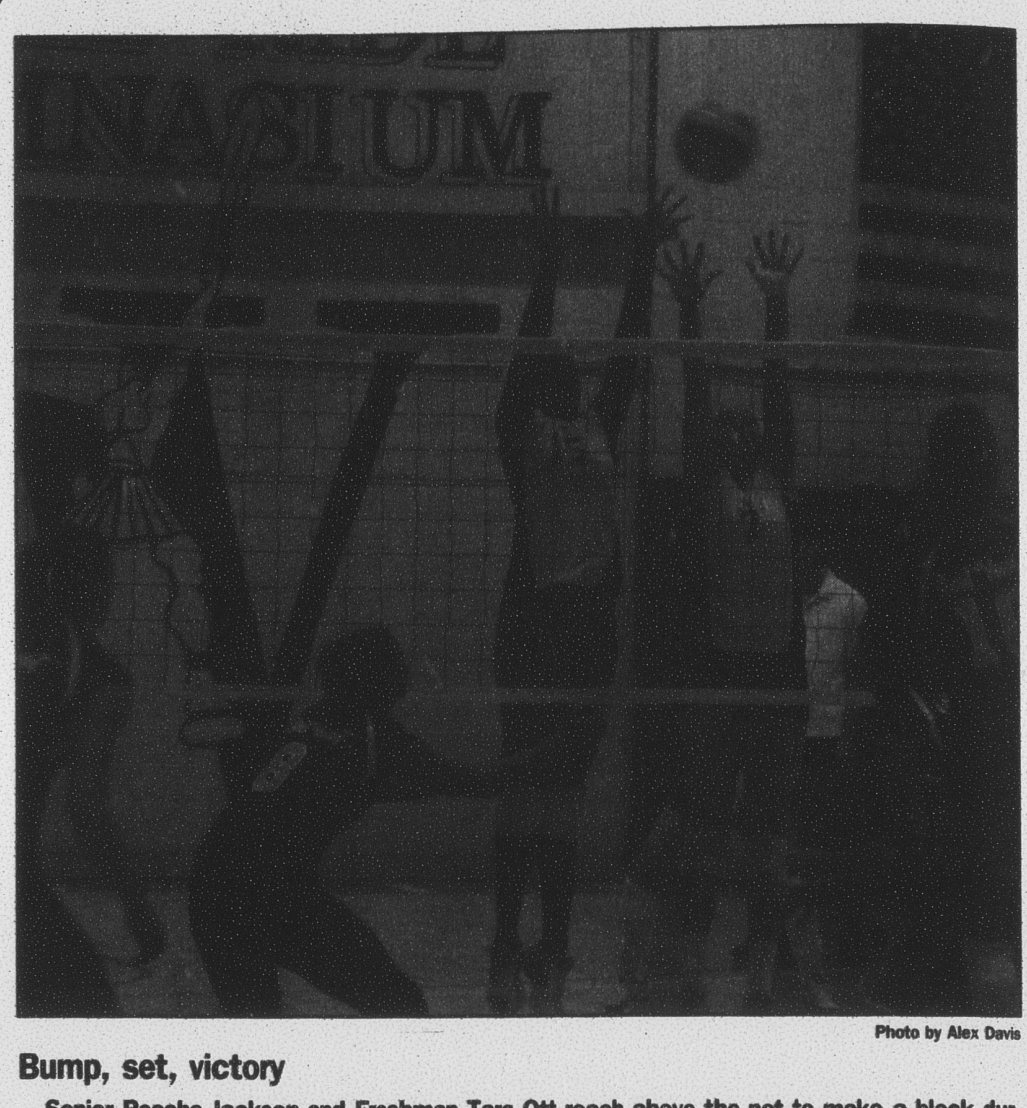

Photo by Alex Davis

Bump, set, victory

Senior Reesha Jackson and Freshman Tara Ott reach above the net to make a block during the game against Saint Vincent on Saturday, Oct. 25. The Lady Titans have won 3 out of their last 4 games and hold a record of 12-1 in the PAC.

Titans fall to PAC rival despite leading performance

Junior QB Kevin Franz sets all-time passing record during 34-7 loss to W&J

By Andrew Kubincanek
Sports Writer

Despite a record-breaking performance by junior quarterback Kevin Franz, the Titans fell to 4-4 (2-3 in the PAC) with a 34-7 loss to W&J on Saturday, Oct. 25.

Franz threw 23 of 44 completions for 237 yards and broke the school record for all-time career passing yardage. With 5,846, he passed James Graham who set the previous record of 5,826 between 1997 and 2000. Regardless, the Titans were outscored 21-0 in the first half. Franz threw Westminster's only touchdown to junior receiver Chad Rosatelli in the third quarter to cut the lead to 27-7. W&J answered in the fourth quarter with another touchdown to finish the game.

"…it's a great honor to be the all-time career passing leader…however, the record did not have as much meaning since we lost. It was a tough game to lose because our defense played well and our offense moved the ball but we just could not score in the red zone. You would rather win then set a record any day," Franz said.

W&J was favored to win the conference in preseason polls and is currently undefeated. Although W&J quarterback Bobby Swallow threw two interceptions to senior linebacker Jordan Blinn and freshman safety Tony Andreassi (for a total of four this season), the Titans were unable to capitalize. Swallow has an average of 307 yards per game this season. The Presidents' running back, Curt Jones, is ranked the best in the PAC with an average of 96.2 yards per game. The Presidents' defense held junior tailback Nick McKolosky to only 48 yards.

Prior to the game, McKolosky held the second best running average with 89.1 yards per game. Franz, meanwhile, has passed for over 200 yards in every game this season. He broke the record for career completions (also held by Graham) on Oct. 4 against Thiel.

"I would like to say that…the O-line to the wide outs to the running backs and even the defense have all played major roles in helping break these records," Franz said.

Despite the .500 record, the Titans are third place in the conference behind Thomas More (6-1, 5-0 in the PAC) and W&J (7-0, 3-0 in the PAC). Waynesburg, Thiel, Bethany and Grove City complete the rankings with one conference win each.

Westminster heads into a bye week next, followed by the last PAC game of the season against Grove City on Saturday, Nov. 8. It is also the Titans' last home game of the season. The team has won every home game this season as well as two last year for a six-win streak.

"We have a great home atmosphere and the fans help us a lot to play at our best. Also it gives us a great goal for next season to continue our streak," junior receiver Jon Gubish said.

Last season the team defeated Grove City 14-7. Grove City will be coming off of a bye week and currently stand at 4-3 overall and 1-2 in the PAC. They are in fourth place in the conference with games against Waynesburg and Thiel left before and after Westminster respectively.

"Coach Hand has been stressing for the whole team to relax this week because of all the injuries this season," Gubish said. "But Grove City is always a challenge because they play us so hard. It seems like they constantly play their best game of the year against us."

The team will finish up the regular season on Nov. 15 at Geneva. Last season the Titans lost to Geneva 37-14.

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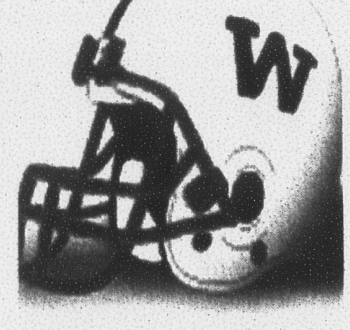
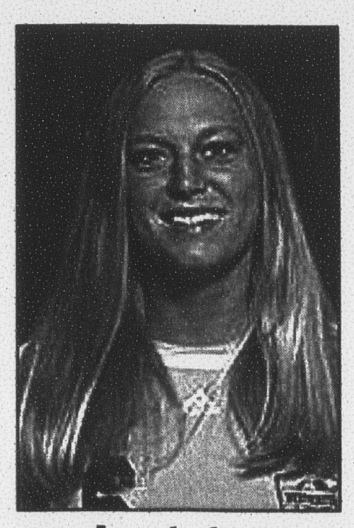
Junior Kevin Franz



Titan athletic honors



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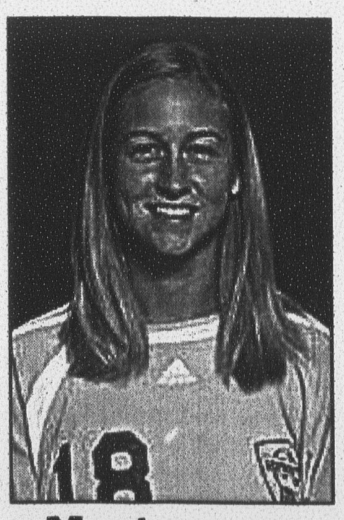

Montgomery

Ellwanger

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa. - Three Westminster College soccer players earned recognition on the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District Men's and Women's Soccer Teams selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Senior defender Chris Ellwanger (South Park, Pa./South Park) of the men's team and senior midfielder Abby Montgomery (McMurray, Pa./Peters Township) of the women's team earned spots on the first team for the Academic All-District II College Division. Their names will appear on the ballot for Academic All-America which will be announced Nov. 18-19.

Senior defender Jessi Losteter (Jefferson Hills, Pa./Thomas Jefferson) was named third team of the Academic All-District II College Division.

This is Ellwanger's third straight year on the Academic All-District team and his second straight year as a first-team selection. Ellwanger has two goals and two assists this year in 19 games and 18 starts for the 14-5 Titans. He is a physics major at Westminster carrying a 3.77 grade-point average (GPA).

Montgomery and Losteter are first-time honorees of the Academic All-District team. Both Montgomery and Losteter scored six points (2 goals, 2 assists) apiece this year for the 13-3-2 Titans. Montgomery has a 3.95 GPA as a Spanish major while Losteter maintains a 3.77 GPA as a history major.

The District II College Division consists of all non-NCAA Division I college and universities in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. To be nominated for the program, a student-athlete must be at least a sophomore with a 3.3 or higher cumulative grade-point average and be a starter or significant reserve.

Swimming team dives into 2008 season at Clarion Fall Classic

By Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

The men's and women's swimming teams look forward to reclaiming a President's Athletic Conference (PAC) title for the 2008-2009 season. The Titans won four out of five conferences from 2003-2007, but fell short last year as neither team walked away with a PAC title.

With ten letter-winners returning on the women's side and twelve letter-winners returning on the men's side, both teams have the focus, experience, and determination to take their place on top of the podium.

The Titans opened the season at the Clarion University Fall Classic Saturday, Oct. 25. The women competed with six teams and scored 174 points, while the men competed with four teams scoring 261.5 points.

Junior Emily Dressler and freshman Caitlin Lehberger led the Titan women. In addition to finishing first in the 1650-yard freestyle with a time of 18:35.81, Dressler placed third in the 100-yard freestyle at 56.74.

"I think the team came out fairly strong considering the amount of tough training we have undergone already," Dressler said. "Not only were there many decent races, but we all supported, encouraged, and cheered for each other."

Lehberger won the 400-yard individual medley at 4:55.13 and then placed third in the 100-yard breaststroke at 1:10.26.

"Our team was really torn down for this meet, so for how tired we all were I thought we did really well," Lehberger said. "Everyone did what they were supposed to which was just swim and have fun."

Caitlin Lehberger's older brother, senior Chris Lehberger, and Zac Gebhardt led the Titan men each placing within the top three for at least one of their respective events. Lehberger finished third in the 400-yard individual medley and the 100-yard breaststroke with times of 4:33.50 and 1:03.52, respectively.

Gebhardt placed second in the 1650-yard freestyle with a time of 17:46.42.

"I feel that the team did well," Lehberger said. "The meet wasn't so much about swimming fast, but more about technique and race planning. Everyone has been pretty beat down from practice, so coach wasn't expecting any really fast times."

Grove City's men's and women's teams both placed first overall at the classic with 1078.5 points and 833.5 points, respectively.

The Titans return to action Friday, Oct. 31 as they host the Westminster Relay Carnival.

"Not only were there many decent races, but we all supported, encouraged, and cheered for each other."

Junior Emily Dressler

CALENDAR

Friday, October 31, 2008

10:00 AM - 9:00 PM Study Abroad Photo Contest (MCC Second Level Lobby)

11:40 AM - 12:40 PM Biology Seminar (Phillips Lecture Hall)

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

11:45 AM Alpha Phi Omega Exec. Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Conference Room)

6:00 PM MEN'S SWIMMING v. Westminster Relay Carnival

6:00 PM WOMEN'S SWIMMING v. Westminster Relay Carnival

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Green Party Presents "Food Not Bombs" (MCC Berlin Student Lounge)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller -- Hellboy: The Golden Army (MCC Mueller Theater)

9:00 PM - 12:00 AM Alpha Phi Omega and Tri Beta Host Haunted Bio Trail (Meet at Brittain Lake Dock)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller : Pineapple Express (MCC Mueller Theater)

Saturday, November 1, 2008

TBA Men's Cross Country @ PAC Championships (at Mason, Ohio hosted by Thomas More)

TBA Women's Cross Country @ PAC Championships (at Mason, Ohio hosted by Thomas More)

1:00 PM Volleyball @ Carnegie Mellon

1:00 PM Women's Soccer @ Chatham*

1:00 PM Women's Swimming @ Chatham*

7:00 PM Mass -- Holy Day of Obligation (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Pineapple Express (MCC Mueller Theater)

9:00 PM - 12:00 PM Alpha Phi Omega and Tri Beta Host Haunted Bio Trail (Meet at Brittain Lake Dock)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller -- Hellboy: The Golden Army (MCC Mueller Theater)

Sunday, November 2, 2008

2:00 PM Lambda Pi Eta Initiation (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller -- Hellboy: The Golden Army (MCC Mueller Theater)

3:00 PM Saxophone Studio Recital (Orr Auditorium)

7:00 PM Vespers -- Communion/All Saints (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Pineapple Express (MCC Mueller Theater)

Monday, November 3, 2008

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

12:00 PM Holcad Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Conference Room)

7:00 PM Green Party Meeting (MCC 352 Wile Conference Room)

7:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night at Westminster (MCC Club/Lounge)

9:30 PM Bowling Club Meeting (Patterson 311)

Tuesday, November 4, 2008

12:40 PM Faculty Meeting (Phillips Lecture Hall)

4:00 PM Religious Life Council Meeting (Old Main 213)

5:00 PM Chapel Staff Meeting (Old Main 213)

6:30 PM Political Science Department Hosts Election Night Coverage (MCC Witherspoon Rooms)

7:30 PM Horn Studio Recital (Orr Auditorium)

8:00 PM BSU Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Conference Room)

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Climbing Wall Open (Memorial Field House)

8:00 PM Habitat for Humanity Benefit Concert (NOTE: Doors Open at 7:00 pm) (MCC Berlin Lounge)

8:30 PM Mortar Board Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night at Westminster (MCC Club/Lounge)

9:30 PM Newman Club (MCC 255 Weisel Conference Room)

Wednesday, November 5, 2008

11:45 AM Faires Faculty Forum: Beverly Cushman, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute: Holy Land and Holy City in Classical Judaism, Christianity, and Islam (MCC Mueller Theater)

4:30 PM Coalition for the Protection of the Unborn Meeting (Patterson 311)

7:00 PM International Cultures Club Meeting (MCC Berlin Lounge)

7:00 PM SGA Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

8:30 PM Circle K Meeting (Patterson 112)

9:00 PM - 10:00 PM Study Abroad Awareness (MCC Mueller Theater)

9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship (MCC Berlin Lounge)

Thursday, November 6, 2008

11:00 AM - 2:30 PM Flu Vaccine Administered by Jameson Hospital Nurse (no appointment necessary; $27 fee) (Student Health Center)

12:45 PM IFC Meeting (Memorial Field House)

5:30 PM Career Center's Dine 'n Shine (MCC Witherspoon Rooms)

5:45 PM College Democrats Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Conference Room)

6:00 PM Habitat for Humanity Chapter Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

6:15 PM Japanese Anime Club (Thompson-Clark 210)

7:00 PM Gospel Choir Rehearsal (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

7:30 PM Percussion Studio Recital (Orr Auditorium)

8:00 PM Allies Meeting (Thompson-Clark 314)

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Climbing Wall Open (Memorial Field House)

8:30 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

9:00 PM Lambda Sigma Meeting (Patterson 311)

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night at Westminster (MCC Club/Lounge)

Friday, November 7, 2008

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

5:45 PM College Democrats Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Conference Room)

7:30 PM Wind Ensemble Concert (Orr Auditorium)

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Air Band Battle (MCC Berlin Lounge)

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

You're through believing that you are an island or that anyone else should be. We are an interdependent species. Humans cannot exist without mutual help, and you're driven to be generous. However, what is asked of you might not be the thing you can give. Find the kind of help you can give, and then give it all.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

The you-to-you competition is definitely on. While your quest to better your best frequently results in quality work, impressive accomplishments and praise from those around you, it can be downright exhausting. You don't have to outdo yourself every day. Some days you can just be good and that's enough.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

You've made a lot of solid life choices in the past on the advice of a friend. There are also a few instances where you really wish you hadn't followed advice. Wednesday and Thursday are particularly good times to shun most of what you hear -- then amp up your trust in yourself by at least 20 percent.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

Early in the week you may have a fondness for an old familiar life you once loved -- one that involved not quite so many bills and perhaps someone to prepare your meals for you. Alas, there was a reason you left the nest, and ultimately it was a good one. Friday shows you the plus side to being a grownup.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

Maybe it's a vacation overseas or a car you always wanted to own. Or perhaps it's cooking classes or taekwondo. Whatever it is, the moment is upon you. You stop waiting for the day when you have more money or more time and just jump in and make it happen. Tuesday and Wednesday are lucky days to commit.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Most people will eventually say what they are thinking. Your gift this week is that you speak your mind in real time, and the result shakes things up in a positive way. This weekend, your boldness is an invitation to someone who is equally honest and forceful. There will be a powerful meeting of minds.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

The best feeling of the week comes when you reach an understanding with that person who's been difficult to read lately. This doesn't happen because of a conversation you have or any new knowledge you acquire. It's a change in you, a new level of openness and acceptance, that brings harmony to the relationship.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

Your feelings don't lie -- although they do have a tendency to exaggerate Tuesday and Wednesday. There is a wide range of choice involved in your interpretation of events. If you're going to exaggerate, do so in the direction of levity and humor. You could bring your whole group up with you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

Busy and bustling is your natural state of being. You certainly don't have to search for ways to fill your time. All you have to do is sit at home and life will come to you. However, it's definitely more satisfying to proactively further and follow your interests. Get thee to the calendar section and make some plans!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

Other people's opinions are no longer as powerful as they were a few months ago. You're starting to realize that what works for them is not necessarily going to work for you. Besides, some of the people you were listening to aren't as qualified as you once believed. And your own ideas are pretty stellar now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

There are risks you've been too nervous to take, like making a cold call, going to a networking event or asking someone special to spend time with you. This week emboldens you to go forward and do what you've been thinking about. The nerves don't go completely away, but they are manageable.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

You're looking for fast results. It's not that overnight transformations don't happen; they do, though usually the effect is an illusion. Amazing changes are most often the culmination of hundreds of steps that occurred over time. Instead of hoping for instant gratification, take one step. Then take another.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS:

It's a year of unlikely choices you never imagined yourself making, and yet you do so with great elan. The next three weeks help you notice that your talent is bigger than you thought, and upon the realization, your soul expands to include new passions. You're willing to accept a person faults and all in December, and this person will improve with your loving attention. Family trips and fun are featured in December and March. Financial boosts come in June and September.

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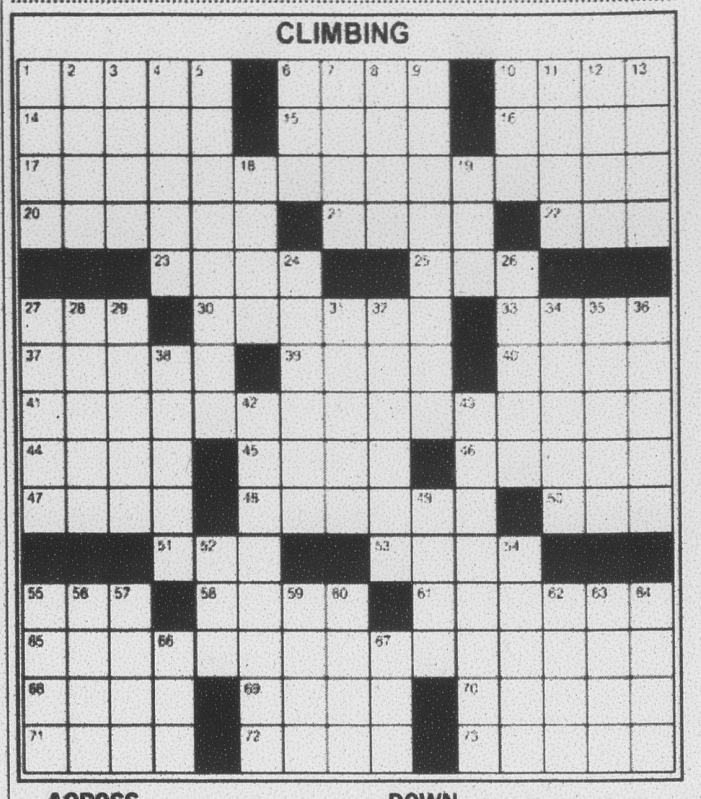

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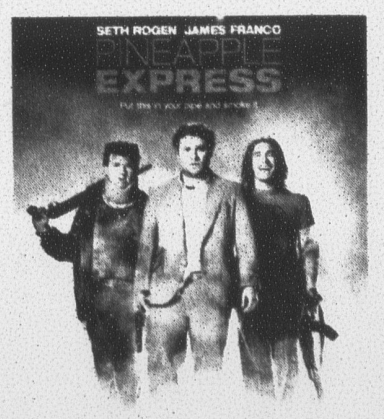
Happy Halloween

Movies Playing at Mueller Theater



8:00 PM Friday 10:30 PM
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Movies provided by Club Room
Entertainment provided by CPC
Westminster ID's will be checked at all movies
ID will admit you and one guest
There is no charge; it's just for a count

Late Night in the Club Room
Monday - 8 PM to 1 AM
Tuesday and Thursday - 9 PM to 1 AM

Campus News

Creepy Campus Capers

Alpha Phi Omega and Tri Beta Haunted Bio Trail aims to scare

By Laura Henry
Staff Writer

On Friday and Saturday, Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, Alpha Phi Omega and Tri Beta are co-hosting the Haunted Bio Trail, open from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m.

The frightening experience will be approximately 15 to 20 minutes long, beginning at the Brittain Lake dock and ending at the field station where transportation will be provided to escort attendees back to campus. If, after surviving the haunted trail, people wish to stick around for additional terror, a bonfire and refreshments will also be provided, starting at 9 p.m.

Tickets for the event will be on pre-sale in the TUB from Oct. 27 to Oct. 31, selling for $3. Tickets can also be purchased at the event for $5. All students must show their student I.D. prior to entering the trail. Due to the trail's intensity and content, individuals under the age of 14 will not be permitted to attend. For similar reasons, students ages 14 to 18 must have a parent or guardian accompany them or present a written and signed permission slip.

Junior and co-chair of Alpha Phi Omega Corri Hines expresses that the need for age limitations and permission slips is due to the intensifying horror of the trail.

"We definitely aim to scare," Hines said. "People can expect to have some laughs and some shocks. They can expect to be entertained and grossed out. Our main goal is to scare people, but we also want to provide them with a little bit of Halloween."

Not only is the Haunted Bio Trail an opportunity for the campus and community to take part in a bit of good Halloween fun, it is also a chance for individuals to support a good cause. All profits from the event will be donated to "Friends with Microphones," which is a subgroup of World Vision and a national organization that helps the fight against AIDS in Africa.

Last year the Haunted Trail raised $200 in support of AIDS. Junior and co-chair of Alpha Phi Omega Amber O'Connor hopes to have a better turn out than last year and raise at least $250 to $300 to go toward the cause.

All members involved are anxiously awaiting the big night and hope it will be a success. A great deal of hard work and dedication has been involved in the process of planning and setting up for the event. Brothers from Tri Beta were recruited to participate in the trail and act as tour guides leading the terrifying experience. The volunteers also spent a lot of time practicing their performance. O'Connor stated that people are very excited about their individual characters, and even though time was spent practicing there is always room for a little spontaneity.

"It will definitely be a thrilling experience," O'Connor said. "Prepare to be entertained and prepare to jump."

Exploring the spirits of Hillside: Is it haunted?

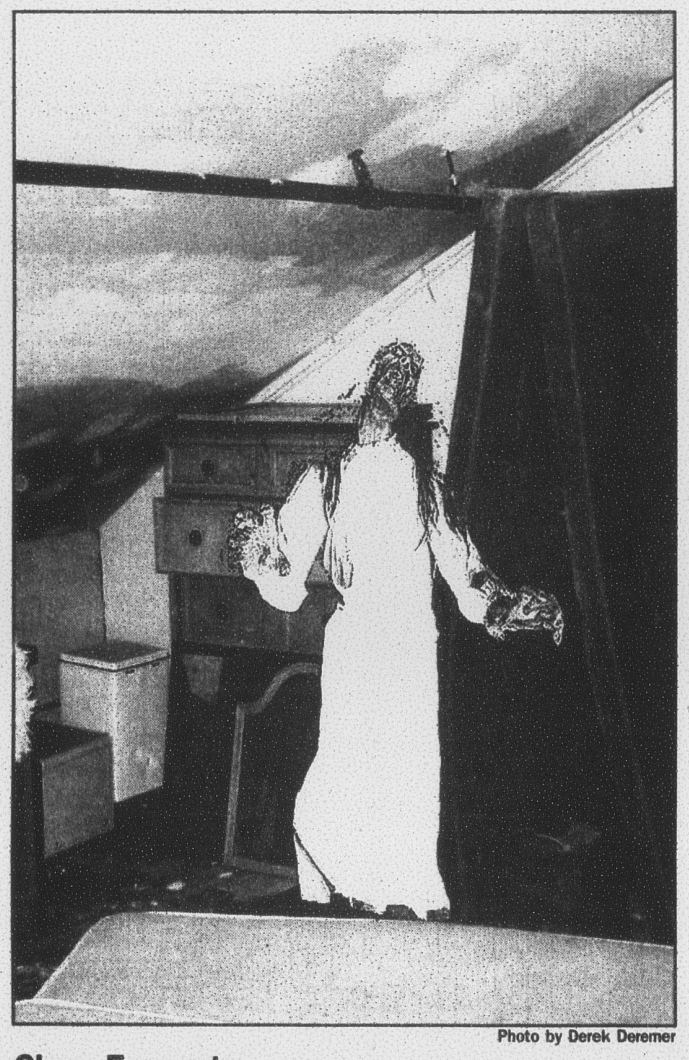


Photo by Derek Deremer

Close Encounter

Some believe that Halloween awakens the restless spirit of Betsy, the Hillside ghost, who supposedly haunts the halls and frightens residents.

By Derek Deremer
Staff Writer

Eerie occurrences have notoriously disturbed the residents of Hillside Girls Dormitory. Doors slam, objects move, and computers act suspiciously. The source of the paranormal phenomenon rests in a ghost named Betsy who allegedly haunts the student resident hall.

Betsy's story has circulated the campus from student to student, becoming a legend at the college. The girl, if she ever existed, died more than 100 years ago and her soul seems to remain in the dormitory to this day. What really happened to poor Betsy and why does she exist to torment the poor students of Hillside?

Rachel Delzangle and Christina Alducka reported many spooky instances from their sophomore year in the dormitory. Strange phenomena occurred such as: an alarm clock going off despite being unplugged and without batteries; footsteps traveling down their dead-end hallway and vanishing; and computer chairs rocking despite the windows being shut. Something sinister could be lurking in Hillside.

Different stories describe the manner poor Betsy left this world. Everyone I interviewed knew the "real" story of what happened to her, but all the stories were conflicting. Betsy was allegedly the daughter of the Hillside's final owner before the school bought the property, although other times she is one of the earliest residents after Hillside was added to Westminster. In the different stories she: dies of natural causes; kills herself by jumping out the window when her homecoming date dumped her; hangs herself from depression; shoots/stabs herself from depression; and lastly gets shot/stab by someone else. Long story short, Betsy met an untimely end and decides to dwell forever in a girls' dormitory for whatever reason.

Westminster Historian Paul Gamble provided a history of Hillside helping me to better analyze these Betsy rumors. The property was purchased from Thomas Donohoo, and the construction of the "Ladies' Hall and Conservatory of Music" was completed in 1884. Hillside was never a mansion as most of the stories allege. Betsy could not have been killed in Donohoo's Mansion, because there was no such building.

With such inconstancies in the stories I ventured into Hillside for an exploration into this "dark" place. With the guidance from Hillside's RD, Jessi Nix, I ventured to Betsy's haunted room. Some stories suggest Betsy's strange disturbances go away after homecoming, because on homecoming she committed suicide (It is interesting to note Betsy follows each school years' homecoming and does not disappear with the date of her own homecoming). Could I have missed Betsy by one week? The strange occurrences Delzangle and Alducka reported occurred after Homecoming, so the ghost hunt continued.

We searched Betsy's vacant room located all by itself in the far corner of the building, out of screaming distance from the nearest occupied room. The room was being used as part attic and my flashlight found extra mattresses, bed kits, some old mirrors, and an antique dresser. A window in the room faces the parking lot side of Hillside, with several very dead plants in the window. The room was eerie, but mostly because the room had not been kept up over the years.

I tried to further narrow down how she could have died. The height from the window did not seem high enough to be a lethal jump, unless Betsy face-planted to the ground. I also did not see how she could have hung herself, unless the state required sprinkler system was installed one hundred years ago. Those are two more scenarios less likely, but the rest were still slightly plausible. I snagged some pictures and left the dark and quiet room.

Nothing out of the ordinary happened on my excursion. The research and investigation shed much doubt about the entire Betsy legend, with too many inconstancies and just plain bad facts.

Although I would doubt this conclusion after uploading the pictures from my excursion; I discovered the worst. Betsy.

Happy Halloween.

Hillside Hall holds haunted carnival

By Erika Clayton
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, Oct. 29th, Hillside Hall had a carnival for the New Wilmington trick-or-treaters from 6-8 p.m.

All of the residents were encouraged to come participate and to have a good time, as well. The event was free to attend, and there were plenty of drinks and food for both residents and attendees.

All of the resident assistants collaborated on the idea of having a Halloween party in their hall. The main intention of the carnival was to be more fun for everybody, rather than scary.

The students, RAs, and children of New Wilmington played many interesting and fun games. They did arts and crafts, as well.

Each hall had a different kind of an activity and one of them was to bob for doughnuts, instead of for apples. The doughnuts were hung from a string and everybody had to eat them without using their hands.

One of the crafts that everyone participated in was making doorknob hangers, and for another activity, they played a Halloween card game with the children. They also chose to play pin the tail on the cat, instead of on the donkey.

The children enjoyed themselves, and their favorite activity was making picture frames. To encourage the Halloween spirit, the children were awarded candy as prizes.

Hillside Resident Director Jessie Nix said that the best part of the carnival was the great interaction between the residents and the children.

"The residents really seemed to enjoy seeing the kids all dressed up and really enjoyed helping them out with the crafts," Nix said.

Theta Chi's hair-raising fundraiser

By Joel Montgomery
Campus Writer

This Halloween, the brothers of Theta Chi will extend a helping hand – to scare the pants off visitors at Kennywood amusement park's Phantom Fright Nights.

On Oct. 31, brothers of the Theta Chi fraternity are volunteering to travel to Pittsburgh for their third consecutive year working at Kennywood's seasonal fright fest as ghouls, monsters, and workers in the concession stands located throughout the park. This year, the group is being lead by Kyle Pierce, Theta Chi's fundraising chair. Pierce said that the event will raise about $1350 for the fraternity.

"We normally do two or three fundraisers just for the house," Pierce said. "We try to keep our dues as low as possible, and one of the ways we do that is through fundraising."

The Theta Chi fraternity originally began their haunting four years ago at Geauga Lake, but they decided to work at Kennywood the following year. Theta Chi president Ryan Kirk said that the idea started as a way to raise much needed money for the fraternity to help them with insurance and re-chartering costs.

"Kennywood worked out to be a lot more advantageous for us," Kirk said. "They treat their volunteers well down there. For organizations that are looking to do fundraising, Kennywood is a good opportunity."

Kirk added that Theta Chi is one of the younger groups that volunteers at the park and that they almost did not get in this year because of the number of groups that have applied to work for the event. The fraternity tries to go every year.

Jon Maielli, a senior and a Theta Chi brother, has enjoyed working at Kennywood during Fright Nights so much that he said he plans to apply to work at Kennywood next fall so that he can work for the entire Halloween season. Jon said he particularly wants to work in the Death Valley scare zone, which is themed as a wild west ghost town.

"Any time you can scare the big macho guys walking with their girlfriends is the best," Maielli said. "The girls are real easy to scare, but it's getting the big macho guys to pee themselves, that's the best right there."

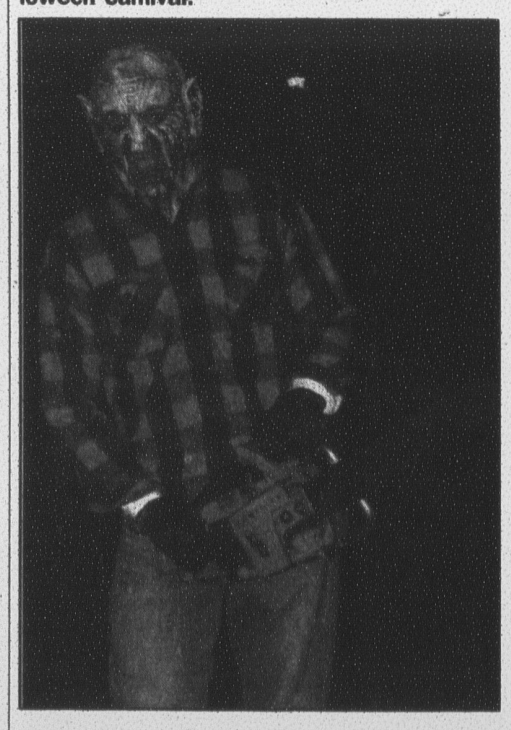
Both Maielli and Pierce said that Kennywood brings in professional makeup artists to help create the monsters that roam the park grounds and major scare zones. These artists cover the actors' faces in gore, blood, and peeling skin to make them look as realistic and gruesome as possible.

"It's creepy," Pierce said. "They'll have blood coming out of your eyes. It's just awesome. They want you to be as creative as possible, so you create your own character for the night."

Volunteers at Phantom Fright Nights have the opportunity to work as monsters for six hours a night in seven different scare zones, three of which are haunted mazes. They get a half-hour break during the night to use a food voucher or ride any rides in the park.

Photo by Amanda Miller

On Oct. 29, Hillside residents invited children to come and enjoy fun actitvities at a Halloween carnival.



Photos by Alex Davis

Members of Alpha Sigma Phi re-enact frightening scenes from scary movies at their Fright Nights event held Oct. 29-31.

Haunted House

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"Last year there was a line out to the street," student Elizabeth Beardsley said. "They took us in to the chapter room for a brief history of the house. After that it was chaos. I can't wait to see what will be there this year."

The brothers at Alpha Sigma Phi have pooled their resources and received numerous donations from businesses in the community to deck the house out from top to bottom in a fiendish fashion.

"Sure, we put it all together, but we couldn't have done it without support from the town," Alpha Sigma Phi President Andy Smith said. "This project is theirs too; they helped make it what it is. We're just happy to host it for everyone to enjoy."

Fright Nights is open to the community as well as Westminster students, and a large turnout is expected to support the New Wilmington Volunteer Fire Department, who will receive the proceeds of the event.

Tickets are $3 for students and seniors and $5 for adults; they will be sold during lunch and dinner in the TUB as well as at the door for the final scare session, which runs from 9 p.m. to midnight on Halloween night.

"Our friends over at the VFD are really great people," Monahan said. "We've worked with them before for the Firemen's Auction and some other stuff, and it's awesome to be able to do this for them. I encourage everyone to stop by, support them and have some fun."

Arts & Entertainment

Pompeii's beauty among the ruins

By Levi Sanchez
A&E Writer

The latest CD from Pompeii, *Nothing Happens for a Reason*, is a beautiful sophomore effort.

The band harkens from Austin, Texas, a city swiftly becoming the Indie scene's Mecca. The city's annual music festival and weekly television program regularly books the likes of Sufjan Stevens, Bright Eyes, The Raconteurs and just about every other well known Indie band.

It seems that the music-rich Austin atmosphere has seeped into Pompeii veins. Besides the staple guitar/bass/drum format, the four-piece adds a string section to create haunting instrumentation that aptly fits their lyrics filled with apathy and regret.

That's not to say that the album doesn't have its upbeat moments, but somehow there's always a tinge of sadness in each of the twelve tracks.

The opening number, "Where We're Going We Don't Need Roads," is a beautiful ambient track. It swells with cellos and distorted guitars and captures the band's sound and feel without the uttering of one word. The sound gets close to other ambient bands like The Six Parts Seven, Sigur Ros, and Explosions in the Sky. My only complaint is that the album doesn't have more of these beautiful instrumentals.

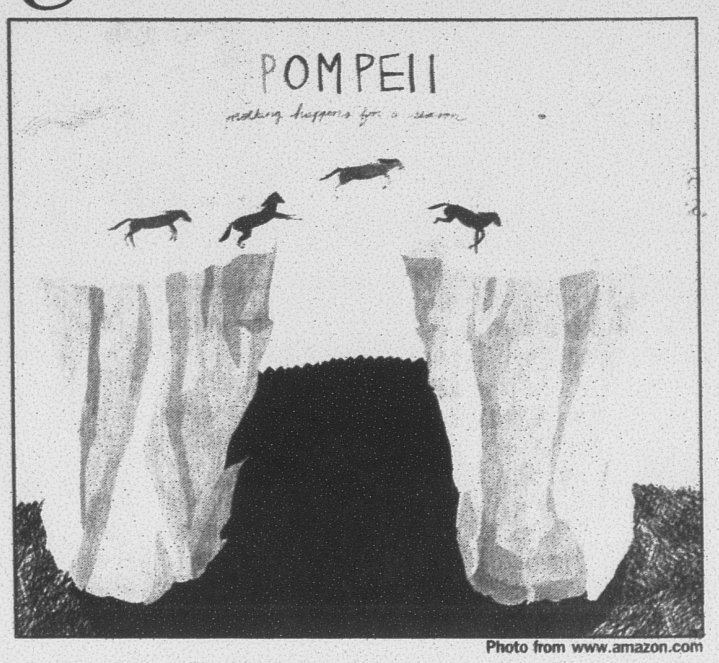
In "What Kind of Future," lead-singer Dean Stafford sings the story of the morning after. Waking to broken bottles, stains on the carpet, and empty packs of cigarettes, Dean asks, "What kind of future is that one to be working toward? I dunno you tell me."

He seems to be justifying himself to an unnamed person, but he remains unable to give a definite answer to his own question, singing "There is no answer for the better or worse."

In "Ready/Not Ready," Stafford wrestles with a former relationship that he just can't seem to kick. I'm going to go ahead and make yet another Postal Service reference to explain the song's instrumentation. The song starts off with an electronic backbeat, a droning organ, and sweeping cello lines before launching into a fuller band sound.

The album's last song, also the title track, "Nothing Happens for a Reason" has a beautiful bridge that once more shows off the band's ambient credentials. Nearly half of the seven minute song is dedicated to rising distorted guitars and melancholy cello lines. The instrumental crescendo makes an apt farewell.

Despite a few mediocre tracks and a couple cliché lyrics, this beautiful album is definitely worth picking up. Its mellow instrumentation and sorrow filled lyrics will make a great companion to the grey November days that Pennsylvania has in store for us all. Just make sure you balance it out with something unquestionably upbeat, or you may never leave your room.



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Levi's Rating: ★★★★☆

Halloween classics that are sure to spook you

By Erik Chesney
A%&E Writer

Halloween is the time of year where we all like to turn out the lights, throw a good scary movie in the DVD player, and prepare ourselves for a good scare.

There have been a stream of great horror movies that have come out during the past several years, and those are certainly great, but many people in our generation have never seen some of the classic horror films that have come out during the last several decades.

This is a list of some great classic horror movies that are at least as old as the undergrad students reading this article.

The first on my list, John Carpenter's *Halloween*, shares the name with the ghoulish holiday in which it chronicles, and also holds the top spot on many horror film compilations. Often cited as the start of the 'slasher' genre, Halloween is the film that solidified Carpenter and his character, Michael Myers, in horror cinema history.

The creepy theme music and cinematography are what make this a great horror film. Carpenter creates suspense by using the camera and music to make us shiver at what might be hiding in the shadows.

Number two on my list is George A. Romero's masterpiece of the zombie genre, *Dawn of the Dead*. The recent appeal of the remake of this film and parodies like *Shaun of the Dead* show our fascination with this genre and the fact that it represents humans in such a primal state.

Dawn is the pinnacle of zombie movies as not only horror films, but as social commentaries of their time. It comments on the rampant consumerism of the 70's with the plot surrounding a group trying to survive in Monroeville mall, also making the film all the more appealing to Pittsburgh natives, which is where the zombie genre was born.

Before director Sam Raimi gained fame with the recent *Spiderman* trilogy, he directed the B-level *Evil Dead* trilogy, *Evil Dead II* being the third on my list, starring Bruce Campbell of B-cinema fame.

A mixture of the grotesque and comical, Raimi pulls off a good mix of frights and comedy. I mean, what isn't funny about Campbell chasing around his possessed amputated hand and replacing the stump with a chainsaw? Viewers beware though, there is really some disturbing imagery in this film.

At number four we have Alfred Hitchcock's *Psycho*, one of his most famous films. Starring Anthony Perkins as Norman Bates, who is under the control of his dead mother. This film expresses the Freudian notions that were popular in psychology at the time, and this film represents one of Hitchcock's most psychological thrillers. Bates' obsession with his mother is an excellent example of the Oedipus complex, and one that lasts as one of the most intriguing films of Hitchcock's career.

Number five is *Salem's Lot*, the director's version of the Stephen King novel. This movie is just about one of the creepiest vampire movies ever. My childhood nightmares were haunted by the image of the main character's adolescent brother - turned vampire tapping on his bedroom window. It is also a great adaptation of a King novel, so it is not lacking in storyline.

Update your Netflix queue or take a drive to Family Video, grab your popcorn -or candy corn, and sit down and have yourself a good fright, and gain some appreciation for these classic horror movies!

Have a Happy Halloween!

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Less *Saw*, more flaw

By Brett Gerthoffer
A&E Writer

There isn't much more to say than the *Saw* series has severely run out of gas. Unfortunately due to the price of gas these days, *Saw*'s large and completely empty tank will never get refilled.

The franchise had a much better chance of making each sequel not a sequel, each one having its own separate story and characters (except for Jigsaw of course).

Instead they are trying to rope all the *Saw* movies together to create one heap of nonsense. You will easily get lost in flashbacks and scenes of the previous sequels while you try to patch together the confusing story.

Saw relies on its abilities to drive its audience near regurgitation, tightly closed eyes, and horrific reactions to the mass amounts of gore and sadism.

The franchise also relies on the shocking and surprising twist endings. The first *Saw* ending was clearly the best and most shocking, the second's was pretty good, the third's was decent…do you see where the pattern is going? *Saw V* barely had an ending worth talking about, but unfortunately I can't explain to you the futile attempt to leave the audience in amazement and total shock for it will ruin the movie (as if the entire movie didn't already ruin itself).

The failure of the new *Saw* may be due to the fact that it was written by "newbies" to the franchise, it may be due to the fact that the point of the film was to better connect the relationship between the sequels, or it may be due to the fact that the acting was terrible (aside from an always stellar performance by Jigsaw played by Tobin Bell).

The only good thing about the newer *Saw* films is the smartly crafted and twisted "traps". Regrettably, I have to mention that this fourth sequel failed in that aspect as well! This will surely upset even the die-hard *Saw* fans. The main set of traps set up in some creepy factory on some abandoned street corner were stupid and unsatisfying. Considering the fact that at this point the only steam left in the franchise are its sweet torture devices and how the victims have to "rehabilitate" themselves you would think they would be extra good. Wrong. There was one good one at the very start of the movie. That's it.

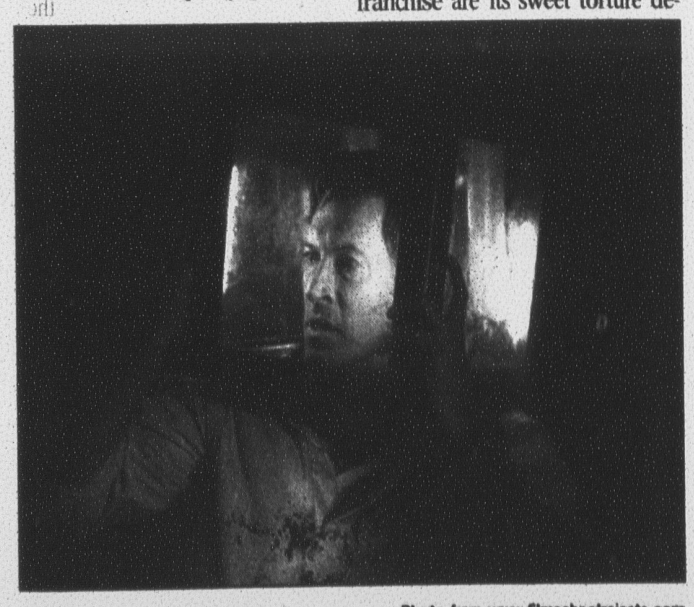
Five people wake up in a room (we all find this scenario familiar to the series) tied to cords and decapitation machines. Unlike the previous sequels and the original where the victims endure the most painful experiences of their lives and struggle to rehabilitate themselves, the brave five spring into action and hatch a plan to survive.

I became quickly enraged at the courage of the poor victims in their hastily actions to live because it wasn't at all believable. Not once did I care that they survived. I know that sounds bad, but the other films were successful here because the characters in them were believable in their hesitation to partake in the games and once they finally decided they wanted to be rehabilitated they engaged themselves in Jigsaw's devious traps and endured great pain. The five victims here weren't even the main focus of the movie.

The stupid and painful story to make the franchise whole was the ultimate goal. Big mistake. Half the movie is spent showing what happened in the other sequels.

When I saw the trailer for *Saw V*, I couldn't help but laugh at the fact that they had to get the viewer's attention by saying "you won't believe how it ends". Well, I believed how it ended, and I was far from pleased.

Due to the lack of *Saw*-like attributes, grotesque traps and near impossible rates of survival, this movie should not have had the word *Saw* in its title. It's less *Saw*, more flaw. Maybe Danny Glover will return from the dead and star in the sixth one (it's definitely coming next Halloween…), that might make that one worth seeing.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Brett's Rating: ★☆☆☆☆

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Features

Pumpkin Seeds, Apples, and Drinks - Oh my!

Megan Hoffman
Features Editor

For this week, I compiled several Halloween treats that you could have at a party or simply for a quiet Halloween at home.

Roasted Pumpkin Seeds *(recipe from www.allrecipies.com)*

After all your hard work carving out that pumpkin, roasted pumpkin seeds are the perfect treat and easy to make. Here are the four simple steps to follow to make this salty treat.

First, rinse the pumpkin seeds under cold water. You will want to do this shortly after you have carved the pumpkin, because you need to pick all of the pulp and strings off of the seeds.

Second, spread the pumpkin seeds out in a single layer on an oiled baking sheet. An alternative to oiling the baking sheet is to use non-stick cooking spray.

Third, sprinkle the seeds with salt and bake them at 325 degrees for 25 minutes. Check the seeds and stir them every ten minutes to ensure that they are completely toasted.

Fourth, let the seeds cool before eating and store them in an air-tight container.

S'mores Apples *(recipe from www.allrecipies.com)*

Nothing makes a better fall treat than to combine your favorite caramel apples with the deliciousness of s'mores. Here are the steps to make this scrumptious treat.

First, you will need six granny smith apples. Insert a wooden stick three-fourths of the way into the stem end of each apple. Then place the apples on a baking sheet covered with aluminum foil. Lightly grease the baking sheet before placing the apples on it.

Second, take a 14 ounce package of individually wrapped caramels, unwrap the caramels, and place them in a saucepan over low heat. Add 2 tablespoons of water to the saucepan and stir the caramels often. Once melted add a half of a teaspoon of vanilla extract to the mixture. Then dip each of the apples into the caramel. Scrape off the excess caramel from the bottom of the apples by using the inside of saucepan.

Third, combine one and a half cups of miniature marshmallows with one and a half cups of crushed graham crackers on a dinner plate. Then roll the apples in the mixture. Once they are coated place the apples on aluminum foil and place them in the refrigerator to chill.

Fourth, melt one cup of semi-sweet chocolate chips in the microwave. Cook the chocolate chips in thirty second intervals until they are melted and smooth. Stir the chips after every time. Lastly, drizzle the melted chocolate over the apples and then place them back in the refrigerator until you are ready to serve them.

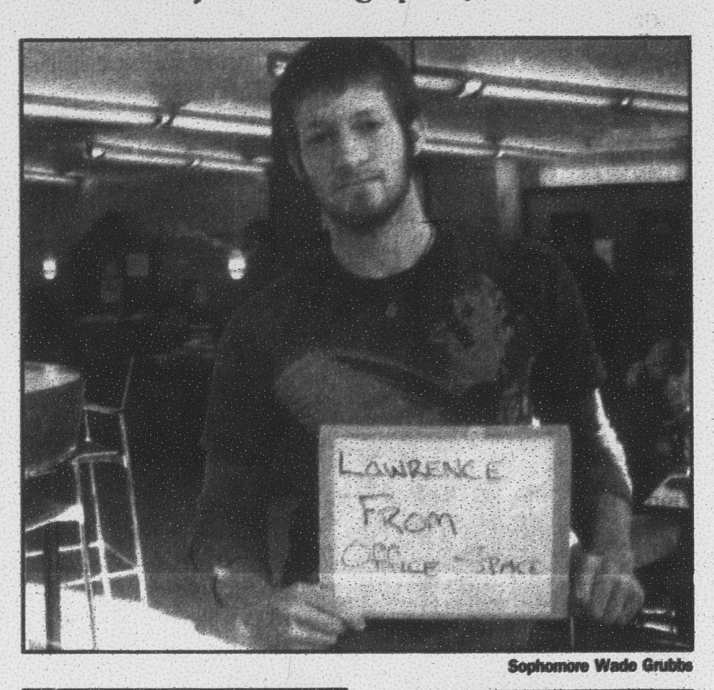
Nonalcoholic Butterbeer *(http://www.britta.com/Hw/hwr.html#bblight)*

For all of you who are familiar with the *Harry Potter* Series, butterbeer is often a fun treat for the characters in the books and can be a hit at your party as well. In order to make this bewitching mixture you will need one cup of butterscotch or English Toffee flavoring syrup and seven cups of cream soda or diet cream soda, whichever you prefer.

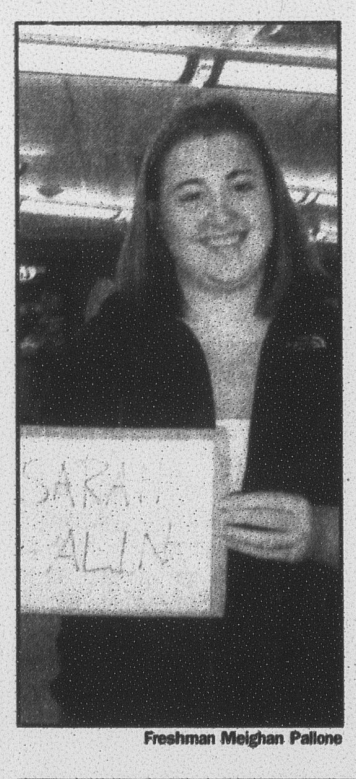
For your party you will want to mix this drink shortly before the party begins. First, add the butterscotch flavoring to the soda. Stir the mixture gently to ensure it still has fizz and that it is mixed well. This makes two quarts of nonalcoholic butterbeer, ready for serving at your Halloween Bash.

Question of the week

What are you dressing up as for Halloween?



Sophomore Wade Grubbs



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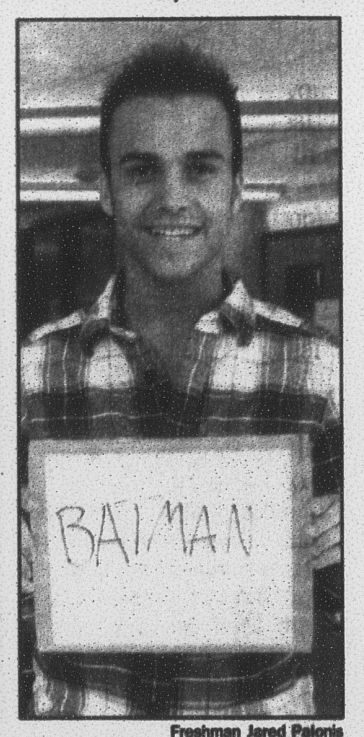

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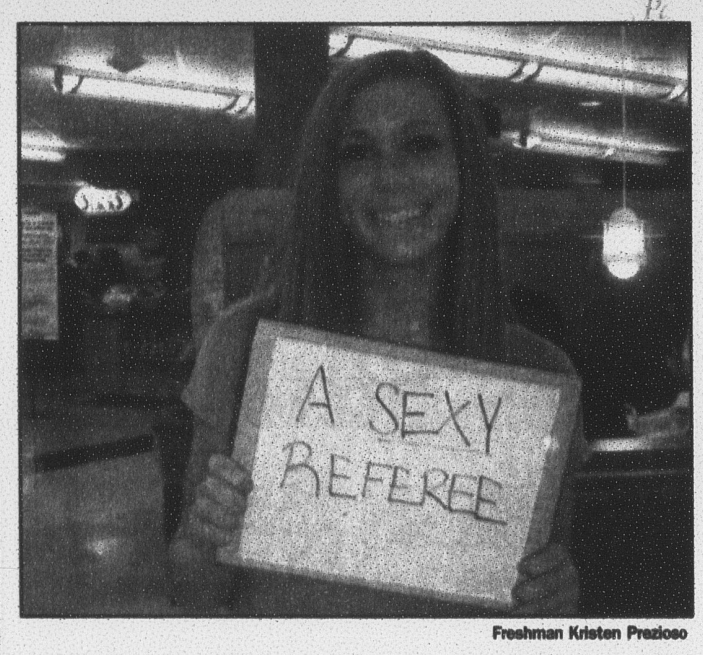


Freshman Kristen Prezioso

Megan is a senior public relations major who is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority and Dance Theater. When she's not breaking her foot, she can most likely be found in the TUB or creeping on Facebook.

A one stop shop, get the Pointe?

By Megan Ostrowski
Campus Writer

Four new stores recently opened up on South Market Street, where hair, health, clothing and food meet. Get the Pointe?

The Borough of New Wilmington is welcoming four new stores that include Daley's Country Pantry, Karing Massage, Gypsy Couture Boutique and the Wright Place. These stores are located on the corner of South Market, right past Rite Aid.

The combination of these stores is named the Pointe. This name came about by being the only point in New Wilmington that can feed, clothe, pamper and primp any shopper who enters.

"I love the Pointe," sophomore Sarah Nee said. "They have everything I could need in that one little spot, and all Westminster students get 10 percent off. That's always helpful."

Welcoming customers into this all-in-one indoor mini plaza is the bold aroma of Daley's 120 spices and their fresh ice cream. Daley's Country Pantry is there to help students and the community with all of their cooking needs. With their array of dried fruits, nuts, herbs and spices, Daley's has anything an adventurous cook may need. When owner Mary Daley was asked if her store had any unique qualities, she had much to say.

"We are the only store around that sells bulk items," Daley said. "I also have to package and label all of my own products when they arrive, and some things come in bags over 80 pounds."

Daley's is open from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Mon through Thurs and 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Fri and Sat. There is a sale coming up on 10 percent off hot cereal and will be perfect for those cold days walking to class.

Directly to the right of Daley's is the second store of the four. Gypsy Couture Boutique is a quaint store that has anything for that hard working shopping girl. Gypsy's sells everything from new to designer to vintage products. Some products include jewelry, perfume, purses, shoes and clothes.

This store is one of the only designer/vintage clothes stores around. Owner Heather Wiley was fast to mention the open house that the Pointe will be hosting. Gypsy's hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon through Sat, and the store stays open later on Fri.

Angela Karing, the owner of Karing Massage, has been open in the Pointe since Aug. 1. This day spa can help the shoppers relax with massages, body scrubs and wraps, hot stone therapy and many other soothing practices.

Karing Massage sells packages: balance, invigorating, rejuvenating and bliss, as well as gift certificates. With so many students arriving for massages or facials, Angela will give 10 percent off for anyone who has a valid student ID.

The final store located in the Pointe is the Wright Place. This hair salon has a fun, upbeat atmosphere with music pumping in the background. Owner Sue Ligo has assembled a referral system for each of her customers. With each referral, the customer will receive 10 percent off.

"This store is really unique," Wright Place employee La-ren Rosier said. "We are very diverse and different here. With all the different colors on the walls and the attitude here, it's just all about pleasing our customers."

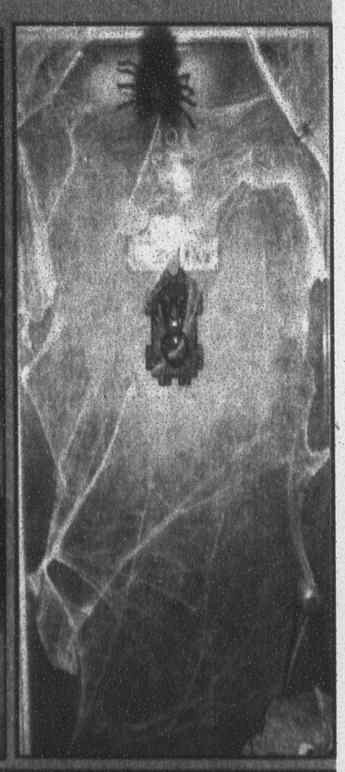
The hours of the Wright Place are a little different every day. The workers just smiled when asked what it was like to at the hair salon. This store is a fun hang out place for the customer and includes a younger staff.

Overall many Westminster students have had only good things to say about the Pointe. Several students agree that the Pointe was a great addition to the other stores on South Market Street. The Pointe is having a ribbon cutting ceremony on Oct. 31, and a Holiday Shop Hop on Nov. 7-8. This is where the community can come and see all the great new things New Wilmington has to offer.

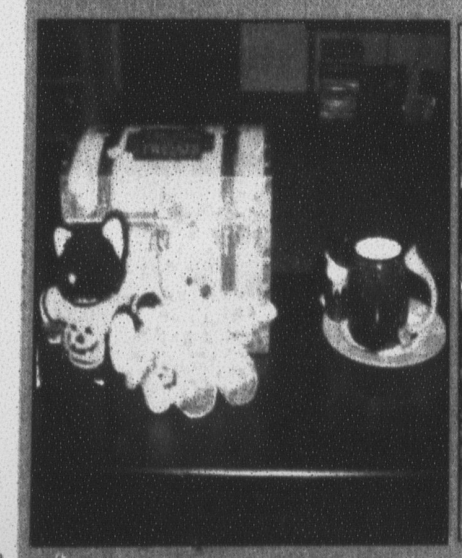
WC CRIBS

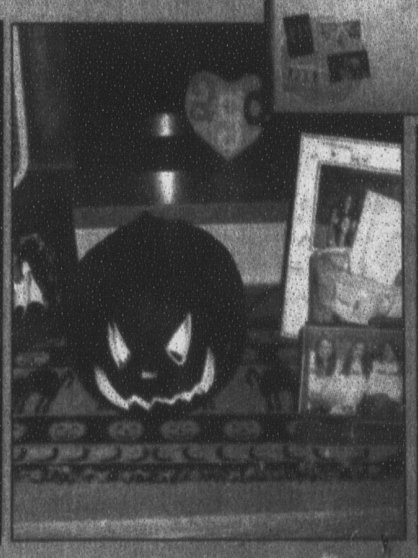
Megan Hoffman dares to enter the Halloween decked out room of Jackie More and Megan Harding in Ferg.

Along their window they have hung pumpkin lanterns. Also they have decorated their door with cobwebs and a spider that comes down and attacks you as you enter the door. The girls have bunked their beds so that they have additional floor space.



The roommates pose for a picture in their matching Halloween shirts. The skull in the middle of the star actually lights up. Both of them love Halloween so much that they decorated their entire room for the holiday. Below: They have decorated every table space with light-up pumpkins and other halloween nick-nacks. Right: the pink polka dots with photos show how their room is when not decorated for Halloween.





Reasons to vote in this election

By Danielle McCullough
Layout Editor

1. Because your vote does count. You have seen it happen in the past couple of years, so you've lived through two close elections. I'm sure your high school history teachers threw those one vote made a difference like "one vote made it so the United States official language was English over German" stats at you. Mind you that was not a popular vote. But your vote added to other peoples' votes make a difference; without all those votes together there is nothing.

2. You get to have an awesome "I Voted Today" sticker. Sweet!

3. In my opinion, if you don't vote you cannnot complain. Let your voice be heard. Why wouldn't you want it to be? If you're pro-life or pro-choice, vote for it. If you're for using nuclear power because you think it works well in Europe and it could work well here as well, vote for it. If you don't vote and things don't go the way you think they should then don't talk about it.

4. It is a civic duty. People wrote letters, fought and sacrificed their lives all so you could be free to vote (as long as you areover 21). It is a privelege to vote.

5. Because you like to push buttons.

6. Because it will please your grandparents or your parents.

7. If you are unhappy with the candidates vote for your party. They still hold the ideals of the party and the party most likely will not let them do the things they want that are not in accordance with the party.

8. So you can help change the statistics. Generally only 20% of those who are 18-29 vote. Many issues will affect our age group, not just Joe the Plumber and Walmart moms.

9. This election is the 100 year anniversary of William Jennings Bryan, a Democratic Presidential nominee, losing in his third Presidential election.

10. Because if you don't I may punch you in the face. Just kidding. I really can't do that even though I may want to.

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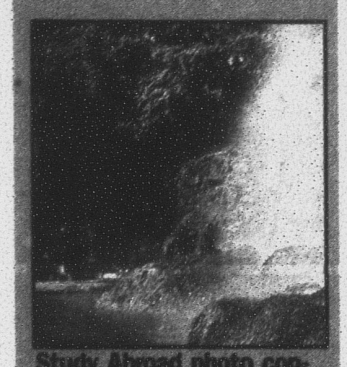

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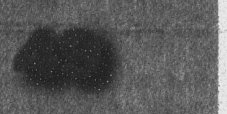

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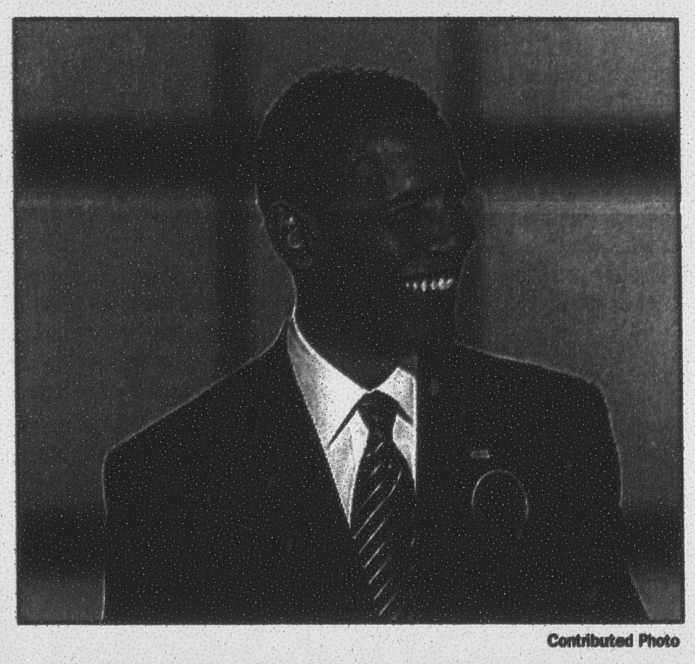
Pivotal 2008 election brings change

Campus reacts as Barack Obama is chosen as first African-American president- elect



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President-elect Barack Obama addresses a crowd of more than 100,000 supporters on the night of Tuesday, Nov. 4 in Chicago's Grant Park.

By Travis Gulling
Staff Writer

On Nov. 4, Barack Obama was elected the 44th President of the United States by defeating John McCain with 375 electoral votes to 163.

With this win, Obama made history by becoming the first African American elected to the presidency. Shortly after being announced the winner, Obama addressed the American citizens and more than 100,000 people in attendance at Chicago's Grant Park. He addressed many concerns that Americans currently have on their minds including the economy and the wars.

"This is our time, to put our people back to work and open doors of opportunity for our kids," Obama said. "To restore prosperity and promote the cause of peace; to reclaim the American dream and reaffirm that fundamental truth, that, out of many, we are one."

Students who supported John McCain are disappointed in the results from this election. However, many of those same students respect Obama and wish him well on his journey over the next four years. Senior McCain supporter, Nate Capello, hopes Obama will help America to thrive.

"I disagree with many of his views and policies," Capello said. "Hopefully he can find a way to turn the current situation in America around and make this place we live a better place for our future."

In his concession speech, John McCain took full responsibility for not winning the White House. Many of his supporters in attendance for this speech disagreed with him adamantly with their "boo's" to this comment.

"I wish Godspeed to the man who was my former opponent and will be my president," McCain said. "I call on all Americans…to not despair of our present difficulties, but to believe, always, in the promise and greatness of America, because nothing is inevitable here."

Many students were happy with the results of Tuesday night, including Junior Obama supporter, Liz McLaughlin. She is very excited about an Obama presidency and believes he has the qualities and the ideas to move this country forward.

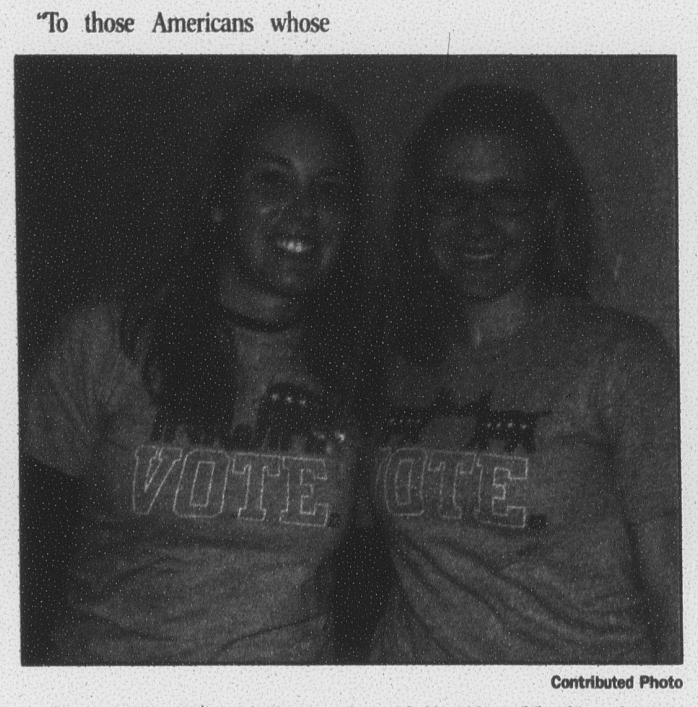
"I think he is going to do a good job," McLaughlin said. "I think he has the tools to bring everyone together and hopefully make America a better place."

Obama and his family will move into the White House on Jan. 20, when he and Vice President-elect Joseph Biden will be inaugurated to their newly elected positions. On Jan. 3, the 111th Congress will be inaugurated which will include a majority of both houses for the Democratic Party. The democrats currently have 54 seats in the Senate, not including the two independent members who caucus with the democrats. In the House the democrats picked up about 20 additional seats, with several more undecided.

Obama looks forward to becoming the next President and will work to unite this country after a hard fought battle. He knows that he has earned the trust of just over half of the nation, but realizes as President he needs to have the support of all Americans.

"To those Americans whose support I have yet to earn," Obama said. "I may not have won your vote tonight, but I hear your voices. I need your help. And I will be your president, too."

Fortunately for many Americans the election is done, and we no longer have to watch those commercials or try to figure out who deserves our vote. It is now time for Americans to move forward, whether they agree with the man elected President or not. It is the time now to stand behind our President because we all have one thing in common, we are all Americans!



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Seniors Danielle McCullough and Heather MacKenzie advocate the 2008 election by wearing T-shirts to support their parties. College students nationwide flocked the polls in record numbers to vote in this election.

Inaugural Ken and Nancy Long Chemistry Lecture

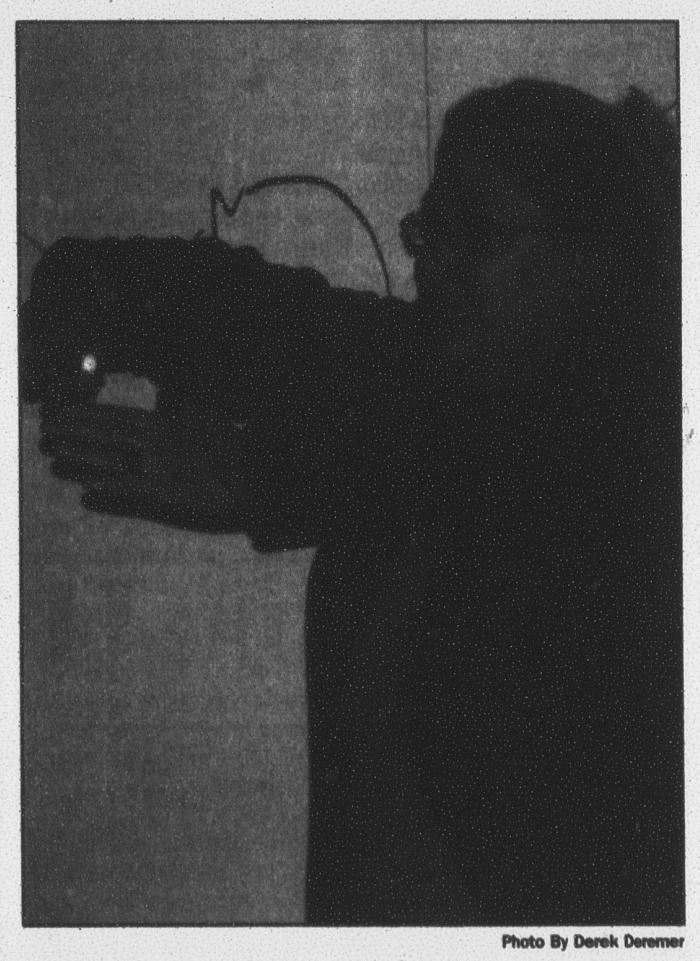

Photo By Derek Deremer

Inorganic chemistry explained

Accomplished inorganic chemist, Dr. Kim Dunbar, explains her field of science during the first Ken and Nancy Long Chemistry Lecture held on Thursday, Oct. 30.

By Derek Deremer
Staff Writer

Thursday, Oct. 30 launched the inaugural Ken and Nancy Long Chemistry Lecture in Mueller Theater.

A donation by the couple allows the chemistry department to bring nationally recognized scientists and have them speak to students. The lecture series' preliminary speaker was Dr. Kim Dunbar, an accomplished inorganic chemist, who described the history of inorganic materials in medicine and her own current research of discovering antitumor inorganic compounds.

Prior to the lecture, many of the students were given a chance to display their summer internships that required them to conduct research with various schools and companies.

The research presented by the students varied: Linda Farnham worked with AGX Inc, monitoring asbestos levels in locations where it was being removed; Nick Mizenko analyzed the different protein conformation changes between heating up a substance with a hot water bath and heating the same substance up with microwaves; Leah Maxwell analyzed the side effects of an anti-diabetic drug, Rosiglitazone on the bone.

The student research display preceding the chemistry lecture excited the students to show their work to others. Christina Hamill, a junior chemistry major enjoyed the chance to show her complex research.

"It was a rare chance to showcase our summer work." Hamill said.

The lecture conducted by Dunbar took a trip through time describing how inorganic substances have been intentionally and unintentionally applied to medicine. Dunbar graduated from Westminster College in 1980 and eventually received her Ph.D. in 1984 from Purdue University.

During that time span she earned numerous awards in science including the Eastman Kodak Award in College Chemistry, the Lubrizol Foundation Award, the Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh Award, and her thesis at Purdue was selected to be the top Ph.D. dissertation. Dunbar is currently the Distinguished Professor and Davidson Chair of Science in the Department of Chemistry at Texas A&M University.

"She is one of the most successful of Alumni in academia. As recent Alumni go, there is nobody better." Described Professor Pete Smith, a chemistry professor, "These are really amazing things she is doing."

Mueller Theater was filled and ready to hear her lecture. Inorganic material has been ignored in most modern areas of medicine, but many scientists, including Dunbar, feel there lies great practical application for inorganic substances as anticancer treatments and cures.

Inorganic materials such as copper and zinc were used by Egyptians to sterilize water and heal wounds, with moderate success. These materials and other metals were used by many cultures through the ages to treat ailments, and only recently they have become more and more considered in modern medicine.

"Her lecture was very well said. She gave a lot of information into medicine I never thought of. She is very brilliant." Kim Worst, a junior chemistry major described after the lecture.

Despite her numerous accomplishments and scientific brilliance, Dunbar is down to earth and especially enjoyed her return trip to Westminster.

"I feel such a mixture of pride and nostalgia [returning to the college]. A little bit of pain from how much hard work and difficulty went into my time here." Dunbar described. "But Westminster's program taught me if it's too easy, its not worth anything."

Hundreds of service hours logged on Make A Difference Day

By Kelly Gould
Staff Writer

Saturday, Oct. 25, 115 volunteers made campus history.

The second annual Make A Difference Day was held by the Drinko Center and 335 hours of community service was performed, which was almost a 100-hour increase from the previous year.

Each group was responsible for completing a different service projects. There were 11 different groups that participated.

Alpha Phi Omega cleaned McClure's run, and the Bio Trail.

The Audio Visual Department held a drive for collection of used video games, board games, books and other items to send to soldiers overseas. This was in association with AV Week.

Sierra Student Coalition cleaned up one mile of Interstate 80 while Alpha Sigma Phi cleaned up Lake Brittain.

In addition, Habitat for Humanity spent the day with Mahoning Valley's Habitat for Humanity chapter doing service work while Lambda Sigma cleaned up trash under the bleachers at Burry Stadium and around campus.

Student Alumni Association and Student Government Association offered their services at President Dorman's Inauguration, driving guests around in golf carts, and greeting and ushering visitors.

Dr. Pataki's Peace Studies class worked at an after school program at the Southwest Gardens Community Center in Farrell, Pa, which they created.

Several other groups also participated in Make A Difference Day. The service completed during this day benefited the campus as well as in Farrell, Pa. community.

Bethany South, a member of the staff at the Drinko Center For Excellence In Teaching and Learning, felt the day was a success.

"I am very pleased with both the number of volunteers who participated this year, as well as the total number of hours volunteered."

Make A Difference Day was created by USA Weekend and is the largest day of service in the United States.

Opinion

RANT & RAVE

If the tape is on the door...DON'T COME IN

I hate gophers

Jesus might have been a Theta Chi but God was a Phi Kappa Tau!

Rainbows= Unicorn Poop

STAR TREK IS AWESOME!

Eat your TUB taster! There are starving kids in Ethiopia!

I'm out, Rrrrr.

Thank you for not smelling funny.

Bathing is a positive.

BARACK OBAMA!

"It wasn't the PEA!"

Come see *Once Upon a Mattress*!

"You swam the moat?"

DRY CLEAN ONLY

When is the musical?

Dear WC, Tolerance is a good thing. Love, WC

Don't buy water!

Blame the problems with the TUB on the ginormous freshman class.

Soup, Soup, Soup

R.T. get your own person - stop stealing my things

Go meat!

I'm done with this party. I belong to the Bull- Moose Party now. . . I guess we're against drilling in ANWR

She creeps with me! We're connected!

Schwenkman?

Your FACE is a tennis picture!

What time is it in India?

I KNOW! I mean, I know! I mean...

BAZOOOO!!!

"Cut me Mick!" -- Rocky II

Foofy McFluffy-kins is the love of my life!

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Effect of the $700 billion bailout on student loans

Students should be wary of changes, but confident in loan security

Lindsey Nuzzo
Editor-in-Chief

When The Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, more commonly known as the $700 billion bailout, passed, I continually heard terms like "higher interest rate" "tougher credit market" and "fewer loans available."

I began to shudder with fear as I wondered how the plan would impact my ability to pay for the loans I use to keep my tuition payments in check. With an estimated 60-70% of students on campus relying on loans, I had a hunch that others probably felt the same worries.

After I stopped shaking in terror, I wandered over to the financial aid office to speak with Cheryl Gerber, director of financial aid, about the mainstream issue that personally affects students attempting to fund a pricey college education.

After our chat, I feel more informed and reassured that my lending company won't be putting a huge rejection stamp on my loans any time soon, but I should not be oblivious to the economic changes occurring nationwide.

"With the bailout, it secured banks balance sheets with the hope that they will decrease interest rates, be lenient with credit criteria, and continue lending," Gerber said.

According to Gerber, students here use two types of loans to fund education: federal and private. Gerber specified that students should not worry if they only use federal loans, which includes subsidized and unsubsidized Stafford loans, Perkins loans and Parent Plus loans.

"At this point, the financial crisis has had no effect on federal loans," Gerber said.

She went on to explained that legislation passed in May known as the Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act of 2008, or, ECASLA, actually helped to stabilize the federal student loan market. ECASLA increased the maximum loan amount for a Stafford loan by $2,000, provided funding to banks that distribute loans, and allowed parents the option to defer payments until after graduation through the Parents Plus loan.

Students, like me, who use an outside or private lender – the most popular being Sallie Mae, Chase, PNC and most other banks – might want to take extra precautions and pay careful attention when applying in the future. While the bailout secured a lot of banks with the hope that they will continue to lend, several banks dropped out of the lending process in regard to student loans.

"A lot of students using banks had to find a new lender and interest rates have increased significantly," Gerber said.

Along with rising interest rates, private loan companies have tightened the credit criteria for receiving a loan and most have dropped out of the once popular consolidation process, which would allow students to combine their separate loans into one payment, typically with a lower interest rate.

"The only way I know of [to consolidate loans] is directly through the federal government program," Gerber said. "Although, most people don't use that option because the interest rates haven't been low enough, anyhow."

Though Gerber doesn't expect an immediate impact due to the struggling credit markets and major bailout plan, she recently attended a conference in Harrisburg about student loans and intends to keep tabs on the situation.

"We haven't had any problems this year, but we are trying to anticipate them for next year with incoming freshman," Gerber said. "I'll continue watching the market, but I'm not sure what the impact will be."

Though I left the financial aid office feeling more assured, the reality is that I still have to pay my tuition; I will still have to pay back my loans; and no one is putting $700 billion in my bank account. Regardless of the tangible effects of the bailout, it is crucial that we, as young adults, pay close attention to mainstream economic changes and the availability of money to our demographic.

Gerber emphasized that students can take steps to help ensure the funding of their higher education.

"I always encourage students to seek out outside resources such as scholarships," Gerber said. "It also helps if they have financial aid loan applications done early, so if there are any changes in the private market, we will have time to react."

"With the bailout, it secured banks balance sheets with the hope that they will decrease interest rates, be lenient with credit criteria, and continue lending."

Cheryl Gerber, Financial aid director

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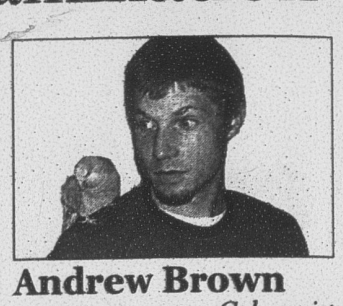
The graduate record examination



Andrew Brown
Columnist

"You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You must do the thing, which you think you cannot do."

These words of Eleanor Roosevelt are very powerful. In the face of annihilation, motivation can equip the right mind with the weaponry needed to destroy the enemy of defeat. With one quick glance at my personal planner, one will note a puzzling phrase in this coming Saturday's block written "Judgment Day." Although I'm not referring to the Mayan's predictions about the world ending, nor the return of a powerful deity, soon I will face an evil known as the chemistry Graduate Record Examination (GRE).

Consisting of four major topic areas, the chemistry GRE tests students on areas that are theoretically (pun intended) covered in undergraduate coursework. These areas include physical, organic, inorganic, and analytical chemistry.

The test is roughly one hundred forty multiple-choice questions and administered in an allotted time frame of two hours and 50 minutes. Simply put, this exam will showcase one's knowledge (or lack thereof) in chemistry and provide a level comparison that will account for any differences between institutions.

Luckily, the chemistry GRE is not mandatory for those students wishing to apply to chemistry graduate schools. While some schools require a chemistry GRE score, others do not, and this seems to cause quite a migration to the highest hill and safest shelter. Out of all the senior chemistry majors pursuing graduate school, only two are taking the chemistry GRE's. Being one of the two, I am appalled and dampened at the lack of enthusiasm. What would Ms. Roosevelt exclaim if she knew the situation?

Armed with motivation, a cup of Joe, and Roosevelt's words echoing in my head, I took my first practice exam. The experience was inexplicable. I tore through the exam page after page, establishing a brisk pace matched only by the likes of an injured cheetah. My brain was unloading theories and equations that would make Einstein raise his brow. Feasting on the dessert of an easy question, my eyes tingled, and I even blacked out a few times. Before I knew it, time was up and my head was hurt. I fell asleep.

Waking up the next morning, I eagerly graded my practice test. The results were in, and nothing more could be done. I scored in the thirtieth percentile. Seventy percent of all students that took this exam kicked my caboose. All of my hard work, preparation, and time believing Eleanor… WASTED! With only a few days before the big test (one day as you read this paper), it is now too late to join my comrades on that safe hill. However, this provokes an idea, which is the true message of this week's column.

When a humble spirit looks for safety, errors on the side of caution, or minimizes risk, opportunity is completely shut down. Is accepting mediocrity an invisible and unspoken cultural value? America is the land of opportunity, but it seems that too many people don't live accordingly.

Although there is a limit before one becomes reckless, wouldn't we all rather ride a roller coaster instead of a monorail? Perhaps I'm just looking for some classmates to join me in battle this Saturday, but what has become of our life goals and dreams? When searching for the meaning of life, take risks, be bold, and above all, remember the words of the first lady, Anna Eleanor Roosevelt.

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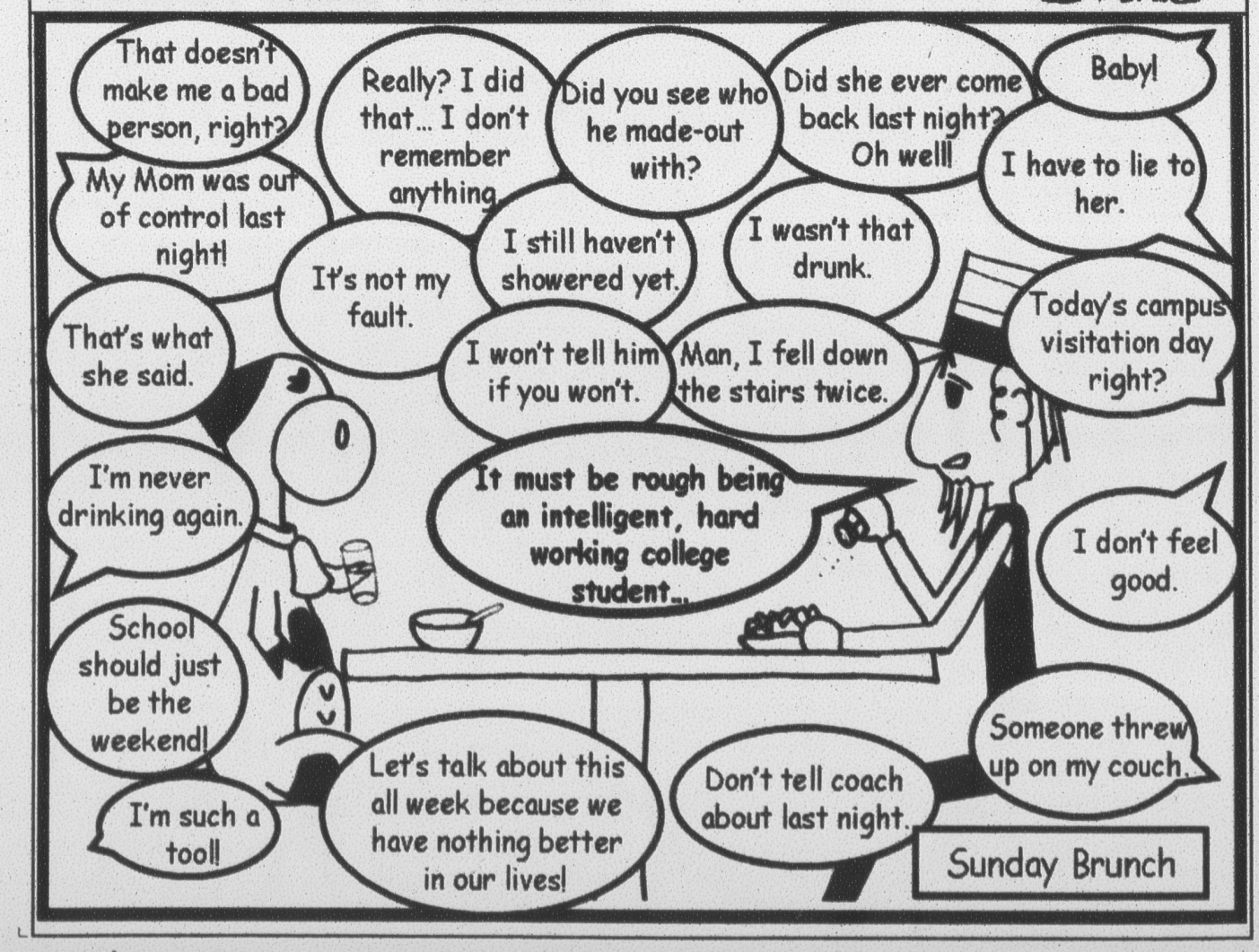

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REGIONAL

Officials acquire more land for Flight 93 memorial

SOMERSET, Pa. (AP) – The National Park Service has acquired 57 additional acres for the Flight 93 National Memorial in rural western Pennsylvania, and joined the Flight 93 Task Force in agreeing to the development of a nonprofit friends group.

The developments were announced Saturday at a Flight 93 Advisory Commission and Task Force meeting.

The newly acquired land will surround the memorial and the site where Flight 93 went down on Sept. 11, 2001. Eventually, a house will be built on the land for a ranger who will provide security.

"Every time we purchase a piece of property for the national memorial, it brings us one step closer to completion of the park by the 10th anniversary," said Joanne Hanley, National Park Service Flight 93 superintendent.

The groups also discussed forming a nonprofit group that would have a board of directors and be in charge of making sure that the memorial's integrity and memory are sustained once it is built.

An agreement letter outlining the goals was signed and is to be sent to the district office of the NPS.

"This is something long-term that we want to keep going," said Jeffrey Reinbold, project manager with the NPS.

The "Friends Group" is to include members of the private and public sectors. To date, officials have raised $13.5 million toward the goal of $30 million for the memorial.

The design and development of the memorial is to be completed by January. Construction bids are to go out in September.

"We need everybody's help to stay on schedule," Hanley said. "We need boots on the ground, boots in the Department of the Interior, and boots in the White House."

Flight 93 was the fourth plane to crash on Sept. 11. Investigators believe passengers rushed the cockpit and forced the hijackers to crash into the field, preventing the hijackers them from reaching their initial target, believed to be in Washington, D.C.

Firms get time to mull Pittsburgh-area toll roads

PITTSBURGH (AP) _ The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission is giving private firms more time to partner with it on a network of toll roads connecting the Pittsburgh area with West Virginia.

Private bids are sought because the turnpike commission doesn't have enough money to finish the projected 100-mile toll network. That includes the Mon-Fayette Expressway and two southern beltway projects.

The deadline for initial proposals was Nov. 11, but the commission has pushed that back to Dec. 17. Final proposals are still due Jan. 15.

The commission has already spent more than $1 billion building more than 50 miles of roads. But officials think it will cost about $5 billion to finish the roads that state lawmakers tasked the commission with completing more than 20 years ago.

NATIONAL

Fla. board keeps Klan leader's name at high school

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) _ A Florida school board voted late Monday night to keep the name of a Confederate general and early Ku Klux Klan leader at a majority black high school, despite opposition from a black board member who said the school's namesake was a "terrorist and racist."

After hearing about three hours of public comments, Duval County School Board members voted 5-2 to the retain the name of Nathan Bedford Forrest High School. The board's two black members cast the only votes to change the name.

"(Forrest) was a terrorist and a racist," argued board member Brenda Priestly Jackson, who is black.

Betty Burney, the board chairman and the board's other black member, also voted against retaining the name.

"It is time to turn the page and get beyond where we are," she said.

Board member Tommy Hazouri voted to keep the name and said it is difficult to know "who the real Forrest is."

The board listened to passionate arguments from those on both sides. More than 140 people crowded into the meeting room, with another 20 watching the meeting on a television in the lobby.

Many urged a name change, saying the Forrest name was an insult.

"Nathan Bedford Forrest was part of the Ku Klux Klan, no matter how you put it. Nathan Bedford Forrest needs to be changed," said Stanley Scott, who is black.

But several spoke favorably of the general, saying the perceptions that Forrest was an evil man who ordered the massacre of Union troops were incorrect.

June Cooper, who graduated from Forrest in 1970, said some people wanted to wipe out Southern history.

"He was a good man," said Cooper, who is White. "He was a military genius."

Despite her opposition, the board's chairwoman noted that the intensely debated issue could distract from students' education and had even prompted one person to receive death threats for wanting the name changed.

"The naming of a school should not take precedence over someone's life," she said.

Some had suggested naming the school after the street it sits on, or honoring a graduate whose plane was shot down in 1991 over Iraq on the first night of Operation Desert Storm.

Forrest High School, which has received two consecutive "F" grades on state assessment tests, opened as an all-white school in the 1950s. Its name was suggested by the Daughters of the Confederacy, who saw it as a protest to the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that eventually integrated the nation's public schools.

But now more than half Forrest High's students are black.

The issue has come up several times during the past half-century, but the School Board has never changed the name. Jacksonville has three other schools named after Confederate generals, but it also has schools named after civil rights icons.

Born poor in Chapel Hill, Tenn., in 1821, Forrest amassed a fortune as a plantation owner and slave trader, importing Africans long after the practice had been made illegal. At 40, he enlisted as a private in the Confederate army at the outset of the Civil War, rising to a cavalry general in a year.

Some accounts accused Forrest of ordering black prisoners to be massacred after a victory at Tennessee's Fort Pillow in 1864, though historians question the validity of the claims.

In 1867, the newly formed Klan elected Forrest its honorary Grand Wizard or national leader, but he publicly denied being involved. In 1869, he ordered the Klan to disband because of the members' increasing violence. Two years later, a congressional investigation concluded his involvement had been limited to his attempt to disband it.

After his death in 1877, memorials to him sprung up throughout the South, particularly in Tennessee. A mounted statue of Forrest and the graves of the general and his wife are in a Memphis park bearing his name.

California voters approve gay-marriage ban

LOS ANGELES (AP) _ Voters put a stop to same-sex marriage in California, dealing a crushing defeat to gay-rights activists in a state they hoped would be a vanguard, and putting in doubt as many as 18,000 same-sex marriages conducted since a court ruling made them legal this year.

The gay-rights movement had a rough election elsewhere as well Tuesday. Ban-gay-marriage amendments were approved in Arizona and Florida, and Arkansas voters approved a measure banning unmarried couples from serving as adoptive or foster parents. Supporters made clear that gays and lesbians were their main target.

But California, the nation's most populous state, had been the big prize. Spending for and against Proposition 8 reached $74 million, the most expensive social-issues campaign in U.S. history and the most expensive campaign this year outside the race for the White House. Activists on both sides of the issue saw the measure as critical to building momentum for their causes.

"People believe in the institution of marriage," Frank Schubert, co-manager of the Yes on 8 campaign said after declaring victory early Wednesday. "It's one institution that crosses ethnic divides, that crosses partisan divides. ... People have stood up because they care about marriage and they care a great deal."

With almost all precincts reporting, election returns showed the measure winning with 52 percent. Some provisional and absentee ballots remained to be tallied, but based on trends and the locations of the votes still outstanding, the margin of support in favor of the initiative was secure.

Exit polls for The Associated Press found that Proposition 8 received critical support from black voters who flocked to the polls to support Barack Obama for president. Blacks voted strongly in favor of the ban, while whites narrowly opposed it and Latinos and Asians were split.

Californians overwhelmingly passed a same-sex marriage ban in 2000, but gay-rights supporters had hoped public opinion on the issue had shifted enough for this year's measure to be rejected.

"We pick ourselves up and trudge on," said Kate Kendell, executive director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights. "There has been enormous movement in favor of full equality in eight short years. That is the direction this is heading, and if it's not today or it's not tomorrow, it will be soon."

The constitutional amendment limits marriage to heterosexual couples, nullifying the California Supreme Court decision that had made same-sex marriages legal in the state since June.

Similar bans had prevailed in 27 states before Tuesday's elections, but none were in California's situation – with about 18,000 gay couples already married. The state attorney general, Jerry Brown, has said those marriages will remain valid, although legal challenges are possible.

Elsewhere, voters in Colorado and South Dakota rejected measures that could have led to sweeping bans of abortion, and Washington became only the second state – after Oregon – to offer terminally ill people the option of physician-assisted suicide.

A first-of-its-kind measure in Colorado, which was defeated soundly, would have defined life as beginning at conception. Its opponents said the proposal could lead to the outlawing of some types of birth control as well as abortion.

The South Dakota measure would have banned abortions except in cases of rape, incest and serious health threat to the mother. A tougher version, without the rape and incest exceptions, lost in 2006. Anti-abortion activists thought the modifications would win approval, but the margin of defeat was similar, about 55 percent to 45 percent of the vote.

"The lesson here is that Americans, in states across the country, clearly support women's ability to access abortion care without government interference," said Vicki Saporta, president of the National Abortion Federation.

In Washington, voters gave solid approval to an initiative modeled after Oregon's "Death with Dignity" law, which allows a terminally ill person to be prescribed lethal medication they can administer to themselves. Since Oregon's law took effect in 1997, more than 340 people – mostly ailing with cancer – have used it to end their lives.

The marijuana reform movement won two prized victories, with Massachusetts voters decriminalizing possession of small amounts of the drug and Michigan joining 12 other states in allowing use of pot for medical purposes.

Henceforth, people caught in Massachusetts with an ounce or less of pot will no longer face criminal penalties. Instead, they'll forfeit the marijuana and pay a $100 civil fine.

The Michigan measure will allow severely ill patients to register with the state and legally buy, grow and use small amounts of marijuana to relieve pain, nausea, appetite loss and other symptoms.

Nebraska voters, meanwhile, approved a ban on race- and gender-based affirmative action, similar to measures previously approved in California, Michigan and Washington. Returns in Colorado on a similar measure were too close to call.

Ward Connerly, the California activist-businessman who has led the crusade against affirmative action, said Obama's victory proved his point. "We have overcome the scourge of race," Connerly said.

Energy measures met a mixed fate. In Missouri, voters approved a measure requiring the state's three investor-owned electric utilities to get 15 percent of their electricity from renewable sources by 2021. But California voters defeated an even more ambitious measure that would have required the state's utilities to generate half their electricity from windmills, solar systems, geothermal reserves and other renewable sources by 2025.

Two animal-welfare measures passed – a ban on dog racing in Massachusetts, and a proposition in California that outlaws cramped cages for egg-laying chickens.

Amid deep economic uncertainty, proposals to cut state income taxes were defeated decisively in North Dakota and Massachusetts.

In San Francisco, an eye-catching local measure – to bar arrests for prostitution – was soundly rejected. Police and political leaders said it would hamper the fight against sex trafficking. And in San Diego, voters decided to make permanent a ban on alcohol consumption on city beaches.

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Tavern sold - New Wilmington landmark reopening

NEW WILMINGTON, Lawrence County-- Real estate agents have put the "sold" sign up outside New Wilmington's Tavern Restaurant which will now reopen in January 2009 under new management. New owners Joseph and Susan Hougelman tell TR News they're excited to see the community landmark reopen. They also say they welcome all suggestions for the future of the restaurant and they'll use the Internet to do that research.

"We are putting up a website and we want it to be interactive where people tell us what they want the restaurant to be," Susan Hougleman told TR reporter Allyson King. "We want people to tell us what kind of food do they want it to have. What kind of baked goods are they interested in."

The Tavern has sat dormant and up for sale for more than a year now after the previous owners hoped to add a liquor license. The former owners brought forth an election initiative that failed to repeal the borough's long standing "dry" status. The current law prohibits the sale of alcoholic beverages inside New Wilmington's town limits. However, having a working bar doesn't seem to be an issue for the Houglemans. The couple also owns and operates the Neshannock Creek Inn in nearby Volant.

"We're going to put in a little bakery next to the restaurant and we hope to restore it to the way it was in the original days. We want it to have good homemade cooking and homemade baked goods and other old fashion comfort type foods."

INTERNATIONAL

World markets surge as America votes

LONDON (AP) _ World markets surged Tuesday as the uncertainty about who will be the next U.S. president neared an end and a leading U.S. investment bank told its clients in Europe to buy stocks after the savaging they have taken in the last few weeks.

The Dow Jones industrial average ended trading at 9,625.28, up 305.45 or 3.28 percent, its highest close in four weeks. The broader indexes were up more than 3 percent.

Tuesday's rally on Wall Street extended into early Wednesday trading in Asia, where stocks rose sharply. Japan's benchmark advanced almost 3 percent, and South Korea's Kospi advanced 3.2 percent. Markets in Singapore, Australia, Shanghai and New Zealand also traded higher.

Britain's FTSE 100 index on Tuesday closed 196.22 points, or 4.4 percent, higher at 4,639.50, while Germany's DAX was up 251.20 points, or 5.0 percent, at 5,278.04. France's CAC-40 was 163.12 points, or 4.6 percent, higher at 3,691.09.

In Latin America, stocks rallied for the second straight day, bolstered by gains on Wall Street and in Europe and renewed investor confidence after steep losses.

Argentina's Merval index led the pack, surging to close up 6.2 percent at 1,123.

Brazil's Ibovespa index closed up 5.2 percent to 40,252, while the nation's currency, the real, strengthened against the U.S. dollar.

Mexico's IPC also closed up 4.5 percent to 21,535. The peso, which has been battered in recent weeks, strengthened to 12.6 per U.S. dollar, compared with 12.8 the previous day.

Chile's IPSA index rose to close at 2.6 percent to 2,627, while Colombia's IGBC closed up 2.7 percent to 7,419.

The rise in risk appetite, evidenced in Tuesday's stock market rally, took its toll on the dollar, which plunged 3 percent against the euro, which is now trading at $1.3012. The dollar has been seen as a safe haven asset during the last few weeks of the financial turmoil.

That renewed dollar weakness fed through into the price of oil, which is priced in the U.S. currency. It spiked above $70 a barrel, a level above which it has not traded in nearly two weeks.

Light, sweet crude for December delivery rose $6.62 to settle at $70.53 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange after rising as high as $71.77.

"It's very much a case that we are seeing risk aversion subsiding and the U.S. presidential election has probably added to a process already under way," said Ian Stannard, an analyst at BNP Paribas.

The willingness to take on additional risk has come even though investors know full well that whoever wins the election will have their work cut out to lift the U.S. economy out of recession. Further proof of the scale of the downturn in the world's largest economy came earlier with the news that factory orders fell 2.5 percent in September from August, much worse than the 0.7 percent drop analysts had predicted

"The next president is going to inherit the poisoned chalice of an economy entering a deep and prolonged recession and a soaring budget deficit that will rapidly reach levels not seen in a generation," said Paul Ashworth, senior U.S. economist at Capital Economics.

"Of course, this might also be a golden opportunity for the victor to turn things around and make his mark on history, much as Franklin D. Roosevelt did with the New Deal in the 1930s," he added.

European stocks have been aided by a note from Morgan Stanley recommending European investors to buy stocks and has reversed its "full house sell signal" of June 2007 to a "full house buy signal". It had been one of the first major investment banks to look for the stock market exit door last year.

European shares have also been boosted by the ongoing decline in interbank lending rates ahead of expected interest rate reductions Thursday from the European Central Bank and the Bank of England.

Son of Osama bin Laden loses asylum bid in Spain

MADRID, Spain (AP) _ Spain's Interior Ministry says it has rejected an asylum request from a son of Osama bin Laden.

A ministry official says the government determined that 27-year-old Omar Osama bin Laden did not "meet the conditions necessary for entering Spain."

The official would not elaborate or discuss the younger bin Laden's reasons for seeking asylum upon arriving Monday at Madrid's Barajas Airport. The ministry official spoke Wednesday on condition of anonymity in line with government policy.

Omar Osama Bin Laden has 24 hours to appeal and remains in an airport transit area.

The Spanish official said the government usually seeks a recommendation from the U.N. refugee agency in asylum request cases. He says the agency also recommended against asylum.

Campus News

Students attend PR seminar

PR majors learn to integrate social media in future profession

By Jessica Davis
Staff Writer

Members of the Public Relations Student Society of America attended a seminar in Pittsburgh on Monday, Nov. 3.

Six student members of PRSSA and assistant professor of English and public relations, Dr. Suzanne Prestien, attended the seminar, "It's not 2.0. It's not 3.0. It's simply life," at Carnegie Mellon University. Founder and CEO of The Geek Factory, Inc., Peter Shankman, led a discussion concerning the use and abuse of technology in public relations.

"All of us that attended the seminar thought that it was very interesting," secretary of PRSSA, Carrie Hill, said. "Mr. Shankman talked about how social media and the internet in general are becoming just another part of life and how it will be an integral part of pr and business in the very near future."

Students were active in a networking luncheon with other members of PRSSA and the Public Relations Society of America. Shankman led a discussion that focused on social networks and the ways in which they are used in public relations.

According to www.prsa.org, there are more than 32,000 professional and student members of PRSA nationally.

"These seminars let students hear info– new or old– in a different format and from a different perspective," Prestien said. "This reinforces what we're doing in the classroom and helps the students think in new, creative ways."

Social networks like Facebook, Twitter, and blogs can benefit public relations professionals. However, Shankman stressed that public relations practitioners know how and when to use this technology.

According to www.westminster.edu, Westminster is the first private liberal arts institution to offer an undergraduate major in public relations.

"PRSSA aims to cultivate a mutually advantageous relationship between students and public relations practitioners," President of PRSSA, Janie Ingersoll, said. "It also aims to foster students' understanding of modern theories and procedure, to instill in them a professional attitude and to encourage them to adhere to the highest ideals of the practice of public relations."

Members of PRSSA attend educational seminars that provide opportunities for networking and complete field experience to prepare themselves for future careers in public relations. Students of any major can join PRSSA and must pay annual dues. PRSSA meets every other Thursday at 5:15 p.m. in Thompson Clark, room 314.

"These seminars let students hear info– new and old– in a different format and from a different perspective."

Dr. Suzanne Prestien, assistant professor of English and public relations.

Off-campus lottery gives students chance for independence

By Lizz Ward
Campus Writer

Twenty-five students will get the opportunity to live off campus through the annual Off Campus Lottery, to be held on Wednesday, Nov. 19.

Fifteen women and 10 men, who are currently sophomores or juniors, will be chosen in a random lottery to fill the 25 approved slots to live off campus during the 2009-2010 school year. Women will draw at 9 p.m., and men will draw at 9:45 p.m. The drawings will take place in the Witherspoon Maple Room in the McKelvey Campus Center.

Current juniors and groups of juniors will get to draw first, followed by groups made up of both sophomores and juniors, and then finally sophomores and groups of sophomores. Anywhere from one to six students can enter the lottery, and groups cannot be co-ed. All students must bring their Titan cards.

Groups are to list their members on an index card. Then, one member from each group, or an individual looking to live off campus, will draw one lottery number. Numbers are chosen at random to select the individuals who will be permitted to live off campus. The students must then have a lease turned in to Student Affairs by June 1, 2009, for the college records.

All who cannot attend will need a proxy, to draw in their place. The proxy form can be found on the school Web site or in the Student Affairs office. The proxy must bring this form with them to the lottery.

With an increasing demand for off-campus living opportunities from non-commuters, a lottery is the best way to ensure that no student or group has more or less of a chance to get a spot than any other student or group. Students who do not win the lottery but still wish to live off campus are put on a waiting list; so that if any chances to live off campus come up, they will be the first to be contacted.

Living off campus is an opportunity for students to take on more responsibilities than on-campus living allows. Students who live off campus have to maintain their own homes, pay rent, buy food and be more independent overall.

The college provides students with assistance in finding an off-campus residence and some of the basics of living off campus. This guidance may include helping students understand town ordinances and the rules of living in New Wilmington borough; suggestions about being a member of the community; and information about leasing and insurance.

For some students, living on campus is preferred as a way of being more involved with campus activities and being closer to classes. For others, the chance to give independent living a shot is very appealing, and the Off Campus Lottery provides students with this opportunity every year.

Green Party makes political point with free food

Photo By Stephanie Chaffee

Senior Levi Sanchez and junior Ben Portz perform at the "Food Not Bombs" event held by the campus Green Party on Friday, Oct. 31.

By Travis Gulling
Staff Writer

On Friday, Oct. 31, the Green Party sponsored "Food not Bombs" in the Berlin Lounge.

The Green Party held this event to demonstrate how the United States has a surplus of food, but much of this food is going to waste. At the same time, the government is spending billions of dollars on several wars instead of using that money to send food to countries that are lacking nutritious food.

"We are doing this to make a political point," Green Party President Marissa Danney said. "We think the government could use the money sending food to these people instead of spending it on a war."

The event involved free food to students who showed up to the event and had Ben Portz and Ryan Hitchcock play music for those in attendance. The music consisted of jazz music played by the two juniors.

"I really enjoyed playing for this event because it was great cause." Ben Portz said. "I also enjoyed getting the free food, but the cause is very good and hopefully something can be accomplished to fix the problem."

Food not Bombs is a concept that the Green Party got from a website, foodnotbombs.net, which supports all of the aforementioned aspects of this event.

The Green Party would like too thank all those individuals who made this event possible and hopes that all students understand the significance of this event and how you can help.

The Green Party, formed in the spring semester 2002, subscribes to the 10 key values of the Green Party of the United States: grassroots democracy, social justice, ecological wisdom, nonviolence, decentralization, community-based economics, feminism and gender equity, respect for diversity, personal and global responsibility, and future focus.

Members are full time undergraduate students who agree with the purpose and object of the party.

"We think the government could use the money sending food to these people instead of spending it on a war."

Green Party President Marissa Danney

New sociology class focuses on gender differences

Gender studies minor looks as societal reflection of gender and stereotypes

By Erika Clayton
Staff Writer

A new class on gender studies, Sociology 306: Gender and Family, will be offered during the spring semester.

The 300-level course will be taught by Dr. Phyllis Kitzerow. The spring term has a cluster available in which both courses carry Gender Studies credit, and they are Science 294: Women in Science and Music 149: Women in Music.

According to Kitzerow, the class will talk and read about the history of, and trends in, marriage, children, gender roles, dating, sexuality, and more. She also mentioned that they will be looking at the changes in structure of the family as well as the choices and constraints the family faces.

The class will be looking at the diversity of families by race, class, and ethnicity as well. This class was her idea, because she thought this would be an interesting follow-up to the Sociology of Gender course where they touch on some of these issues but do not get to explore them in depth.

Kitzerow has a lot of ideas planned for the class. There will be several films that focus on families, and on weddings in particular. She comments that she will be using an activity called Relationship Contract, which was suggested by Dr. Danielle Ficco.

"I think it would be interesting to have a panel of people with varying family types to discuss some of the issues about which we are reading," Kitzerow said.

For anyone who does not know what the term gender studies means, it refers to looking at how we are all influenced by gender and how our society reflects that influence. For example, people still often say "woman doctor" or "woman lawyer," reflecting the stereotype of male lawyers.

"Similarly we point out the male elementary school teacher our child has because we do not expect that, even though men are increasingly likely to choose that field," Kitzerow said. "We are particularly likely to have stereotypes about marriage and family because we so reflect the families in which we grew up."

As of now, about five students are Gender Studies Minors. This is a six course minor with one required course (Sociology of Gender) and five elective courses in a variety of fields. It looks at the impact of gender on a number of disciplines and topics and can go well with a major in psychology, sociology, business, communications, and many more.

This minor may not have been publicized much in the past, but Kitzerow plans to do more now. Although the two courses Women in Music and Women in Science indicate special attention to women because of their history in that field, most gender studies courses discuss both men and women. Kitzerow says this course is very important for a sociological reason.

"What often seems to be a personal problem may be a social issue," Kitzerow said. "Different expectations about men and women have personal effects and may present problems for the individual involved."

Kitzerow is trying to inform everyone that gender studies helps people see the general experience, rather than just their own personal experience. Both males and females run into gender expectations and stereotypes that constrain their choices and affect their outlook.

"Studying gender helps us see these as societal, rather than personal," Kitzerow said.

She suggests that for people who plan to go into business, legal or medical professions, education, helping professions or any other career, having knowledge of gender expectations and their effects can be beneficial in future experiences.

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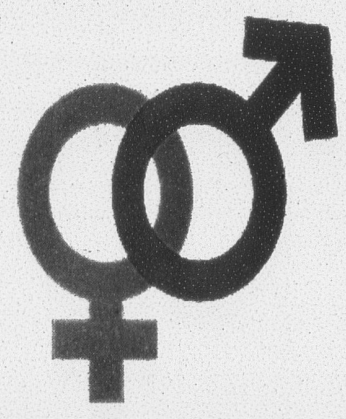
Dr. Phyllis Kitzerow, professor of political science and sociology



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Students can show their pep with spirit squad to form in spring

By Kelly Gould
Staff Writer

Spirit squad gives students an opportunity to support their fellow classmates and spread Titan spirit. The spirit squad is not an active group yet, but should start having regular meetings and group activities next semester.

The Spirit Squad is run primarily by Aimee Gerber and other upperclassmen. They also work with Carey Anne Meyer-LaSor, the adviser of the group. The group has had a delayed start due to many of the members' hectic schedules.

This group is meant to provide support to all sports teams around campus. The goal is to give positive support for the players collectively as a group. Gerber feels that this group is a necessity for the college.

"Ultimately, our goal is to create an everlasting pride and spirit for Westminster College, not only among the athletics but also for the college," Gerber said.

This group was inspired by the lack of support for the sports teams that have a smaller fan base. LaSor felt that the teams really needed positive support from their peers. When players hear noise from the stands, they seem to get more excited and pumped up for the game.

The main goal of this group was to get a number of students to support every sporting event on campus. People will be showing support by wearing blue and white, shouting cheers and making signs.

Since the goals of the group have been decided, it leaves the decision of whether or not to have bylaws or how to structure the group. There will not be any negative cheering, which is discouraged by the NCAA, or National Collegiate Athletic Association. This means that no one will be allowed to shout cruel or negative things at games. The whole idea is to be a positive influence on the teams, not a negative one.

"Ultimately, our goal is to create everlasting pride and spirit for Westminster College."

-Aimee Gerber, senior

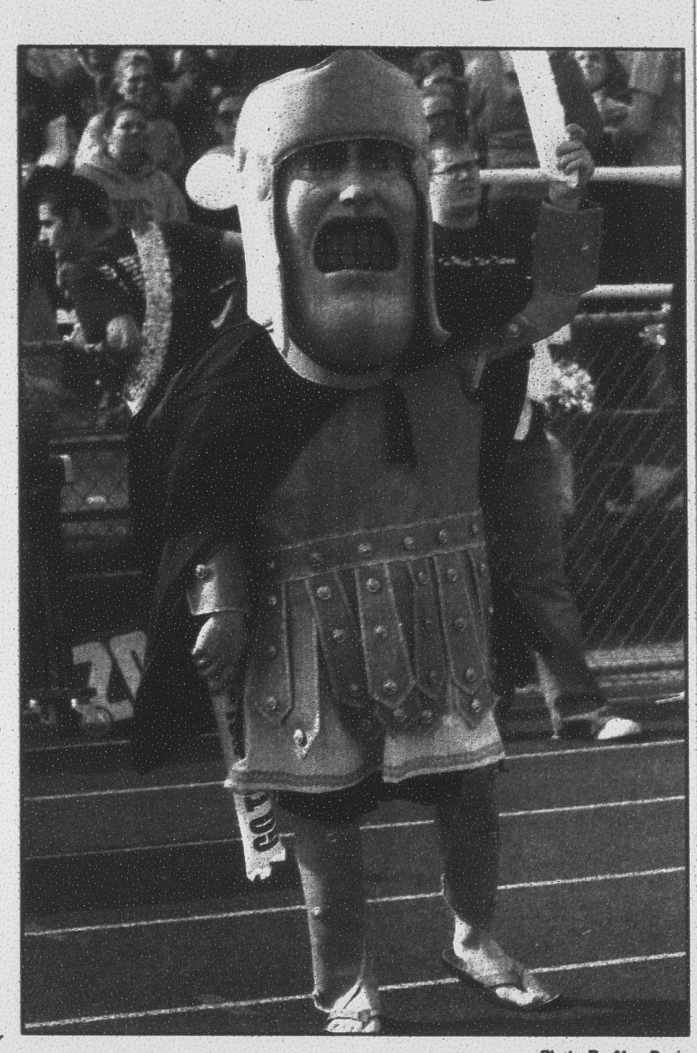

Photo By Alex Davis

The Titan mascot along with the soon-to-form spirit squad will cheer on the Titans at sporting events.

Model U.N. to travel to Chicago for annual conference

By Jamie Swarm
Campus Writer

The Model United Nations organization will fly to Chicago, IL., Nov. 22-25, to partake in the 19th annual American Model United Nations Annual Conference along with 1,400 other participants.

This national conference, which takes place in the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers, is a simulation of what actually occurs in the United Nations. Students are split into groups and rooms where they represent various countries. Eighteen students, along with Adviser Dr. Michael Aleprete, will attend this conference, representing the countries of Nicaragua and Moldova.

"Each year Model UN is awarded enough funding to attend one conference," Aleprete said. "This is a national conference, but it is the first time Westminster is going."

Last year, at a regional conference in St. Louis, MO., the organization was awarded honorable mention award. Although Aleprete said this award was "great," he was focused on the competition rather than the prizes.

"It's not an objective to win awards, as long as the students compete," Aleprete said. "It's more important that they compete than anything else."

Model UN, co-founded last year by current President Meredith Smith, has more than just the conference planned for this year.

"We are hosting a high school conference here in the spring," Smith said. "We are inviting several different schools around the area and hope to have a great turnout."

Smith expects this conference to be a successful fundraiser for the organization and also believes it will give high school students the experience of participating in a conference.

The organization is run by an executive board, which includes Vice President Natasha Kassim and Treasurer Chris Stone.

"We all work so well together as a team," Smith said. "The students holding executive roles are terrific!"

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Dr. Michael Aleprete, Model U.N. Adviser

Concert raises money for campus group

Steve Moakler performs for students, helps raise funds for Habitat for Humanity spring break trip

By Laura Henry
Staff Writer

Filling Berlin Lounge with laughter, foot tapping, hands clapping, and sing-a-longs, vocal and instrumental artist Steve Moakler helped raise more than $100 in support of Habitat for Humanity's (HFH) spring break trip to Biloxi, MS.

On Tuesday Nov. 1 starting at 7:30 p.m., students filled every seat in the Berlin Lounge, many sitting on the floor, to enjoy the passionate and strong vocals of Steve Moakler. His musical talents and ability to entertain a crowd, left many either rolling with laughter or listening in awe to the passionate words of each song.

Continuously wanting more, the crowd shouted requests and sang along with Moakler, hanging on to every word, eager for the next song. Sophomore and HFH member Sarah Kehr expressed her enthusiasm when she found out about Moakler's performance.

"Steve is one of my favorite artists and I was super excited to see him," Kehr said. "I was by no means disappointed. He was excellent."

HFH member Heather Merry played a major role in the concert, being childhood friends with Moakler and arranging his attendance. He contacted Merry informing her about his tour in the nearby area.

HFH saw him being in the area and a benefit concert as a great opportunity to entertain students and get the campus involved. All proceeds from the concert will go toward HFH's spring break trip where they will help Katrina victims.

Moakler has been singing, playing the guitar, and writing songs since the 7th grade. Moving through middle school self-taught lessons, to high school bands, then onto college, he is now making his first record while touring and playing his songs for crowds.

Moakler expressed that he loves every minute of what he does as an entertainer. He especially loves coming to different areas, seeing familiar faces, and connecting with his audience. Moakler is very passionate about his work and gains inspiration from his girlfriend and his pursuit in God.

"I am inspired by life," Moakler said. "Every aspect of life has a song."

Not only is Moakler passionate about his work and life, but he is also avid and caring toward those less fortunate.

"I'm so psyched to be here and to be helping out Habitat for Humanity," Moakler said. "Let's pass some buckets around for donations and while we are doing that remember that there are people out there that are a lot poorer than you."

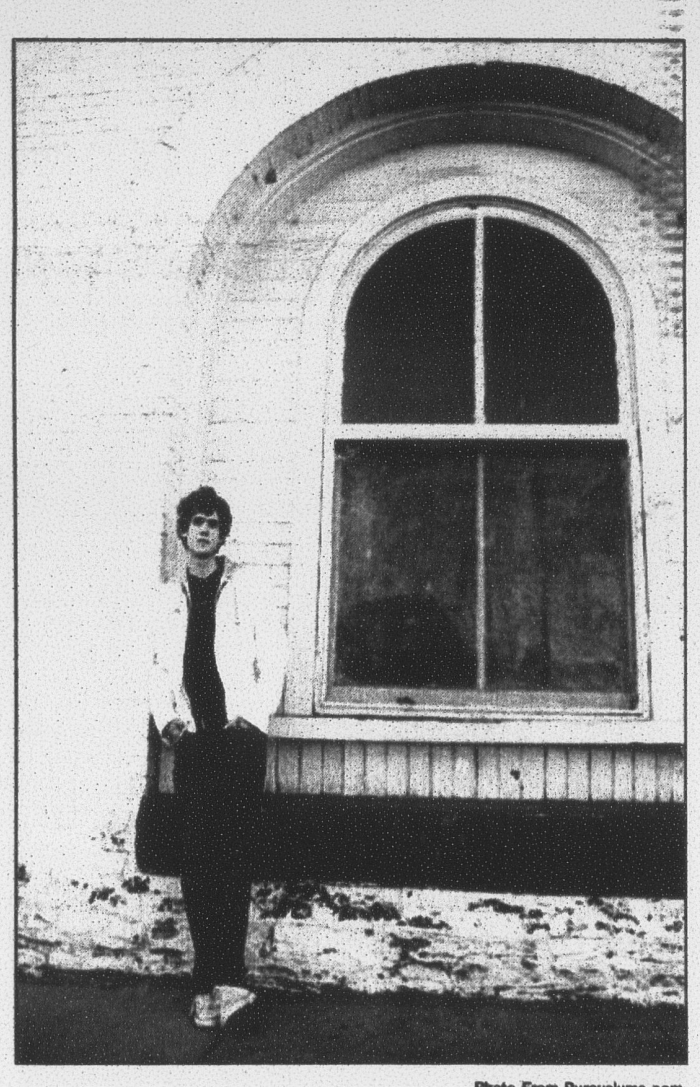
Moakler sang many of his own songs including "Get Lost Get Found," "Stay Sound," "Where You Belong," "Ribbons and Bows and Baby Jesus," "The Boy that You Drew," "18," and "Slow Mo." In addition, Moakler sang songs by well-known artists including John Meyer's "Comfortable" and NSYNC's "Dirty Pop."

Many students were taken aback from Moakler's performance and hope he will return to campus for another inspiring and entertaining show. As a well-known artist mainly in the Pittsburgh area many students had never heard of Moakler prior to his concert. However, by making a memorable impression Moakler has become a favorite artist for many students. One such student is sophomore and HFH member Sara Reis.

"I had never listened to or heard of Steve before tonight," Reis said. "But now I am definitely going to listen to his songs."

Sponsoring Steve Moakler, Habitat for Humanity is happy knowing students were entertained from start to finish and many eagerly await Moakler's next visit.

On Saturday Nov. 22, HFH will sponsor another benefit concert staring Chris Higbee of The Povertyneck Hillbillies, performing at 8:30 p.m. in Orr Auditorium.



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Instrumental and vocal artist Steve Moakler performed in the Berlin Lounge on Tuesday, Nov. 1.

Non-traditional students honored

By Kelly Fee
Campus Writer

The Office of Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning is celebrating a week in honor of non-traditional students.

Nov. 2-8 is Non-Traditional Students Week. The week is designed to honor the five percent of students on campus that are non-traditional. Non-traditional students here at Westminster are referred to as Lifelong Learning Program students. The majority of LLP students are working adults, single parents, part-time workers and veterans. LLP students currently range from the age of 24 to 56 years old.

"We love our LLP students because of their dedication to the curriculum," Elizabeth Hines, director of Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning, said.

The office celebrates the week with refreshments available everyday in the LLP office. The LLP students receive a discount at the Titan Gift Shop for the month of November along with the chance to enter to win a non-traditional gift basket. The students can also bring a friend to class with them to share their experience. The week ends with the third annual LLP family dinner on Friday Nov. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at Tuscany Square Ristorante.

"Most Lifelong Learning students are completing a life goal of theirs," Hines said.

LLP students can take classes during the day or evening depending on their own personal and work schedule. Most students are pursuing a Bachelor's degree, while others are taking enrichment courses in order to get certified in education, while still others are receiving college credit while still in high school or taking core classes for graduate school.

Current LLP students include members of the community and current employees on campus.

"I work in the athletic department and usually only see students from a sports viewpoint," LLP student April Stewart said. "I would say that one of the things I most enjoy is seeing student-athletes in class and getting to know them on a different level."

The Lifelong Learning Program is designed to accommodate the life needs of individuals wanting to continue their education. LLP students do not live on campus so being in commuting distance is a deciding factor, along with many other reasons, for students enrolled in the program.

"I chose Westminster because of its close proximity to my residence, its reputation for high academic standards, smaller class sizes and its high degree of success in job or career placement following graduation," LLP student Steve Reider said. "Choosing Westminster has been one of the best decisions in my life."

The Lifelong Learning Program has been in existence for the past 33 years and has served hundreds of students over the years.

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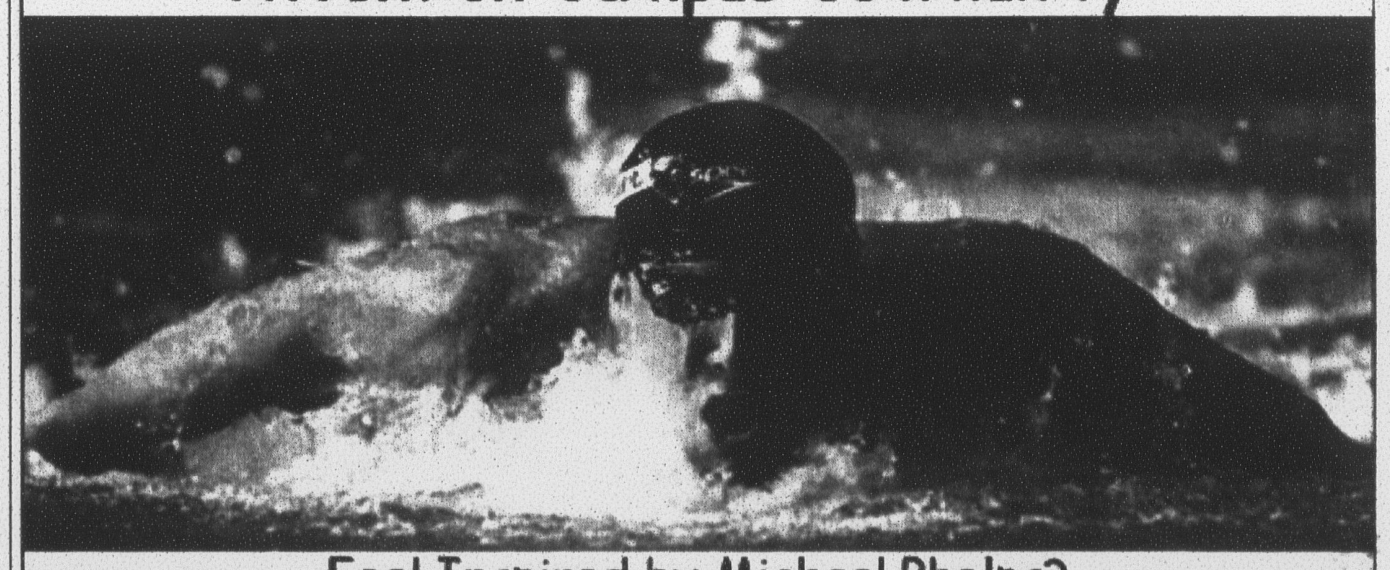

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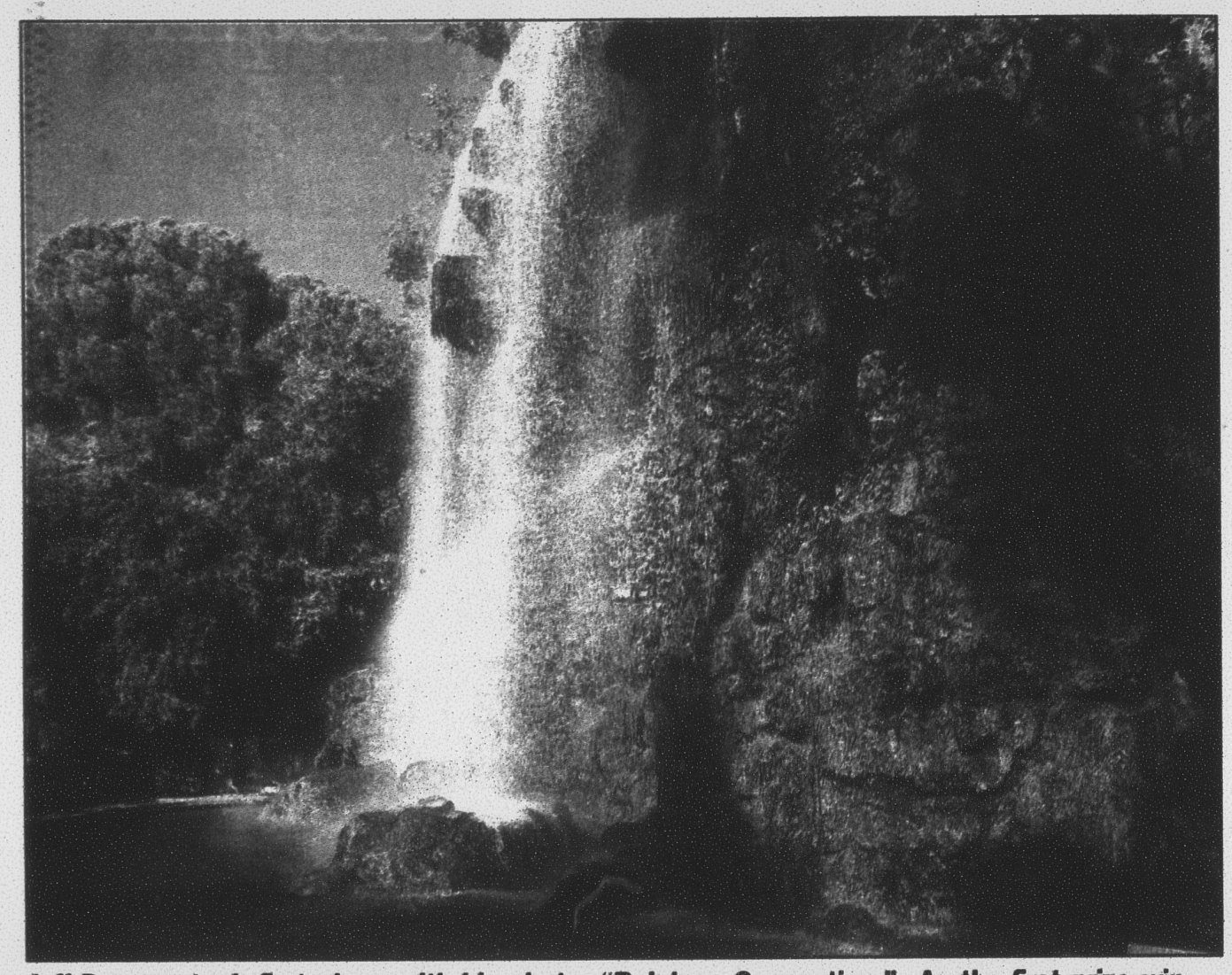
Study abroad photo contest results



Jeff Downey took first place with his photo, "Rainbow Connection." As the first prize winner, he will receive a free calendar and a gift certificate to the Titan Gift Shop. The second and third prize winners will also receive the calendar that features the top 12 photos.

By Christina Roseto
Campus Writer

A picture really is worth a thousand words. The department of off-campus studies can boast their pictures are worth 12,000 words after 12 winners were chosen for the study abroad photo contest to have their pictures featured in a calendar for 2009.

Eleven students who studied abroad submitted over 50 photos to the contest. The photos were on display in the McKelvey Campus Center for two weeks, and students, faculty, and staff voted to determine the 12 finalists.

Three overall winners will be chosen. First through third place will receive a calendar and first and second place will be awarded a gift certificate to the campus gift shop.

Department of off-campus studies intern, Bridget Roth, organized the contest to generate more awareness for study abroad on campus.

"This contest and display of the photos really promotes the idea of study abroad to the entire Westminster community," Roth said. "I was really glad we got so much interest from the study abroad students and from those who voted for their favorite photo"

Roth, an honors student who studied in Oxford last fall, is currently working on her honors project to improve knowledge of study abroad by promoting it around campus. This contest was a vital part to Roth's project and she felt it was a success.

"Looking through the photos absolutely blew me away," Roth said. "The angles and overall quality were excellent and many people who visited the display table took notice of that."

Many of the students who submitted photos never really had intentions of entering the contest. Junior Shannon Richter, who traveled to Oxford last fall with Roth and other students, took pictures while abroad for different reasons.

"I kept a journal along with Stephanie [Chaffee] and we posted and updated photo albums on Facebook," Richter said. "It gave us a great way to communicate with our families."

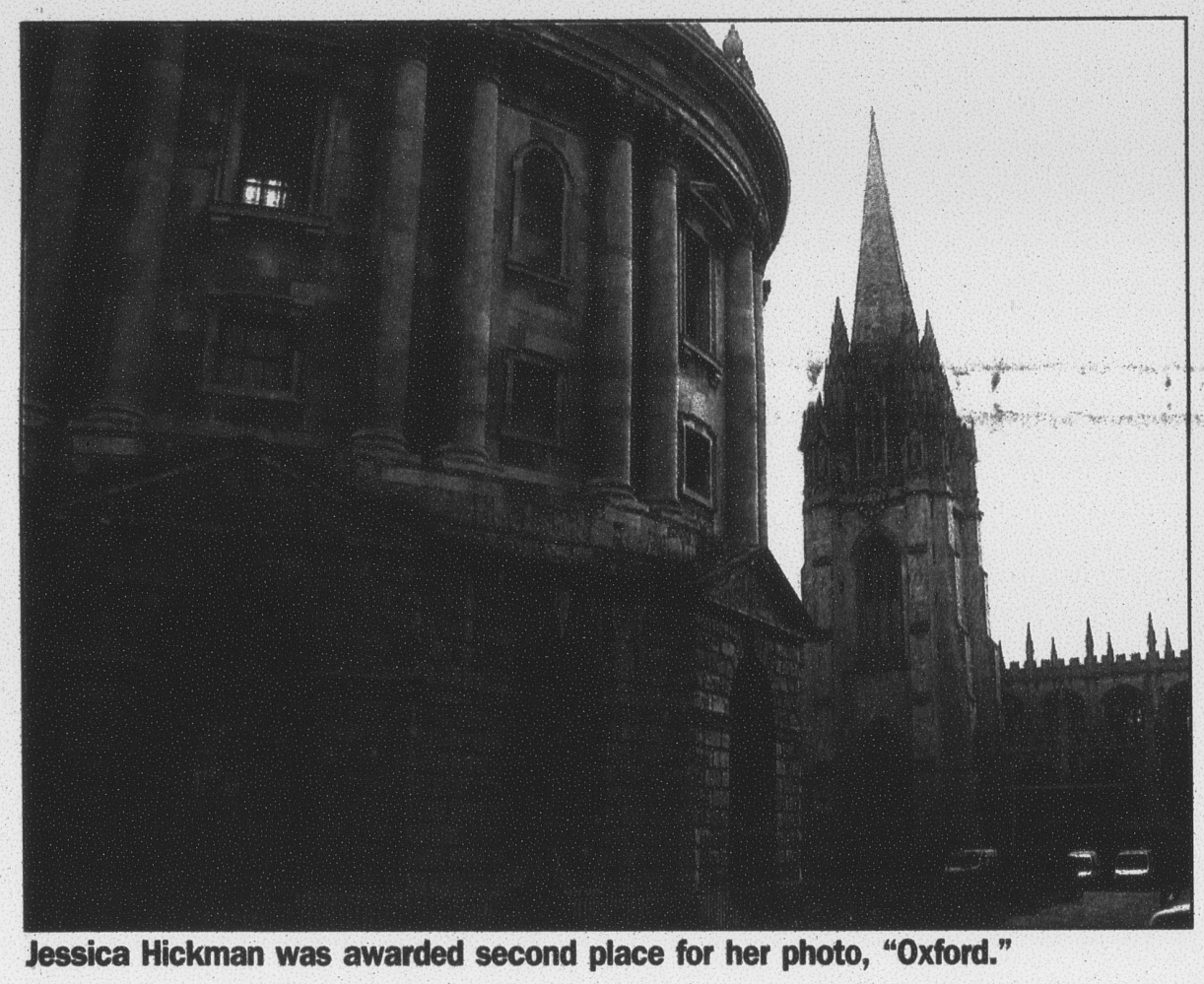
Others, like junior Stephanie Chaffee, looked high and low for the perfect shot during their time abroad.

"We walked the entire length of Rome taking a ton of pictures," Chaffee said. "It was tiring, but we had a blast."

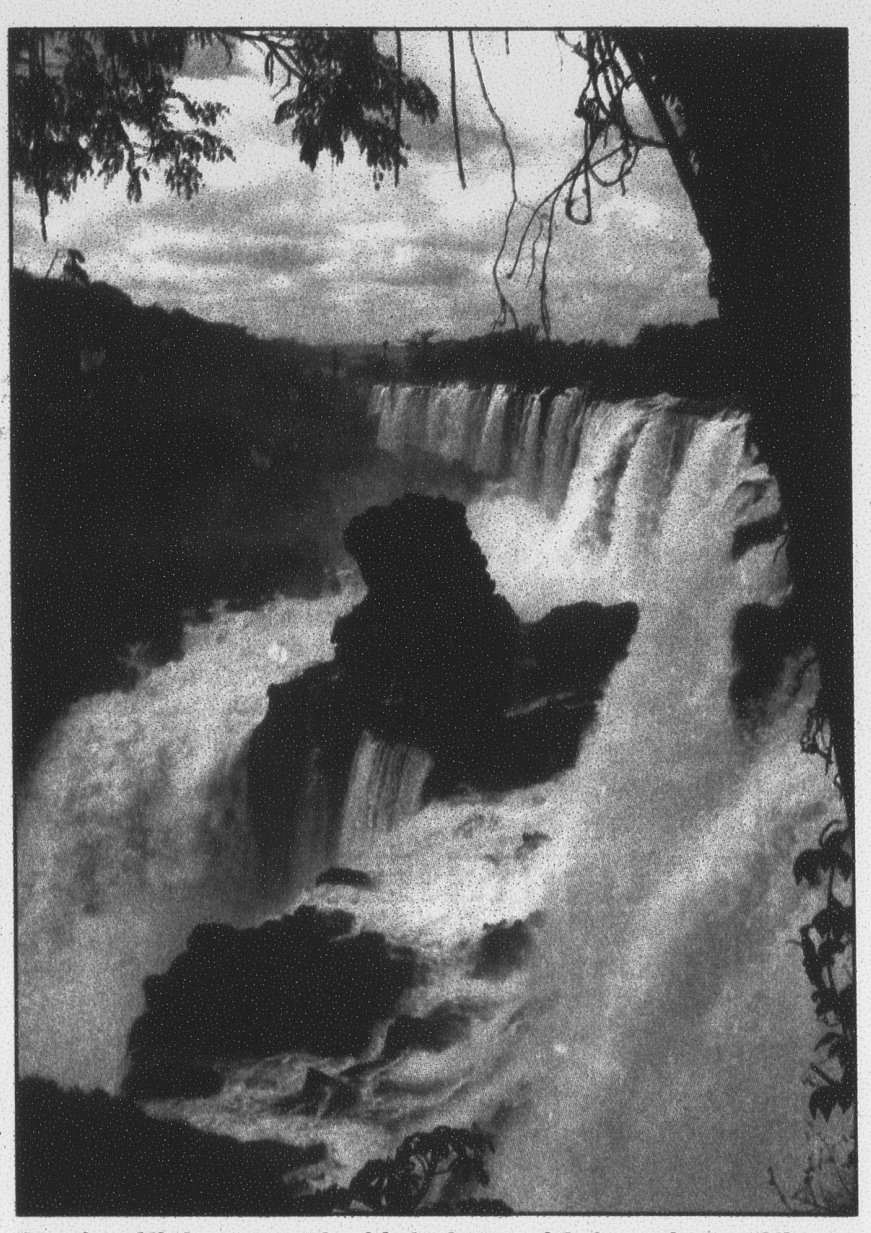
Richter's photo "Sunset in Rome" was selected as one of the 12 to be featured in the calendar, while Chaffee had two selected as finalists.

Roth expects the calendars will go on sale in the next week or two and will be sold for under $10.

"We're looking to get the word out there by selling the calendars," Roth said. "Hopefully, people will become more interested in study abroad and visit our offices in the future."



Jessica Hickman was awarded second place for her photo, "Oxford."



Jessica Hickman took third place with her photo "Niagara's Got Nothing."

The other winners include: "Stonehenge at Sunset" by Christina Alducka, "Debajo del Reloj"by Lynn Elliott, "Sunset in Rome" by Shannon Richter, "Our First Irish Rainbow" by Stephanie Chaffee, "Cherry Trees" by Lynn Elliott, "Washed Away" by Colleen Lataille, "Taking it all in on the Costa del Sol" by Abby Montgomery, "Wish I was There . . ." by Stephanie Chaffee and "Christmas in La Plaza" by Kimberly Swihart.

Beatlemania: travel back in time

By Lee Biermeyer
Campus Writer

Prepare to travel back in time to an era of peace, love, and rock and roll. The era, of course, was the 1960s, and the hot new band on the rise was none other than the Beatles. Changing music with two visionary albums, Sgt. Peppers Lonely Hearts Club Band and The White Album, the band forever made a lasting impression on art and music.

Two senior public relation students, Gretchen Fatula and Chris Lehberger, are in the process of preparing the time machine. For an experiential project, the two will be hosting Beatlesmania 2008: a night featuring music, artwork, literature and film all centered on the Beatles. The event will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 9, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Hoyt Institute of Fine Arts in New Castle.

The night will feature live bands performing the music of the Beatles. So far, some student musicians who might be on the list include Levi Sanchez and Ben Portz.

"They're the ones with the most experience playing shows and stuff," Lehberger said.

Along with music, many other artistic forms will be presented at the event. A Beatles documentary will be shown. The two planners are also looking for artwork of the Beatles to be displayed. The institute already has a display on Vietnam, which goes well with the Beatles.

Tickets to the event will cost $3 but will include everything there: live music, a cash bar, hors d 'oeuvres and an art display; plus, everyone can just walk through the houses and tour the place.

This event is also a Christmas event so decorations will be up, and everything will look very elegant.

"The Hoyt usually has a Christmas event every year but they haven't in awhile so we also wanted to reintroduce those," Fatula said.

The Hoyt Institute of Fine Arts is located on Leasure Avenue in New Castle. The make up of it is two old, large, preserved 1917 mansions on five acres of land along New Castle's north hill. One mansion is an art gallery that also houses 50 art classes and workshops. The other is preserved exactly as it was from 1917. The drive is not too far, only about 15 minutes from campus.

The Beatles' music has retained its cultural significance in music history, and it probably forever will. A band from Liverpool is still remembered 40 years later and is still influencing culture and musicians today.

"The reason for the Beatles is it attracts a younger and an older generation," Fatula said. "It bridges the gap between the two."

In 40 more years, the music will probably still be doing the same thing.

BSU sponsors Christmas shopping trip to Big Apple

By Brad Meehan
Campus Writers

The Black Student Union is giving students a chance to personally experience the hustle and bustle of New York City.

BSU is planning a shopping trip to New York City, which is open to all students. The bus will depart from campus on Friday, Dec. 5, at 11 p.m. and arrive in New York City on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 8 a.m. Students will have all day to shop in several designated areas of New York City, and then the bus will depart from New York City at 9 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6, to arrive back on campus Sunday, Dec. 7, at 8 a.m.

"As an organization, we were discussing possible fundraiser ideas, so we decided some of the profits from this trip will go toward purchasing gifts for our annual Christmas donation," President Reesha Jackson said. "This year we are adopting children from Southwest Gras Community Center."

The cost of the trip is $70 per student, with a portion of the money going toward BSU's Christmas Donation. The fee includes the bus fare to and from New York City. Once students arrive in New York City, each student is responsible for bringing money to shop.

The bus will make three stops: Chinatown, Jamaica Queens and Aqueduct Flea Market. Each stop will allow an allotted time for students to shop. Also, each student will be provided a map so everyone will know the best stores to shop as well as the best restaurants in the area.

"I have never been to New York City before, and I hear it is decorated really pretty during the holiday season," senior Amanda Smallhoover said. "This is a great trip for students to get some shopping done; plus it's helping out the less fortunate during the holiday season."

BSU has put a lot of time and effort into this event. Members of BSU see the event as an opportunity for students to donate money to a good cause, and the students are able to receive a fun day of shopping in New York City in return.

Students will be provided with "goodie bags" on the bus ride courteous of BSU. Interested students are encouraged to sign up in the TUB during lunch and dinner. The last day to sign up is Monday, Nov. 17.

"This is the first time BSU has done this; we are really excited about this trip," senior member Darnelle Clark said. "Hopefully this will open up the door for more opportunities in the future, maybe even a shopping trip to India."

Swimming teams finish first in home relays

Photo By James Bonetti

Making a splash

The men's and women's swimming teams finished first overall at the Westminster Relay Carnival held Friday, Oct. 31. The women's team broke two pool records.

By Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

The men's and women's swimming teams finished first among six teams at the Westminster Relay Carnival with a combined team score of 204 points Friday, Oct. 31. The men placed first out of five teams with 124 points, while the women placed third out of six teams with 80 points.

The Lady Titans went on to defeat President's Athletic Conference (PAC) opponent Chatham in a dual meet Saturday, Nov. 1. In addition to winning nine events, the women's team broke two pool records.

At the Westminster Relay Carnival, the Titan men placed first in six of the ten relays. The first place finishes included the 300-yard butterfly (2:42.13), 300 breaststroke (3:09.46), 500 crescendo (4:24.56), 400 medley (3:44.37), 1500 medley (15:08.34) and the 400 Individual Medley (IM) (3:51.09).

The men's team captured second place in the remaining four relays, which included the 300-yard backstroke, 800 freestyle, 200 freestyle and the 400 freestyle.

"Our team did really well at our relay meet," senior Cody Robson said. "The relay meet is always a lot of fun for our team, but it's fairly competitive as well. So while we were enjoying the meet, we definitely stayed focused on staying ahead of the other teams."

Senior Chris Lehberger and Robson led the Titans, as they were members of three of the first place relay teams. Lehberger and Robson swam on the 400 medley and 400 IM relay teams. Additionally, Lehberger was a member of the 300 breaststroke team, while Robson was a member of the 300 butterfly team.

On the women's side, senior Megan Mier, freshman Sierra Beecher, sophomore Courtney Herdt and freshman Caitlin Lehberger captured first place in the 400 IM relay (4:20.53).

Following the Titans in combined men's and women's team standings for the relay meet were Edinboro (196), Gannon (192), Chatham (74), Penn State-Altoona (70) and Fairmont State (60).

The Titan women continued their success at Chatham. In addition to breaking the pool record in the 200-yard backstroke (2:14.20), Mier was a member of the record-breaking 400 medley relay team (4:10.72). Her fellow swimmers included junior Emily Dressler, freshman Katie Slavinski and Caitlin.

"The girls worked really hard on Saturday and what was even better than the times was how there wasn't one event that went by that someone wasn't at the end of the lane cheering," Slavinski said. "Both the girls and boys teams provide a great support system that you really can't find anywhere else."

Individually, Slavinksi captured the 100 butterfly, while junior Emily Paul won the 1000 freestyle. Caitlin triumphed over her competitors in three events, including the 200 IM, 100 breaststroke and 200 breaststroke. Dressler seized a first place in both the 200 and 500 freestyles.

The men's and women's swimming teams return to action Saturday, Nov. 8 when they travel to non-conference Allegheny for a dual meet.

"The Allegheny meet is going to be very competitive, but we're going to go in there ready to race and hungry to win," Dressler said.

"The girls worked really hard on Saturday and what was even better than the times was how there wasn't one event that went by that someone wasn't at the end of the lane cheering."

Freshman Katie Slavinski

Men's soccer advances in PAC playoffs

Titans face PAC rival Washington & Jefferson in championship match

By April Scudere
Sports Writer

The men's soccer team took on fourth seeded Grove City in the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) semifinal match on Tuesday, Nov. 4 under the lights at Harold Burry Stadium. The Titan's 3-2 victory over the Wolverines advances them to the PAC championship match. The last time the Titans advanced to the finals was in 2006 when they beat Bethany for the PAC title.

After the winner of the other semifinal match was announced, both teams took to the field ready for the 90 minute battle that would decide who would get their chance against number two seeded Washington and Jefferson. Although the score remained 0-0 throughout the first 39 minutes, the Titans' offense showed to be effective, barely missing several chances.

The Titans' offense finally put it together in the 39th minute when junior Jarred Smeltzer headed the ball across the net to freshman Coty Hainsey who put the Titans up 1-0. Only three minutes later, the Titans were awarded a penalty kick after a Wolverine defender handled the ball inside his own 18. After the goalkeeper guessed wrong and dove to his right, senior Garrett Horvath placed the ball in the back of the net putting the Titans up 2-0.

"We went into the locker room knowing we had one of the most difficult leads to hold onto," junior Stephen Rossi said. "We knew we had to come back onto the field and find that third goal."

The Titans did just that within six minutes into the second half when Rossi played a diagonal through ball that sent junior Brice Lott on a break away. With the goalkeeper sliding out to make a save, Lott chipped the ball over the keeper scoring his seventh goal of the season, increasing the Titans' lead to 3-0.

The Wolverines narrowed the gap with a penalty kick in the 56th minute followed by an unlucky Titan own goal in the 74th minute. Despite these two self-inflicted goals, the Titans' defense held onto their one goal lead to defeat Grove City.

Sophomore goalkeeper Mike Codita earned the win with two saves. The Wolverines were out shot 21-14.

The number one seeded Titans will go on to face Washington and Jefferson on Saturday, Nov. 8 in the PAC championship match.

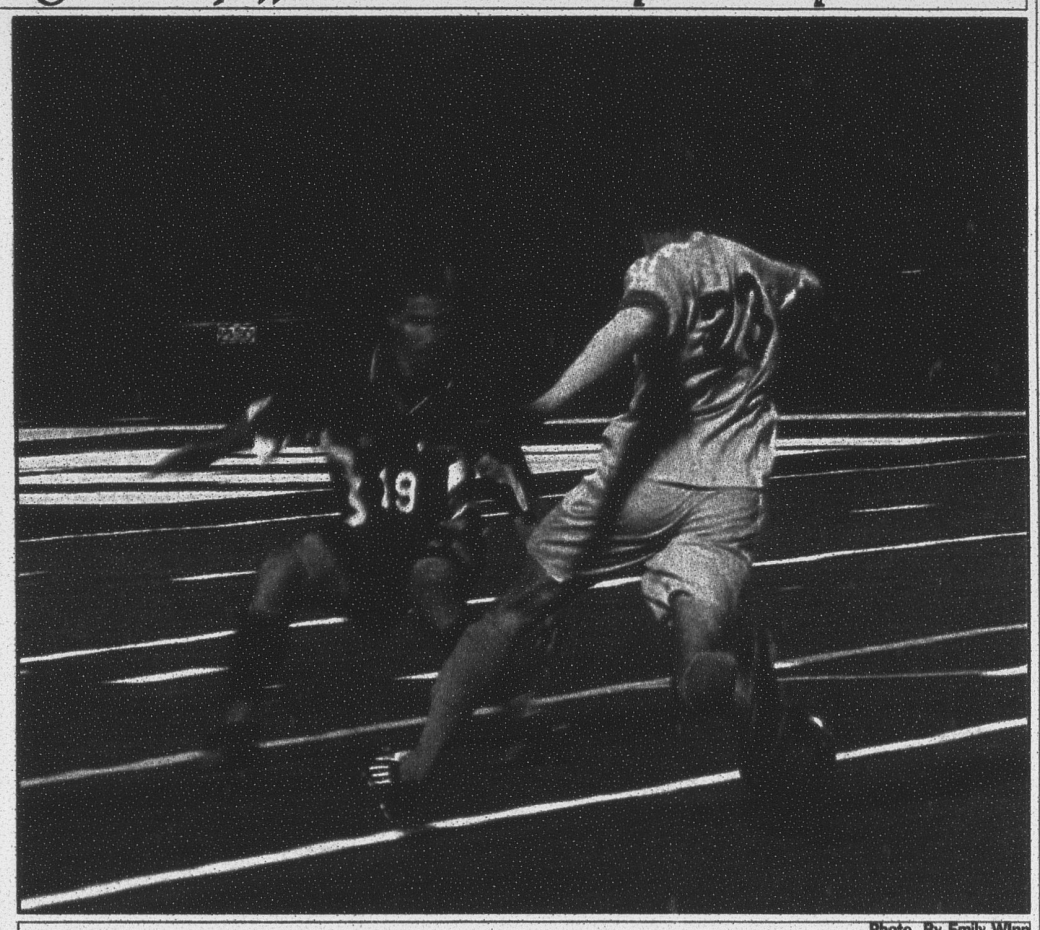


Photo By Emily Winn

Making a move

Senior Garrett Horvath beats a Grove City defender to take the ball to the net. The Titans won their PAC semi-final and now advance to face the number 2 seed, Washington and Jefferson, on Saturday at 7 p.m. for the PAC championship.

Upcoming Athletic Events:

Friday:
Volleyball v. Waynesburg at 7 p.m. PAC semi-finals

Saturday:
Football v. Grove City at 1:30 - Senior Recognition

Men's Soccer v. Washington and Jefferson at 7 p.m PAC Finals

Volleyball hopeful for PAC championship

Corey Kendall
Sports Writer

As the school year moves on the Lady Titans keep on rolling.

They won one out of their last two games giving them an overall record of 22-10 and 13-1 in PAC play. Their excellent record in PAC play earned them the number one seed in the PAC tournament.

On Thursday, Oct. 30, the Lady Titans traveled to Grove City for yet another match in PAC play. After a well played match, the Lady Titans were able to claim victory with a score of 3-1 and set scores of 25-11, 25-27, 25-18, 25-19.

The Lady Titans played a great game as freshman Tara Ott tallied 14 kills to lead the Titans while freshman Lindsay Speidel and junior Devin Kelley each contributed 11. Kelley also put up eight blocks (4 solo) while Speidel added six. Senior Traci Hassell was able to lead in assists with 27.

After a win the Titans traveled to Pittsburgh for a non-conference match against Carnegie Mellon. The Lady Titans took the court with confidence and high hopes of coming out on top.

After a long and hard fought battle the Lady Titans were unable to grip the win, losing with an overall score of 3-2. Westminster came out hard to take the first two sets with Grove City losing 21-25 and 24-26. Unfortunately, the Lady Titans were unable to hold up as Grove City won the last three with set scores of 25-23, 25-21 and 15-13.

Although they came out with a loss, the Titans certainly put forth a lot of effort as Speidel posted 13 kills leading the Titans, while junior Beth Copp put down 12. Freshman Tara Ott was able to contribute 10 kills.

Speidel also added three blocks, one being solo. Hassell put out 26 assists to got with 22 digs while senior Kylene Hoch posted 27 digs to lead the Titans. Senior Reesha Jackson had 4 blocks which included 2 solo blocks.

The Lady Titans will be heading into PAC play this Friday Nov. 7 as they host the PAC semifinals. Westminster will be playing the number 5th seeded Waynesburg and number 2nd seeded Thomas More will go up against number 3 seeded Washington & Jefferson.

The Winner of each game will play on Sat. Nov. 8 at 1:00 right here at Westminster. The winner of the PAC Tournament will earn an automatic spot in NCAA Division III Tournament.

Last year the Lady Titans were able to claim the PAC title and are hoping to do so again. So if you are bored on the dreary weekend that is ahead of us, head down to Buzz Ridl Gymnasium and support our Lady Titans.

Midterm report cards

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

As midterm swept through campus, evaluating progress at the halfway mark is here in the NFL.

Because a large portion of campus is either a Pittsburgh Steelers fan or a Cleveland Clowns fan, I thought it would be fun to evaluate these teams at the NFL's midseason. Let me tell you, it is nice to be the one doing the grading as opposed to the one being graded.

Quarterbacks
Grades – Steelers: C+ Browns: D

Derek Anderson does not look like the player he was a year ago and the Browns are now calling for Brady Quinn to come out of the bullpen in relief. For the "Stillers," Ben is holding the football way too long; he must make quicker decisions. On a positive note, Leftwich has been impressive in relief.

Running Backs
Grades – Steelers: B+ Browns: B-

Although injuries have hit the Steelers backfield hard, the backs keep churning out yards on the ground. Even the Steelers third running back Mewelde Moore has been very productive. Parker also looked good in his return versus a stingy Redskins defense. As for the Browns, Lewis is aging. While he runs hard, the tire tread is showing wear.

Wide Receivers
Grades – Steelers: C Browns: D

The Steelers receivers have defined mediocrity this season. At least it is fun to watch Hines Ward block. Braylon Edwards leads the league in dropped passes. Need I say more?

Offensive Line
Grades – Steelers: C Browns: B

The Browns line has been solid in pass protection, but has not opened holes in the run game like last year. The Steelers beef has struggled mightily against the pass. At least they are physical run blockers.

Defensive Line
Grades – Steelers: A Browns: B-

The Steelers defensive line is again the blueprint for playing down three lineman in the NFL. Aaron Smith is one of the most underrated players in the game. The Browns are much improved with the additions of Shaun Rogers and Corey Williams.

Linebackers
Grades – Steelers: A+ Browns: D

The Browns youth and inexperience at the linebacker positions shows by poor tackling and an inability to create big plays. Pittsburgh might have the best linebacking corps in the league. James Harrison and James Farrior are having pro-bowl-caliber seasons, while Lamar Woodley is developing into a great young linebacker.

Secondary
Grades – Steelers: B Browns: C

While Pittsburgh is statistically number one in the league versus the pass, if the Steelers cornerbacks could catch, they would have significantly more interceptions. For a young group, the Browns secondary has performed better than expected, although they still have quite a way to go.

Special Teams
Grades – Steelers: B Browns: C+

Joshua Cribbs is thought to be one of the most dangerous return men in football, but he has not lived up to that billing this season. Pittsburgh's punt block against Washington added some pizzazz to a fundamentally sound unit.

Coaching
Grades – Steelers: B Browns: C-

Mike Tomlin and Dick LeBeau have done an outstanding job. Bruce Arians must find a way to get the offense on track. "And the next head coach of the Cleveland Browns is…?" Steelers' fans certainly hope it is not Bill Cowher

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Sports

Cross country teams wrap-up season with third place finishes

By Andrew Kubincanek
Sports Writer

The men's and women's cross country teams both placed third in the PAC championships on Saturday Nov. 1 at Voice of America Park in Westchester, OH.

The women's team placed third out of eight teams eligible for the PAC title and fifth out of 10 teams overall. Junior Rachel Hudson finished eighth out of title-eligible runners and 12th overall with a time of 23:39. She earned second-team all-PAC honors for the performance. The team finished with 138 points.

"Our team is very proud we earned third place in the conference. We were fourth in the PAC last year and we were looking to make an impact and really show that we are a team that will make a run for the championship in the future," said junior Elizabeth Beardsley.

The men's team placed third out of six PAC teams and fourth out of eight total teams. Senior Aaron Titus finished in seventh place out of title-eligible runners with a time of 27:20. Overall the team had 111 points.

"The PAC overall has become much more competitive this year…we would have been much more happy with second place," freshman Morgan Hanes said. "We all ran great though, and Thiel was just the better team that day."

Hanes finished in eighth place with a time of 27:30, while junior Jeremiah Patterson finished 13th with 29:03. Both earned second-team all-Pac honors. For the women, Beardsley placed 18th with 25:01 and junior Amanda Everett came in 24th place with 25:51.

Grove City came in first in the men's race with 33 points overall. Saint Vincent was second overall with 39 but ineligible for the title. Thiel was fourth overall (second among PAC teams) with 105 points. Garret Cichowitz from Grove City took the PAC individual title with a time of 25:58 for the men. W&J, Geneva and Thomas More and Waynesburg rounded out the rest of group with 123, 158, 197, and 208 respectively.

In the women's race, Grove City came in first with 27 points. Saint Vincent came in second overall with 73 followed by Waynesburg with 106 and Geneva with 112. Westminster was fifth overall ahead of W&J, Bethany, Thiel, Thomas More and Chatham. They scored 142, 171, 213, 231 and 245 respectively.

Beardsley and Hanes both emphasized that the teams came ready to compete physically but the biggest challenge was staying focused.

"There were only around 100 runners, so a lot of the race you would be alone and would have to mentally push yourself forward," Hanes said.

Both teams will travel to Waynesburg University for the NCAA Division III Mideast Regionals on Saturday Nov. 15. Races begin at 11 a.m. for the men and 12 p.m. for the women. The mostly-grass course at the Greene County Airport is 8K for men and 6K for women. Course records are held by Tony Dipre of Allegheny with 25:57 and Julia Seward of Grove City with 22:17.

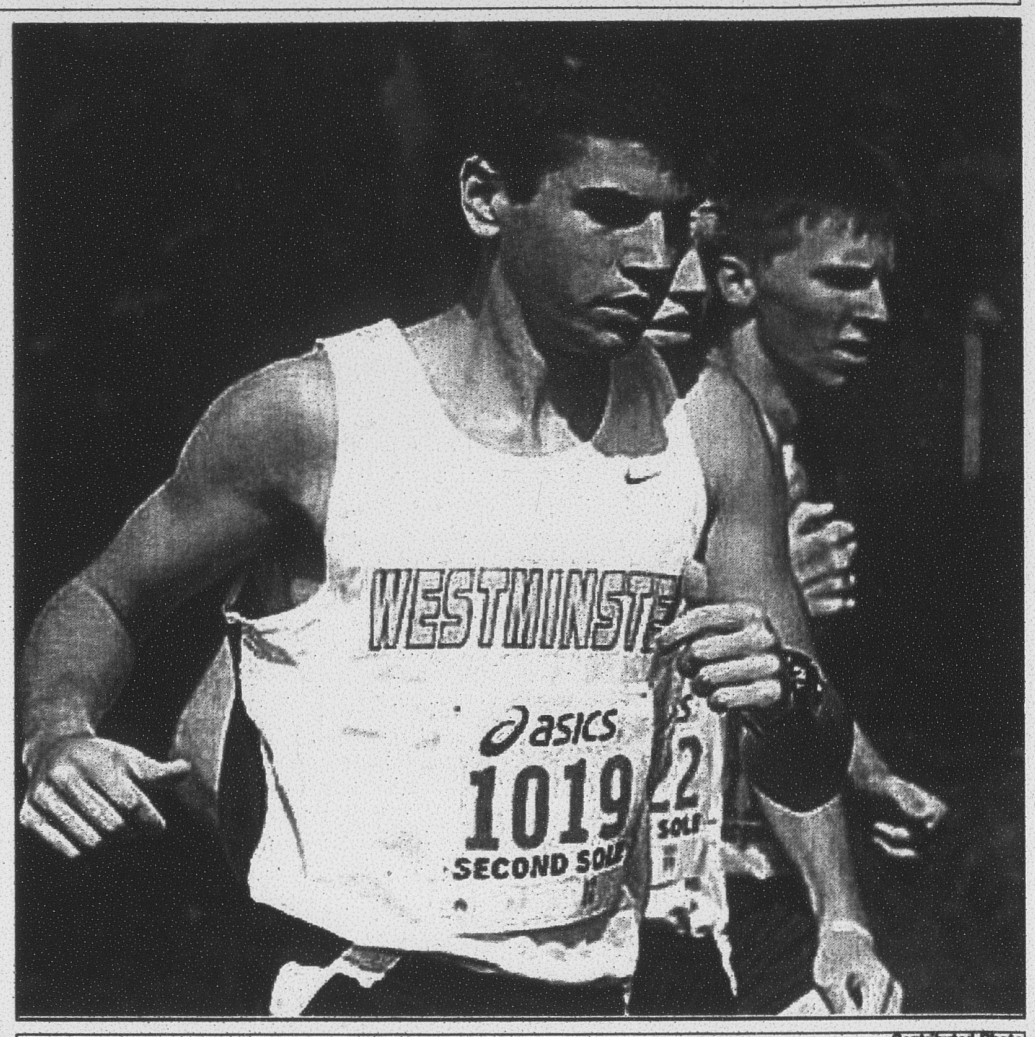
"As a team we want to go out there and hit some [personal records] and hopefully get into the top 22…it would be a great finish to a wonderful year," Hanes said.

The invitational will include teams from Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Maryland. Beardsley said that she is excited for the variety of competitors.

"We want to just see what we can do among these teams that we don't usually compete against," she said.

"Our team is very proud we earned third place in the conference. We were fourth in the PAC last year and we were looking to make an impact and really show that we are a team that will make a run for the championship in the future."

Junior Elizabeth Beardsley



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Racing through the season

Senior Aaron Titus passes his opponents during the Westminster Invitational held earlier in the cross country season. Titus recently finished in seventh place out of title-eligible runners with a time of 27:20 in the PAC championships on Saturday, Nov. 1 at Voice of America Park in Westchester, Ohio.

Ice Hockey club makes jump to Division A league this winter

By Sarah Cook
Staff Writer

As the weather gets colder and students on campus lace up their boots, members of the Ice Hockey Club are lacing up their skates and getting ready to begin another exciting season.

This winter, the hockey club is looking to make a run at winning the Division A championship at Hess Ice Rink in Neshannock. In past years they participated in Division B and felt that this is the year to make their big leap. Also in store for this year are games at bigger arenas such as the Chevy Center in Youngstown and the Phantom's Arena in Boardman, Oh.

"It is important to have leadership on both the bench and the ice whenever possible," Alex Bugel, the team's senior goalie, said.

This year, the hockey team will be led by captain Zack Wahal, along with assistant captains, Ande Saporito and Doug Kunst. These are the team's three most experienced players. Saporito was also last year's leading goal scorer for the Titan hockey team.

Tryouts for the team were held Tuesday, Oct. 28 at Hess Ice Rink. Anyone interested in playing ice hockey was asked to come out. The purpose of the tryouts was for the seniors and captains to get a good look at who was interested in playing this season, as well as to begin working on putting together a season-winning starting lineup.

The tryouts consisted of a few skating drills to test players' overall skating abilities, a series of shooting and passing drills to test stick work, and a short scrimmage to see how the players could contribute to the team. The tryouts ended with a shooting and goal finishing exercise.

"The tryouts were helpful in determining who would be on the regular rotation of players for the season and also helped give newer players a chance to play with returning players before the first game," Bugel said.

Despite having tryouts, returning members of the team encourage anyone who is interested in playing to come out and give it a try. Individual tryouts can be arranged as well as instructional sessions to develop players for upcoming seasons.

"It would be great to get some fans out to the games," Wahal said. "We're out there working hard and seeing some fans would be some great motivation."

There's a place in the hockey club for everyone from players to die-hard hockey fans to people looking for something to get them into the spirit of winter.

"It is important to have leadership on both the bench and the ice whenever possible."

Alex Bugel, Goalie

Titan football takes advantage of bye week

By Andrew Kubincanek
Sports Writer

The football team used a bye week to rest and prepare for their final PAC game against Grove City on Saturday Nov. 8.

The Titans stand at 4-4 overall and 2-3 in the PAC. They are currently fourth place in the PAC. Grove City is in third at 5-3 overall and 2-2 in the PAC. Westminster defeated Grove City 14-7 last season. Head Coach Jeff Hand says that the game will be a challenge.

"Grove City is a very efficient offense that does not turn the ball over much," he said. "They are very fundamentally sound defensively and have a few of the best defenders we will see all year."

The 1:30 p.m. game against Grove City will be Westminster's senior recognition as well as the last home game. The team has won every home game this season. Combined with the two final games from last season, the Titans have maintained a 6-0 win streak at home.

"The streak is something our team takes pride in and will work hard to continue," Hand said.

The Titans also spent the bye week participating in the "Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful" initiative. The PENNDOT program focuses on cleaning up litter along roadsides. This is the fourth year the Titans have participated in the program. The team participates in a variety of community service programs annually, including Habitat for Humanity in the off-season.

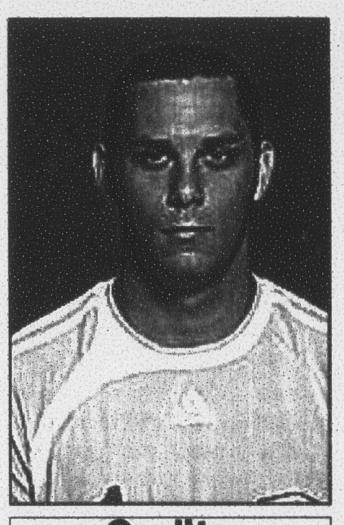
In the conference this week, Thomas More locked up first place in conference with a 35-29 win against W&J on Saturday Nov 1. W&J had previously been undefeated and was named in preseason polls as the favorite to win the PAC.

Though Titans lost to both Thomas More and W&J this season, the team has not been without accomplishments. The Titans recorded the biggest comeback win in Westminster history with a 46-43 win against Bethany on Homecoming.

Junior quarterback Kevin Franz broke the school records for career completions and career passing yardage against Thiel and W&J respectively. Junior tailback Nick McKolosky is the second place rushing leader in the PAC with an average of 84 yards per game. He is behind only W&J's Curt Jones with an average of 101 yards per game.

The Titans travels to Geneva on Nov. 15 for the last game of the season. Westminster lost to Geneva 37-14 last season.

Titan athletic honors



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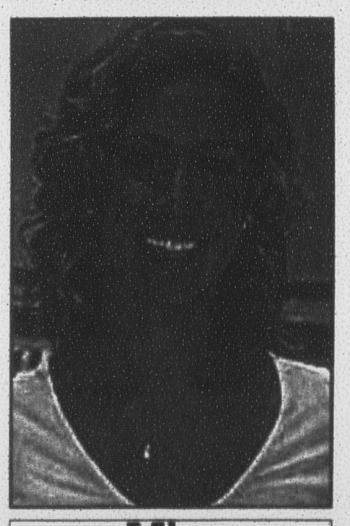

Mier

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa. - Three Westminster College athletes earned recognition from the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) for their performances for the week of Oct. 27-Nov. 2.

Sophomore men's soccer player Mike Codita (Sewickley, Pa./Quaker Valley) was named PAC Men's Soccer Goalkeeper/Defensive Player of the Week while senior swimmers Cody Robson (Bloomsburg, Pa./Poland Seminary (Ohio)) and Megan Mier (Copley, Ohio/Revere) were named PAC Men's Swimmer/Diver of the Week and PAC Women's Swimmer/Diver of the Week, respectively.

Codita made three saves as the Titans' goalkeeper in a 1-0 shutout of Grove City on Tuesday, Oct. 28, for his fourth shutout of the season. This is the third time this season that Codita earned the honor.

The win clinched the Titans a perfect season in the PAC with a 6-0 record. They had already secured the top spot in this week's PAC tournament.

No. 4 seed Grove City (6-10-3, 3-2-1 PAC) will get another crack at Codita and the No. 1 seeded Titans (14-5, 6-0 PAC) tonight at 8 o'clock at Harold Burry Stadium in the semifinal round of the PAC tournament.

Robson helped the Titan men's swim team win the team championship at the six-team Titan Relay Carnival on Friday, Oct. 31, as he swam on three winning relay teams - the 300 butterfly (2:42.13), the 400 medley (3:44.37) and the 400 individual medley (3:51.09).

Mier broke two pool records in Westminster's 163-121 PAC win at Chatham on Saturday, Nov. 1, as she won the 200 backstroke (2:14.20) and swam a leg of the winning 400 medley relay (4:10.72). She also led the Titan women to a third-place finish at the Titan Relay Carnival by swimming on the winning 400 IM relay (4:20.53).

Women's soccer out of PAC playoffs after double OT loss

Washington & Jefferson defeats women's soccer after more than 100 minutes of play

By Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

After a 10-0 shutout against Chatham, the women's soccer team found themselves as the second seed in the President's Athletic Conference (PAC) tournament. The Titans were paired with Washington & Jefferson in the PAC semifinal round.

A hard-fought battle of a scoreless 90-minute game and double overtime Wednesday, Nov. 5 resulted in a Titan loss and W&J's advancement to the PAC finals. The Titans now await a possible at-large berth for the NCAA Division III Tournament or a bid for the ECAC Division III South Championships.

"The game against W&J was an unfortunate loss," junior Lindsey Mellott said. "We came very close to scoring many times, they just had a good shot, and that's what happens in tight games."

At home, the Titans held a 14-7 shot advantage over the Presidents, but lost on a goal by W&J's Spencer Ahrenholtz in the second minute of the second overtime. Senior Christina Adams led the Titans with five shots and Mellott registered one save.

The Titans' loss against W&J followed their shutout win on the road against Chatham Saturday, Nov. 1.

Adams led the Titans in goals with her third hat trick of the season and her sixth career three-goal game. In addition to increasing her PAC-leading total, Adams' goals in the 8th, 12th and 17th minutes launched her into the fifth position for the Titans most all-time goals.

Freshman Samantha Killmeyer added to the Titans success as she led the team in assists and set a school record. Killmeyer, the national leader in assists, dished out one assist to Adams and two more to sophomore Danielle Struble. Aside from increasing her season total to 19 assists, Killmeyer scored a goal during the game.

Struble doubled her career total with her goals in the 54th and 61st minutes. Additionally, she dished out two assists.

Other Titan goal-scorers include freshmen Brittany Grabski, Kelli Michanowicz and Eliza Gibbs. Grabski's goal in the 41st minute was her first, while Michanowicz's and Gibbs' goals were each their second.

Mellott and junior Christine Clawges split time as goalkeeper and registered one save apiece. Overall the Titans held the shot advantage 36-2.

News of whether the Titans' season will continue or has concluded will likely be determined over the weekend.

CALENDAR

Friday, November 7, 2008

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

5:45 PM College Democrats Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Conference Room)

6:00 PM VOLLEYBALL v. Waynesburg (PAC Tournament Semifinal)

7:30 PM Wind Ensemble Concert (Orr Auditorium)

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Air Band Battle (MCC Berlin Lounge)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Bangkok Dangerous (2008) (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Tropic Thunder (MCC Mueller Theater)

Saturday, November 8, 2008

TBA MEN'S SOCCER v. Washington & Jefferson (PAC Finals)

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Athletics/Football Visitation Day (MCC MUeller Theater)

1:00 PM Men's Swimming @ Allegheny

1:00 PM Women's Swimming @ Allegheny

1:30 PM FOOTBALL v. Grove City*

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Art Gallery Event (Patterson Hall)

7:00 PM Mass (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Tropic Thunder (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM Titan's Tavern (MCC Club/Lounge)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Bangkok Dangerous (2008) (MCC Mueller Theater)

Sunday, November 9, 2008

1:00 PM Senior Students' Voice and Trumpet Recital: Ashley Cesaratto, voice; J.P. Scanga, trumpet (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Bangkok Dangerous (2008) (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:00 PM Vespers -- Evensong (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Tropic Thunder (MCC Mueller Theater)

Monday, November 10, 2008

All Day Events

REGISTRATION

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

12:00 PM Holcad Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Conference Room)

6:00 PM Big Brothers and Big Sisters Community Reachout (MCC Berlin Lounge)

7:00 PM Green Party Meeting (MCC 352 Wile Conference Room)

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night at Westminster (MCC Club/Lounge)

9:30 PM Bowling Club Meeting (Patterson 311)

Tuesday, November 11, 2008

All Day Events

REGISTRATION

11:45 AM - 12:45 PM Residence Life RA Info Session (MCC Berlin Lounge)

7:30 PM Jacob Erhardt International Film Series: Volver (Spain, 2006) (MCC Mueller Theater)

8:00 PM BSU Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Conference Room)

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Climbing Wall Open (Memorial Field House)

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night at Westminster (MCC Club/Lounge)

9:30 PM Newman Club (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

Wednesday, November 12, 2008

All Day Events

REGISTRATION

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM "Cans Across America" Food Drive (MCC TUB)

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM College Rings Display/Purchase Day (MCC TUB)

11:40 AM Student Pre-Law Association Meeting (Patterson 215)

11:45 AM Faires Faculty Forum: Mandy Medvin, Models of Social Exclusion and Aggression: Implications for Developmental Research (MCC Mueller Theater)

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Career Center's "Let's Do Lunch" with PLS Logistics (MCC Club Room)

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Chapel Drama Auditions (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

7:00 PM International Cultures Club Meeting (MCC Berlin Lounge)

7:00 PM SGA Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:30 PM Theatre Westminster Presents Once Upon a Mattress (Beeghly Theater)

9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship (MCC Berlin Lounge)

Thursday, November 13, 2008

All Day Events

REGISTRATION

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM College Rings Display/Purchase Day (MCC TUB)

12:45 PM IFC Meeting (Memorial Field House)

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM SGA Dinner for Presidents of Student Organizations (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Chapel Drama Auditions (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

6:15 PM Japanese Anime Club (Thompson-Clark 210)

7:00 PM Bleasby Colloquium: Rachela Permenter, Slippery Rock University Scholar (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:00 PM Gospel Choir Rehearsal (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

7:30 PM Theatre Westminster Presents Once Upon a Mattress (Beeghly Theater)

8:00 PM Allies Meeting (Thompson-Clark 314)

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Climbing Wall Open (Memorial Field House)

8:30 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night at Westminster (MCC Club/Lounge)

10:00 PM Titan Traverse Student Meeting (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

Friday, November 14, 2008

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

7:30 PM Theatre Westminster Presents Once Upon a Mattress (Beeghly Theater)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Dark Knight (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: The Dark Knight (MCC Mueller Theater)

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21-April 19).

You're in an ambitious mode these days, and you'll probably find yourself working at a level you're not really ready for, but that's all right. Say very little, and save up your questions so you can research them on your own. Act like you know what you're doing, and you'll soon catch up to the others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

Conversation is a difficult art to master since you never know what the other person is going to say. But you've more than a little talent for breaking the ice with those hard-to-reach types. Sure, you're stymied at first by the communication obstacles, but you won't be defeated. Your charm melts them eventually.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

Sometimes you think it would be nice to be able to put all of your energy, attention and passion into one interest. But you're interested in many things. What seems fascinating one moment loses its sheen if overworked. So you'll spread your attention around to see what has the potential to captivate you more fully.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

You've struck an arrangement. There will be moments when you think you're getting the better end of things and times you know you're getting the worst. The important part is that you are both getting what you need for right now. Trust that all will even out, and this will go on for as long as it's working.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

You're surrounded by those who don't know the road, and your guidance will be crucial in their journey. It seems like only yesterday that you didn't know what you were doing either, and now you're an expert. However, you are also modest. Like a shepherd, you lead the flock -- but you walk behind them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

You're full throttle through the early week, and then Thursday you're forced to slam on the breaks to avoid a roadblock. You can and will overcome this obstacle. After all, you invented it. And though you may not remember quite how you built it, take a few swings at it and all will start to crumble.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

You're slightly self-conscious early in the week, though there's little you can do to change the opinions of others. If you try to be charming, the other person senses it and the effect is lost. Remember, your charm is a natural gift and you needn't do a thing except let it shine. Enjoy yourself and others will, too.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

It's powerful to dream of the future and all you'll have and be five years from now. However, it's important to act in the present. Don't wait for your accomplishments to accumulate to feel confident. Be excited right now about who you are and what you've done, and you'll attract more on a bigger scale.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

It's nice to be needed, and the people around you require something that only you can provide. You don't have the luxury of waiting around until you become inspired to give. You give when you don't feel like it. You give even when you think you don't have anything left. What's needed magically appears.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

There are times when you feel that no one notices all that you do. The saving grace is that you're really not working to get attention. It genuinely feels good to be of service, to use your talents and to belong to something bigger. Then suddenly, Friday, you'll hear some heartfelt praise and, well, that's nice, too!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

The trick of good timing is threefold: First, do everything in your power to honor your timely commitments. Second, leave yourself a margin of error. Third, and most important of all, believe with your whole heart and soul that no matter what happens you are always in the perfect place at the perfect time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

Consider that maybe nothing is really difficult in life, just unfamiliar. When you know how to do it better, it's easy. This week you will be stepping into the unfamiliar and getting to know it, one lesson at a time. Put in the work. The real skill is practicing. When you understand how to practice, the world is your oyster.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS:

You are shown respect. Those around you make it known that you are valued and matter. November offers the chance to perform in some way, and you win out over stiff competition, too. Family ties are reinforced through December and new additions bring excitement. There are career choices to make in February, and it all boils down to finances. The most lucrative answer is also the one that makes you feel creative and empowered. Romance has you dancing through summer.

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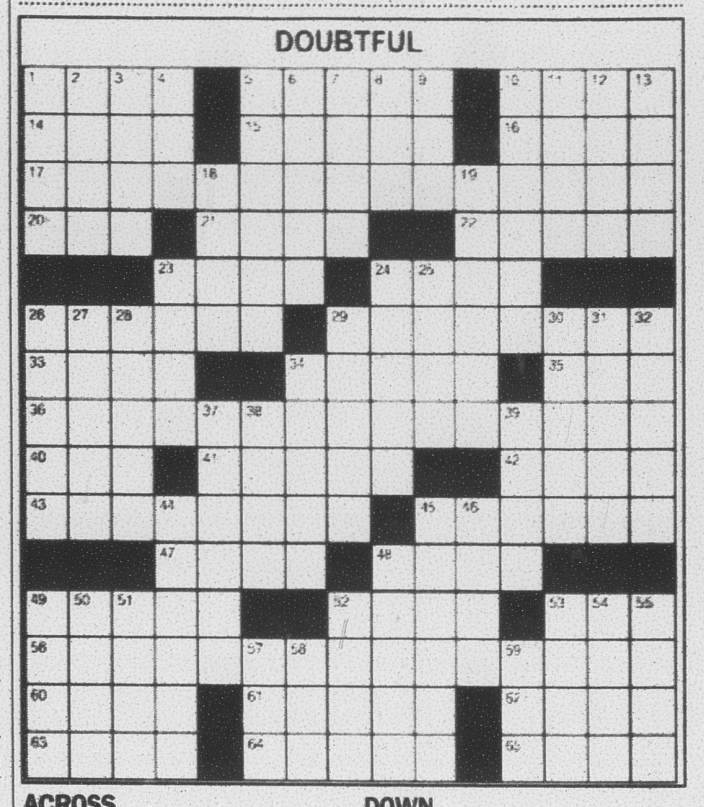

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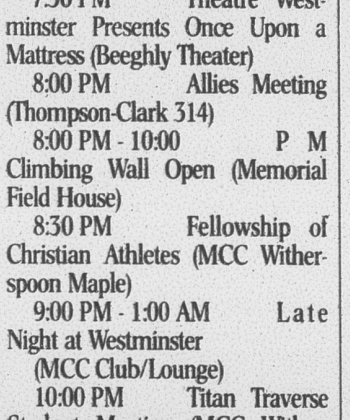
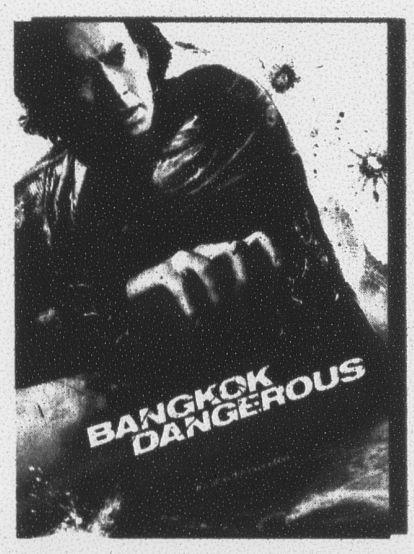
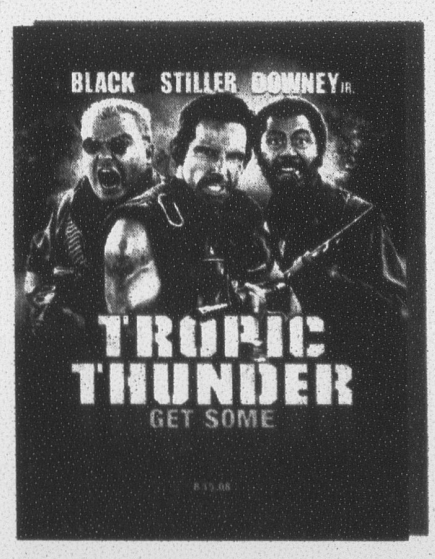


McKelvey Weekend Entertainment

Movies Playing at Mueller Theater





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Movies provided by Club Room
Entertainment provided by CPC
Westminster ID's will be checked at all movies.
ID will admit you and one guest.
There is no charge, it's just for a count.

Late Night in the Club Room
Monday - 8 PM to 1 AM
Tuesday and Thursday - 9 PM to 1 AM

Arts & Entertainment

A&E Editor chats with Underoath

Chris Lehberger
A&E Editor

I sat down with Tim McTague of Underoath to discuss everything from Barack Obama to High School Musical. Below, you'll find the highlights of the interview. The rest can be read on www.freshzive.com

Chris: "First, how's tour going?"

Tim: "Tour's been awesome man. This is probably the two week out mark and it's been really, really good. Every show's been good and all the kids that come are super stoked. It's an interesting line-up so there's a lot of different stuff going around for everybody so it's all been really cool."

Chris: "Starting in December, I saw that you guys were touring South America. I know you've been out of the country touring the UK, is this more exciting for you?

Tim: "Well, not more exciting. The whole world has been fairly cool, it's just been really stressful because its all been butted up against one another. We're excited to do it, but the timing of it is just going to come at the end of a really long tour cycle, so part of us is like "Man, we can't wait to get this done because we can go home for Christmas and be off. And the other part is like we're going to a whole new continent. That'll be our sixth continent we've toured on so it's really cool."

Chris: "You guys were recently on the cover of October's AP which featured a story on you. One that kind of let a sigh of relief out to all your fans, seeing all the things that have happened over the last couple of years. I don't plan on dwelling on this issue because I know its both a semi-personal one and may be included outside of the envelope of your music, but do you think everything that has happened within the band has strengthened it?

Tim: "Sure. Anytime you go through anything relatively hard and taxing and you get through it positively, you end up leaving that situation with a new found strength in that issue to be able to know not what to do next time and how to do things and how not to do things. I think it's a constant learning process. I'm not sure 'stronger' is the right word, but definitely smarter and more equipped to deal with that same stuff."

Chris: "So do you think that came out a lot on the record? Not even just lyrically, but musically as well."

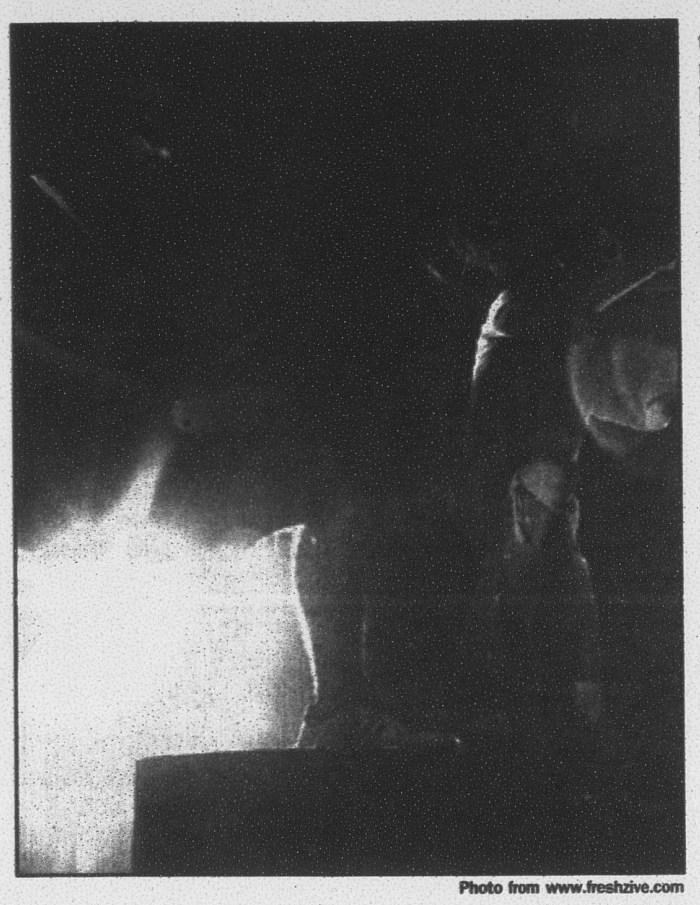
Tim: "Musically, not really. I think maybe inadvertently. I didn't dwell on any of that stuff when writing the music end of it–not that I'm the only one who wrote the music–but I think from a musical standpoint we came from a less personal standpoint. It wasn't like 'this riff that's so angry is about this one time when I was mad at Aaron, or my friend, or my mom; it's not the same as the lyrics. So I think overall, musically not as much, but lyrically, definitely."

Chris: "I've also been reading and seeing that you guys have things going on outside of Underoath – Aaron has The Almost, you have your merch/production company, and Spencer has been working some experimental stuff. Do you think as the band becomes more successful that you start looking at it as more of a business than as a passion of yours?"

Tim: "No, definitely not. I think something that comes with being 'little' (sometimes I really wouldn't call us a 'successful' band–there are a lot of bands that are bigger and do more things than us). But for us, we never thought we'd ever have the opportunities we have so the success we'd had we want to try to use just as maximizing opportunities. We're in a position where we are able to play music for a living..it's not so much we look at this as our job and our side-projects as our passion. It's more the fact that this is such a good opportunity that the success that this band has given us both as individuals and as a group has enabled us to do side-projects that most people probably couldn't do. We've always wanted to do other things we've just never had the opportunity. It's not so much we're getting bored of this and looking for the next outlet as much as we're just using the opportunities we've been given to do the things we've always wanted to do."

Chris: "So let's talk about your record. You guys brought 11 songs into the studio and came out with 11, and have said that you'd rather go in with 11 amazing songs than 30 or so decent ones which most of which you'll have to cut anyway. Being in a band myself, I know that songwriting can sometimes cause a lot of conflict, due to artistic opinions and visions. Being you had expectations that were so high for this record, was it much harder to write and get along with each other?

Tim: "No not really. This record came together a lot better, quicker, and smoother than the last record. I think we're kind of at a point right know where this is our third record writing together so we're really comfortable with each other and we all know what each other likes and don't like. We all naturally push each other in a way that we're all expecting, so even when there is conflict it's kind of an expected conflict, kind of like "that was hard to get through, but I'm glad that person said this about this because it made this part better. We've kind of learned to really communicate fairly well on that."



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Chris: "I know you guys draw from a wide pool of influences, citing Refused, Converge, Isis, etc. As you progress as a band, and your sound changes, do your influences change as well?"

Tim: "Sure, yeah I mean I really don't think the bands I listen to have much of an effect on the music that we write or the music that I write. I guess it does subliminally but it's not like 'when I wrote this part for this song I was listening to this band and you can tell the influence'. It's more like 'I just listen to music and when we write songs, creativity comes when it comes.'"

Chris: "Ok, now for some less serious questions. What is your most memorable show you've ever played and why?"

Tim: "I don't know. I have no idea. Right now it would probably our last show in London on this last tour because it was the first time that we've ever been overseas and been like 'Whoa that was awesome.' It reminded us of shows in the states and we were like 'Whoa that's pretty awesome." We were booked in a club and then they bumped us to a bigger club and then that club sold out so that was really cool thing to be halfway around world and see people grasping onto what we do like this."

Chris: "If you could sit down with any person in the world today and pick his/or her brain, who would it be?"

Tim: "I'd have to say Barack Obama."

Chris: "Do you plan to vote in the upcoming election?"

Tim: "Yeah."

Chris: "Can I ask who you're going to vote for?"

Tim: "Right now it's between Barack Obama and Ron Paul. I might write in Ron Paul. Barack Obama, I really like his ideas, but a big part of him freaks me out so that's why I'd like to sit with him and feel him out and be like 'You say this and people say this about you. What do you really mean? I feel with any politician, it's all half-truth. But if I had to vote for McCain or Obama just based on issues and what they've proposed to do, Obama wins by a landslide. It's just Obama's social stuff that gets in the way and clouds everything."

Chris: "Thanks for being open about. I know a lot of people don't want to talk about that."

Tim: "I don't care."

Chris: "And lastly–this one comes from my sister–have you ever watched *High School Musical*?"

Tim: "No."

Chris: "Good."

Chris is a senior public relations major. He likes reading, writing, and playing "Name That Tune" with his roommates.

Snow Patrol should keep "Chasing Cars"

By Max Muska
A&E Writer

After a well deserved year-long break from multiple world tours, Snow Patrol returns with *A Hundred Million Suns*.

The band's major claim to fame is the song "Chasing Cars" from the album *Eyes Open*. The song was a huge radio success. It was one of the few songs on the radio that year that I really enjoyed. I also like the song "You Could Be Happy."

Both songs' lyrics spoke to different things that were going on in my life at the time. I'm sure millions of people worldwide would say the same thing. These songs conveyed basic human emotions of happiness, love and loss in wonderfully poetic ways that were complimented very well by the simple melodies of the music.

Prior to recording *A Hundred Million Suns*, some band members took music lessons to improve their musicianship. This raised my expectations for the album. If they could produce songs like "Chasing Cars" before, taking music lessons should only make things better, right?

This is not the case. The album is boring overall. Vast atmospheric soundscapes abound, but very little creativity is found. A lot of the songs sound boring and uninspired with slow tempos and simple chord progressions repeated over and over again.

Even the vocal melodies are simple and repetitive. Such was the case on "Chasing Cars," but it just doesn't work this time because the melodies are far less creative.

Some songs have vocal melodies that don't even fit the music. Singer Gary Lightbody doesn't sound like himself on some tracks like "Take Back the City." The verse melody sounds oddly monotone. For being the album's first single, this track is rather disappointing.

The band claims to have attempted to make a cheerful record this time. Snow Patrol has failed in this endeavor. With strange echoing keyboard parts and two chord verses, most of the songs are far too slow and spacey to be considered cheerful.

Three tracks stand out, though. Both "Crack the Shutters" and "Set Down Your Glass" are uplifting songs about being in love and living in the moment. These songs give me the same feeling as their older hit songs. Emotion pours from the music and lyrics and all of the parts blend together beautifully. I hope one or both of these songs are chosen as singles from the album. They have the potential to be radio hits.

The final track is different than any of the others. A sixteen minute epic, "The Lightning Strike" is composed of three separate parts that all come together to tell a single story. All three parts are beautifully written and make the song really stand out.

This is where the band members display the knowledge they have gained from their music lessons. The structure is complex and interesting, especially compared to the rest of the album. I really enjoy the layered piano parts of the middle section which remind me of Peter Gabriel's "San Jacinto."

Snow Patrol should stick to what it does best: making simple but melodious pop-rock songs that tell basic love stories to which anyone can relate. The slow tempos and epic soundscapes just don't work as well.

Photo from pub.tv2.no

Max's Rating: ★★☆☆☆

John Legend's writing evolves

By Ben Portz
A&E Writer

John Legend is an artist. Ever since his debut album, *Get Lifted*, was released in 2004, he has received five Grammy awards and critical acclaim for his soulful voice and well-made musical arrangements.

Legend has a knack for to creating different albums every time he goes into the studio. His past album entitled *Once Again* was light, focusing on romantic lyrics backed many times by Legend's smooth piano playing. Many songs were mellow and slow.

For his new album, *Evolver*, he decided to have more of an electronic sound with driving beats, and it features big name rappers to help him make sales. In my opinion, it worked.

The album opens slightly different than any other of Legend's albums. It begins with a 47 second instrumental/narrative entitled "Good Morning Intro" featuring birds chirping and a woman's "sigh" which I think is supposed to get the listeners attention in a bizarre way. But it just confused me.

On to the rest of the record…The first actual single off the album is called "Greenlight" featuring Andre 3000 from Outkast. The term "greenlight" for this song symbolizes a girl finally allowing her boyfriend to take the relationship to the next step.

You'll find while listening to this record, that relationships and love are a common theme throughout. Upon first hearing of Legend featuring Andre, I didn't think this would turn out well, although Andre's rapping on top of Legend's vibrato was to my surprise, a great contrast.

The next track "It's Over" features another big whig rapper Kanye West. This is not one of my favorite tracks on the album. It sounds somewhat like one of Justin Timberlake's earlier songs from his first solo record. As in, he forces rap at the wrong times.

Someone along the line of producing this song also had the bright idea to put a computerized effect on Kanye's voice which didn't help one bit, and made him sound worse than he already is. To top it off, this song is about a break-up, an overdone subject.

The album continues with a duet between Legend and Brandy called "Quickly". I really like this track. Legend's vocals are great alongside Brandy's melodious tone. In all honesty, I'm just glad to see that Brandy is doing something with her career. The last time I remember seeing her was in the ABC original movie *Cinderella*. Good job Brandy, because when I reach the end of this track, I feel like it went by too "quickly".

In the song "This Time", Legend goes back to an organic sound led by his piano playing underneath expressive violins going right into powerful choruses. Once again, this is about a lost love that he's hoping to get back.

The last track on the album "If You're Out There" is his political song off the album in support of Barack Obama. This song has the power of Journey's "Don't Stop Believin'", and the vocal expressiveness of Marvin Gaye. He sings in hope that America will change and make the right decision for this past election saying, "We've been looking for the world to change". I'm sure Legend is happy right about now.

Those who are fans of Legend's will find that this is a very different record than his other ones. Those who have never liked him should give him a try. He seems to hit every musical genre within this album, but yet still incorporating his own originality. Well done Legend.

Photo from www.orbitcast.com

Ben's Rating: ★★★☆☆

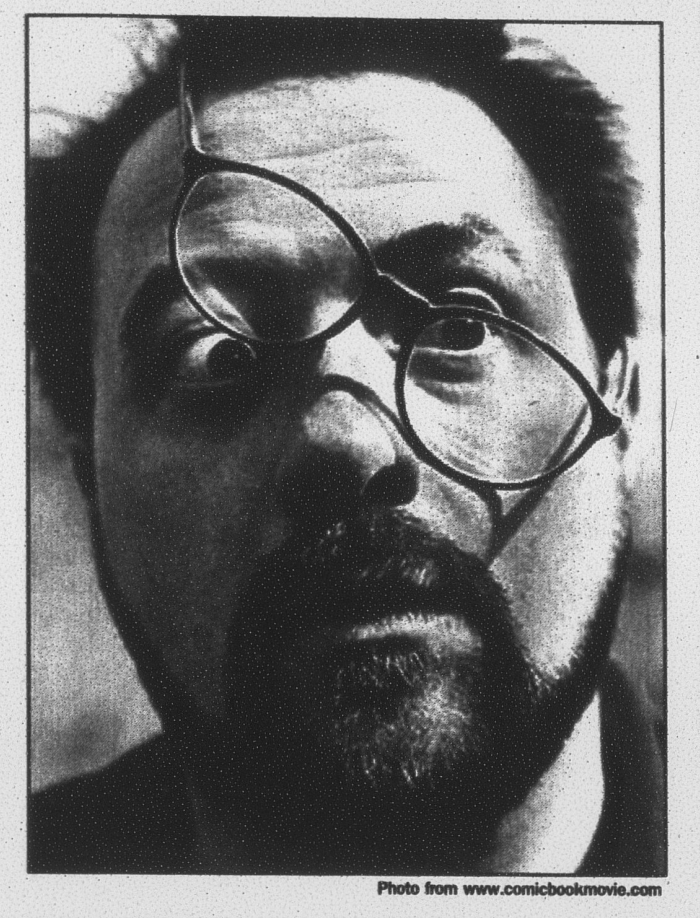
Arts & Entertainment

Zack and Miri Make a Porno has a 'Kevin Smith' feel

By Brett Gerthoffer
A&E Writer

Fans of independent director Kevin Smith (*Clerks* 1 and 2, *Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back, Mallrats*) will feel right at home with this heart-felt romance and obscene film *Zack and Miri Make a Porno*.

Zack and Miri delivers non-stop laughs, relatable instances, and proof that independent filmmaking is very doable. From *Mallrats* to *Chasing Amy* to the *Clerks* films Smith continues to inspire independent filmmakers to follow their dreams and succeed.



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Judd Apatow, who brought us *40-Year-Old-Virgin*, and Jason Reitman, *Juno*, both cited Smith as top influences in their careers. Seth Rogen also gives credit to Smith when *Clerks* showed us a group of guys who talk and misbehave as much as immature adults in real life do. Smith captured the hearts and minds of raunchy viewers with *Clerks* and shows no signs of stopping through *Zack and Miri*.

He did so by showing how low budgets and scripts rich with stunning dialogue can go a very long way. Smith's movies are so successful because he realizes that you don't need stunning visuals or gunfights and explosions, but memorable characters you can relate to and witty and obscene-as-can-be dialogue.

Zack (Seth Rogen) portrays Smith's own ambitions in filmmaking when he devises a plan to make money for rent by making a porno. Among all the hardships and obstacles they encounter, Zack finds an answer and never stops to achieve his dreams.

Miri (Elizabeth Banks) finds comfort and respect towards her friend's undying ambition. Miri has a line in the movie that Smith's girlfriend said to him in real life: "I've never seen you be ambitious".

This demonstrates the legacy Smith is creating in independent movie making. More and more filmmakers like Apatow and Reitman are creating genuine movies, much like *Zack and Miri* that show that if underground Kevin Smith can make a movie so raunchy and ridiculous and be successful with it, then so can they.

He created these possibilities even before You Tube came out and enabled everyone alive the chance to be an independent filmmaker. Two Fox Chapel High school students from Pittsburgh, Nicholas Lombardi and Chris Milan, are famous for their silly short movies on You Tube and even starred in *Zack and Miri*. Another example that it's very possible to find your way into this rising genre of comedy in Hollywood.

Photo from www.rottentomatoes.com

How cool would it be to have your favorite filmmaker, Kevin Smith write you into his script because he notices a likeness in your and his ambitions?

I instantly admired the characters and obscenities in *Zack and Miri* and laughed the entire time. Expect most of the raunchiness from familiar faces to Smith's movies Jason Mewes (Jay from *Clerks* and *Jay and Silent Bob*) and Jeff Anderson (Randal from *Clerks*) and a lot of the laughs and an unforgettable love story from Rogen and Banks.

If you're a big fan of Kevin Smith then you know that most of his movies have at least one extremely obscene scene (let's say the donkey scene for *Clerks 2*). *Zack and Miri* tops the list of the obscene and will have you sitting in utter shock and then laughing you're face off as you ask yourself if that actually happened.

Pittsburgh fans will find even more comfort and relation in that it was filmed in Monroeville and one of the funniest parts of the movie happens when a wasted Steelers fan walks in on the production of Zack's porno yelling about the Steelers and Pittsburgh.

Expect a lot of nudity (including male frontal), F-words galore, crude sexual humor, and among all the obscenities a very successful romantic story.

Leave it to Smith to deliver such a provocative and surprisingly romantic comedy about making porn.

Brett's Rating: ★★★★★

Ryan Adams' Good Ol' Rock n Roll Album

By Levi Sanchez
A&E Writer

Cardinology, Ryan Adams' tenth CD in eight years, is a solid effort.

The album doesn't bridge new territory for the prolific Adams, but rather continues his tradition of making good rock n roll music. Backed by his now inseparable band, The Cardinals, Adams channels some of the greats, at times sounding like Bob Dylan, Neil Young, and Tom Petty.

The opening tracks "Born into a Light" and "Go Easy" get the album started off well. The group harmonies on the choruses and the full band sound call to mind Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers. In the spirit of rock music, the lyrics don't get too heavy, and the choruses come around more than once.

On "Fix It" Adams and The Cardinals drop the beat a little harder. They turn the bass up and the clean electric guitar squeaks in funky staccatos. The lyrics lament the loss of control in a relationship when the other partner decides to leave. Despite Adams' wish that he "always win in the end," he admits he never will.

"Natural Ghost" opens memorably with the lyric "I was waiting for somebody to die, nobody did but a part of me died, I suppose from all that waiting." Musically, the piano chords, the picked out acoustic lead guitar, and the electric steel guitar make a wonderfully complex verse, while the reverb heavy chorus sounds like it dropped off a Crosby Stills, Nash, and Young record with its multiple harmonies and distorted lead guitar.

"Evergreen" is a beautiful slower song that admires an unnamed love. In addition to the acoustic guitar, The Cardinals add back-up vocals, keys, steel guitar, and brushed percussion to this lovely track. This song is one of my favorites on the entire album with its memorable line, "Evergreen never says nothing that's mean."

The album's farewell, "Stop," is a beautiful piano ballad. Ryan goes solo for the majority of the song before a string section and back-up vocalists join him to close off the album. The somber lyrics reach out and entreat another to make the decision to solve their own problems.

All in all, *Cardinology* is another win for Adams. Despite a couple misses, he stays true to himself and adds another 12 tracks to his extensive catalogue. Pick up the album and check out some of one of his hundred other CD's. You won't be disappointed.

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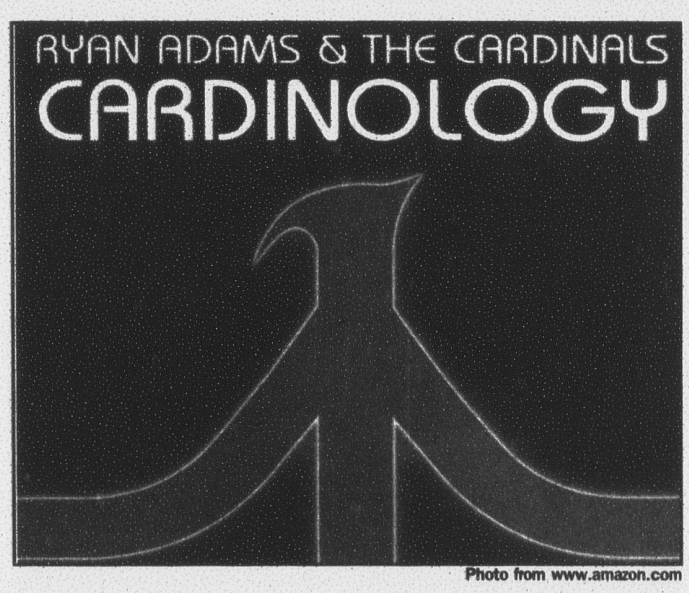


Photo from www.amazon.com

Levi's Rating: ★★★★☆

We're in this together

By Chris Lehberger
A&E Writer

"And they were singing, Bye-bye, Miss American pie. Drove my Chevy to the levee, But the levee was dry. And them good old boys were drinkin' whiskey and rye Singin, this'll be the day that I die."

It's funny it comes on a day where the thick covering of defeat has settled upon those who've called John McCain their candidate. It's a sort of nostalgic feeling, of remembrance, of what was–even though what was wasn't good at all. Maybe it's a fear of change, a feeling of the loss of power, when once at the top of the world with the reigns in their hands, they were in control.

To me, it's just like the sixties, with a half-million people gathered at once together in upstate New York to celebrate one purpose, as one person, and they were high and together and amassed as a quantity nearly as large as those who they wished safety in Vietnam. But then it was done, and they all dispersed and went on their ways and that was that.

I think people–right-wing, conservative Christians at least, think that who they are and what they stand for is dying, that the moral issues they are so concerned with–abortion, prayer in schools,–are fading, and that a new philosophy of liberalism is arising to take its place, just as the philosophy of the sixties–peace, love, and music–also died as the seventies rolled on.

They're losing their war, their economics, the senate.

But what they're gaining is a president who wants unity, wants to step across party lines–wants to erase them–in order to move forward in addressing the issues relevant to America today. It's understandable they feel left out–with Obama supporters declaring that they can "finally be proud to be American", something that as Republicans and Christians they feel and have felt all the while.

But both parties are missing the whole point of President-elect Barack Obama's platform. It's not about who's right or wrong, who's right or left, but that we as Americans all have jobs to do–to make America a better place to live for everyone, no matter of race, religion, creed, or skin color. It was Jesus who said "everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established." It was also he who said that we should love one another as we love ourselves. And in this time of tumult, we should do just that. Let's cease to be Democrats and Republicans, Independents and Moderates. Let's cease to be sore losers and sore winners. Let's cease to be "we" and "they" and lets understand that we all enjoy the same privilege of living together, freely voting, working, protesting, and accomplishing, enjoying the freedoms that our forefathers fought so hard for–let's start to be Americans.

Concert Calendar

Rock out with your favorite artists at these upcoming local shows!

November:

7: Ben Kenney of Incubus: @ Club Zoo: 7:00 pm
8: Mest @ Club Zoo: 7:00 pm
8: The Academy Is @ Mr Smalls: 7:00 pm
9: 3OH!3 @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
10: Mest @ Strummers: 7:00 pm
13: Senses Fail w/ Dance Gavin Dance @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
17: Soulfly @ The Rex: 7:30 pm
21: Cobra Starship @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
22: Hawthorne Heights @ The Rex: 6:30 pm
22: Frank Caliendo @ The Benedum: 8:30 pm
25: Plain White T's @ Diesel: 5:30 pm
26: OneRepublic @ Chevy Ampitheatre: 7:00 pm

December:

2: Aiden @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
4: Augustana @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
12: The Misfits @ Mr. Smalls: 8:00 pm
17: Trans-Siberian Orchestra @ Mellon Arena: 7:30 pm
26 and 27: The Clarks @ The Rex: 7:30 pm
27: The Morning Light @ Diesel: 7:00 pm

January:

7: AC/DC @ Mellon Arena: 7:30 pm

Features

New York City & the Holiday Season

Megan Hoffman
Features Editor

Santa: I've been to New York thousands of times.

Buddy: What's it like?

Santa: Well, there are some things you should know. First off, you see gum on the street, leave it there. It isn't free candy. Second, there are, like, thirty Ray's Pizzas. They all claim to be the original. But the real one's on 11th. And if you see a sign that says "Peep Show", that doesn't mean that they're letting you look at the new toys before Christmas.

– *Elf* (2003)

Halloween is over, and that can only mean one thing – The holidays are coming! Preparations for Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade are already underway, a tree is being scoped out for Rockefeller Center, and ice rinks are popping up all around the city.

For those who want to experience the adventure of the big apple, the Black Student Union is offering a one day Christmas shopping trip to NYC this year. For others who prefer nice quiet New Wilmington, you can still live out your big city adventures through the plethora of movies and television shows set in NYC. I have visited the city five times and have been there at least once during every season; however Christmas is definitely the best and most enjoyable time to really get to see all New York City has to offer.

Window shopping, the Radio City Rockettes, and larger-than-life Christmas decorations are all a part of NYC during the holidays. NYC in all of its holiday spirit is a focus in many feature films and television shows. A special way to really experience the city during the holidays is to live out some of your favorite New York moments caught on film.

If you have never been to NYC, the holiday season is the perfect time to go. While strolling down the streets of New York City, try to picture Will Farrell running around dressed as one of Santa's helpers from the movie Elf. You also might just have to smile when you look up and realize that you are standing on 34th Street. You never know, NYC just might be the place where miracles happen.

Try grabbing something for breakfast at one of the city's many cafes and eat it while doing a little window shopping down 5th Avenue. Then take a minute to imagine yourself as Audrey Hepburn in her most famous role as Holly Golightly in *Breakfast at Tiffany's*. Or try being spontaneous, who knows maybe you will find a bit of serendipity in the city.

If you have been there in the past, this time try stepping away from the tourist spots and experience the multitude of other things the city has to offer. Since you have already experienced the hustle and bustle of Times Square, the excitement of Rockefeller Center, and the crazy shoppers buzzing around Herald Square, take a trip to the Upper West Side where you can imagine yourself walking beside Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan in *You've Got Mail*. While on your walk you might see a bookstore or two all decorated for the holidays and you just might think that you have stepped onto a movie set where the Shop around the Corner or Fox Books become reality.

New York can be as cheap or as expensive a holiday vacation you want to make it, but it is definitely not one to miss. I find that when I am watching movies set in places that I have visited it is exciting to know that I was at the same place where Will Farrell, Audrey Hepburn, or countless other celebrities have been. Being in a place where a scene is set is really interesting because you get to put yourself in the characters' shoes.

Although the holidays do bring a special magic to the city, anytime you decide to visit NYC is a good time. You can still live out your favorite cinematic and small screen moments since throughout the year movies and televisions shows are filmed and taped in NYC.

Rockefeller Center is not only home to the world's most famous Christmas tree and ice skating rink but also it is the home of the *Today Show, Dateline, Nightly News with Brian Williams*, and *Saturday Night Live*. If you watch any of these shows or just love broadcasting then a tour of NBC is a must on a trip to New York. Standing outside Studio 8H, the home of *SNL* for over 30 years is one of the most memorable experiences New York has to offer.

If you are lucky enough you might even be able to be part of the studio audience. This goes along with several shows filmed in New York, such as *Live with Regis and Kelly* or the *Today Show*, where you can stand out on the plaza and wave to friends and family back home. Not surprisingly, New York City is a place that doesn't even sleep on television.

A weekend in New York City can mean anything from a stroll through Central Park and shopping in Chinatown to lunch at Tavern on the Green and tickets to a Broadway musical. All in all it is an experience not to miss and one that will make watching some of your favorite movies and television shows a little more exciting when you catch a glimpse of somewhere you have been.

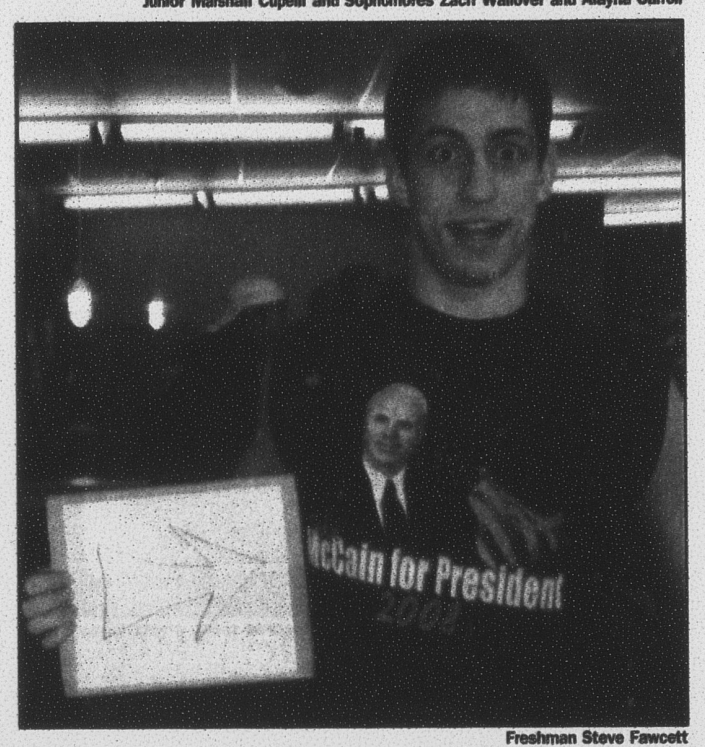
It is evident that NYC is ever present in movies and television and you know this firsthand if you are someone who wakes up with Matt and Meredith on the *Today Show* or falls asleep to David Letterman on the *Late Show*. Whether you decide to go now during the holiday season or sometime within the next year or so, always remember that anytime you decide to visit New York is a good time. Then next time that familiar skyline pops up in a film or television show, you can't help smiling as you remember what fun times you had in the city.

Megan is a senior public relations major who is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority and Dance Theater. When she's not breaking her foot, she can most likely be found in the TUB or creeping on Facebook.

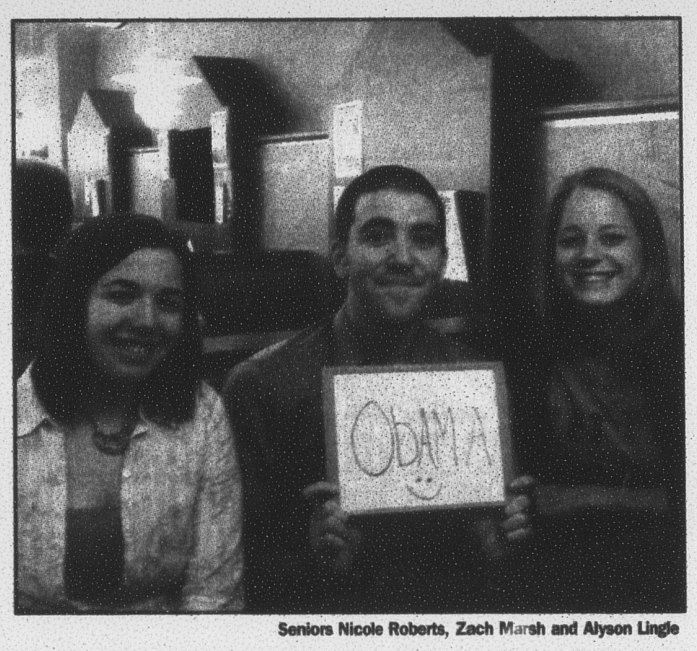
Question of the week

Who did you vote for in the Presidential Election?

Junior Marshall Cupelli and Sophomores Zach Wallover and Alayna Carroll



Freshman Steve Fawcett



Seniors Nicole Roberts, Zach Marsh and Alyson Lingle

Candid campus: view the fall scenery

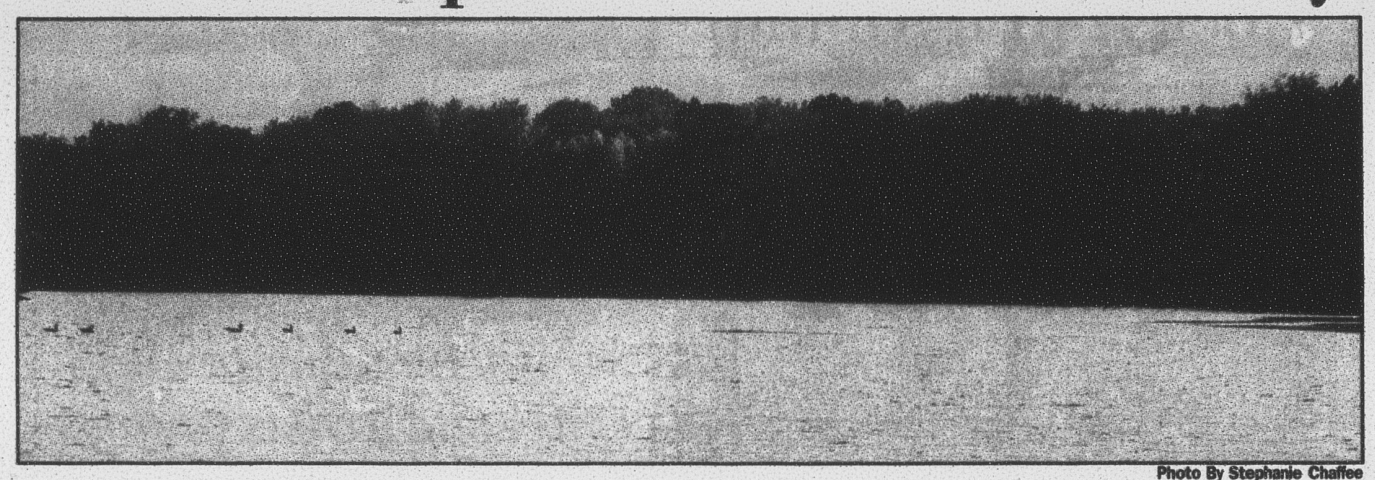
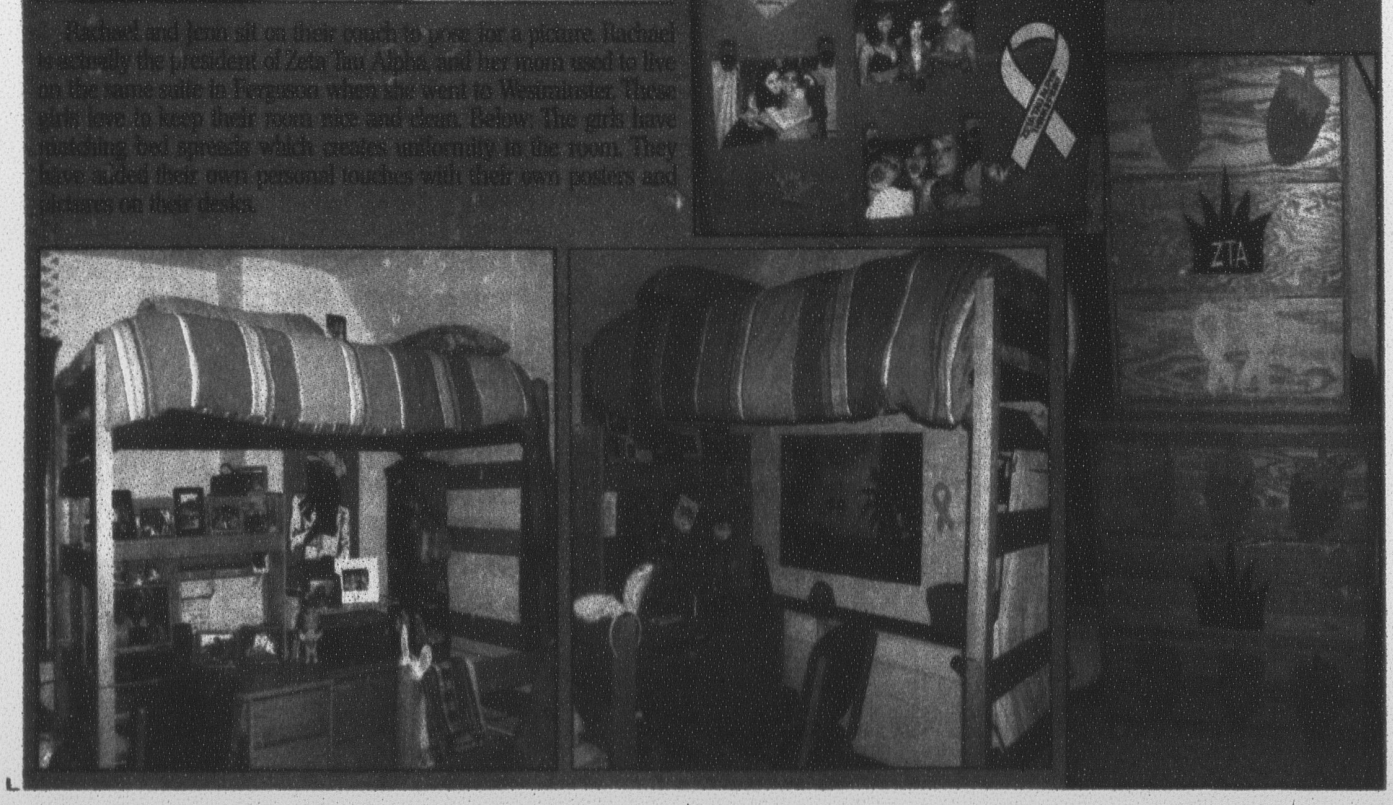


Photo By Stephanie Chaffee

Megan visits her own sorority suite to see the room of Rachael Conn and Jenn Wheeler.

Rachael and Jenn sit on their couch to pose for a picture. Rachael is currently the president of Zeta Tau Alpha and her mom used to live on the same suite in Ferguson when she went to Westminster. Those girls love to keep their room nice and clean. Below: The girls have matching bed spreads which creates uniformity in the room. They have added their own personal touches with their own posters and pictures on their desks.

The girls have numerous photo frames around the room. They also have pictures on their fridge of all their friends. Below: The girls have pot straw-berries, crowns and breast cancer signs on their dresser drawers, all of which are ZTA symbols, locally and nationally.



Reasons to stay on campus this weekend:

Don't forget to reserve your tickets for *Once Upon A Mattress* which has showings on Nov. 14-16.

Friday:

Volleyball v. Waynesburg for PAC championships semi-final at 6 p.m. in the Field House.

Wind Ensemble Concert in Orr Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Air Band Battle hosted by Newman Club in Berlin Lounge 8 to 10 p.m.

Movies in Mueller Theater: *Bangkok Dangerous* at 8:00 p.m. and *Tropic Thunder* at 10:30 p.m.

Saturday:

Football v. Grove City at 1:30 p.m.

Men's Soccer v. Washington and Jefferson at 7 p.m. for PAC finals

Movies in Mueller Theater: *Tropic Thunder* at 8 p.m. and *Bangkok Dangerous* at 10:30 p.m.

Take a walk around campus and enjoy the beautiful fall colors.

Mass in Wallace Memorial Chapel at 7 p.m.

J.D. Eicher and the Goodnights with Winslow in the Berlin Lounge from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Sunday:

Vespers in Wallace Memorial Chapel at 7 p.m.

Movies in Mueller Theater: *Bangkok Dangerous* at 3 p.m. and *Tropic Thunder* at 9 p.m.

If you know of any weekend activities and want it in *The Holcad*, please contact Features Editor, Megan Hoffman, at hoffmams@westminster.edu.

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Number of classes closed after the first day of registration.

Weekend Weather
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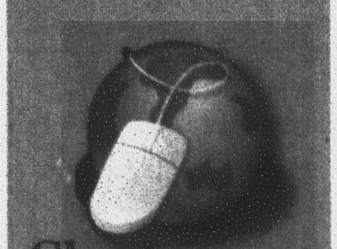
Few Showers
60°/43°

Saturday
Rain / Snow Showers
44°/32°

Sunday
Few Snow Showers
38°/31°



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"Once Upon A Mattress" not a sleeper

Musical puts a modern twist on classic fairytale "The Princess and the Pea"

By Sarah Cook
Staff Writer

Theatre Westminster and the Department of Music are performing "Once Upon a Mattress" Nov. 12-16 in Beeghly Theater. The cast and musical accompaniment is comprised entirely of students, and according to director Dr. Scott Mackenzie, are a very strong and talented group.

"Once Upon a Mattress" is a modern-day twist on the story "The Princess and The Pea." The musical takes place in a medieval castle in late March through mid-April. Throughout a series of songs and turns of plot, this spin on the classic tale of royal courtship attempts to change the way the audience looks at fairytales forever.

"All of the students in the cast are very enthusiastic about musical theater and have a lot of talent," Mackenzie said.

The cast was hand chosen by Mackenzie after a tryout of more than 50 students. The musical features three female lead roles. These roles include sophomore Rachel Adams as the princess, senior Rosie Hassell as Queen Aggravain and junior Claudia Brown as Lady Larkin. The leading male roles are played by sophomore Matt Monahan as the Jester, freshman Jimmy Cochran as the Minstrel and senior Ian Turner as Sir Harry.

"There are fun songs that will make you laugh, ridiculous humor throughout and some overzealous characters," senior Diana Peet said. "It's just pure fun that everyone will enjoy."

Photo by Derek Deremer

Once Upon a Time...

(Left to right) Freshman Jimmy Cochran, junior David Lynch, and sophomore Matt Monahan, along with the other student performers, awed audiences in the funny and dazzling musical, "Once Upon a Mattress," which opened on Nov. 12.

Not only is the cast made up entirely of students, the set was created by students as well. Members of the set design class taught by Paula Ferguson, the show's technical director, created the entire set and props used throughout the musical. However, students were not upset when President Dorman came to lend them a helping hand with the painting.

Show times are Nov. 12-15 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 16 at 2:30 p.m. Ticket reservations are strongly recommended and can be ordered online via the theater's Web site or by calling the box office at extension 7241. The show is free to all students with a valid Titan Card. General admission is $10 and $7 for all non-WC students and senior citizens.

Theatre Westminster has been active on campus for 60 years. The "producing arm" of the theater department carries out these productions. Each year there are three performances. A major musical is always performed bi-annually. Upcoming shows for the '08-'09 school year are Getting Out, the story of a woman trying to rebuild her life after serving time in prison, and Pride and Prejudice, a classic story written by the popular author, Jane Austen.

Campus health center prepares for flu season

More people seek flu vaccine this year than last

By Kandice Hartner
Campus Writer

With a short wait and a low cost, the flu shots offered by the Student Health Center helped anyone who wanted a flu shot to get vaccinated.

Seventy-seven people, including both students and faculty, came into the Student Health Center between 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Nov. 6 to get a flu shot for a fee of $27. With help from the Jameson Health Center, who provided the flu shots, the Student Health Center was able to provide a quick shot, helping to avoid long lines and wait time.

Health Center director Judith Duda was grateful for how quick the process was with Jameson.

"Last year we only had one nurse from Maxum Health," Duda said. "She was late and she had to do all the paperwork and the shots. We couldn't do a lot to help and people had to wait."

The Jameson Health System brought 12 nurses to help in two different groups, with six nurses in each group. This allowed people to fill out paperwork while nurses administered shots to those who were finished with their paperwork, making the vaccination process quick and easy.

The flu vaccine program has been offered on campus for the past five years and attracted 54 people to get the shot in 2007. Marissa Carr, a student who got the flu shot on Nov. 6, was glad the Health Center had a program for people to get vaccinated if they wanted to.

"Everyone gets sick," Carr said. "It's like a horrible plague."

According to the Center for Disease Control Web site, the flu vaccine is the single best way to protect against the flu. For various reasons, people chose not to get the flu vaccination offered by the Student Health Center.

*See **Flu Shots**, Page A-5*

Admissions application numbers continue to climb

Students applying to, visiting campus in record droves

By Laura Henry
Staff Writer

With the abundance of applications flowing through Admissions Office's doors, the college has received a record high for next year, amounting to 1700 applications with more on the way.

Admissions records, which go back to the 1980s, show that their office has never had so many applications submitted.

At this point Admissions is unable to determine how many students will actually decide to attend our campus, but Associate Director of Admissions Regina Sharbuagh explained that typically the goal is to have 365 students join campus as freshmen the next year.

"We would be safe in saying we would meet our goal for next year." Sharbaugh said. "This year's freshman is the largest class we have ever had and Admissions continues to make the same efforts as last year."

This year's freshman class, consisting of 460 students, is the largest in college history, but Admissions expects to have even greater numbers in the coming school year. The record high of received applications has Admissions confident that next year's class will see an additional increase.

Not only has the college received a record high number of applications, but the attendance for visitation days is also seeing its largest turnout. On Saturday Nov. 15, 201 students are signed up to visit the college and on Saturday Nov. 22, 105 students will be on campus.

"The visitation day numbers are up and have made a significant increase," Sharbaugh said. "The last time we had this high of a number was in 2002. The numbers are up 25 to 30 people, if not more."

Dean of Admissions Brad Tokar spoke strongly about Admissions' continuous efforts to increase applications.

"The increase has been a campus wide effort, but the faculty, coaches, and Admissions have all been great and working really hard with applications and recruitment," Tokar said.

Some worry if we will have enough housing to accommodate another large incoming class, but Tokar is not concerned about the housing accommodations.

"Too many students is a good problem," Tokar said. "Plus this year's seniors is a big class as well, so we would probably have enough room for another large class. We will have to first check with Student Affairs, but I do not see it being a problem."

Tokar does, however, worry about the economy. Tokar explained that his only concern with a large incoming class is the fact that the economy is down and that could effect the college and the number of students we can accept. Tokar feels that it is too early to determine what will happen.

Even with the concerns about the economy, Admissions continues to see an increase in applicants and to receive interest from prospective students. While the Admissions Office can only speculate the number of freshmen we will accept, we can expect to see a lot of new faces on campus next year.

Election 2008: The role of the youth vote

By Danielle McCullough
Layout Editor

News reports stated prior to the elections that the youth (considered 18-29) were coming out in mass to vote.

This was not the case. The youth vote was somewhere around 18 percent of those who voted. Generally the youth vote in presidential elections is around 20 percent of the people who voted

2004 showed the biggest increased with 4.3 million new voters followed by this elections with 2.2 million new voters. Sixty-nine percent of these first time voters (in a presidential election) voted for Obama.

The major difference in this election is that it was more targeted to the youth vote instead of the traditional campaigns directed towards the older voters.

More voters felt that Obama is in touch with what the nation really needs.

Obama's campaign even started with students who advocated for him on Facebook, who started groups and got his name out there.

Obama was strong with grassroots organizations who reached out to college campuses for volunteers.

Last spring Westminster hosted meetings for local Obama representivies. These engaged students by letting them know when they could join them to go door knocking in the local area.

Students for McCain did the same thing starting this past fall by knocking for McCain and for representative Melissa Hart.

A whole new way of campaigning may be on the rise.

The reason the youth was targeted so much this year compared to previous elections is because of the generations it now holds.

It now is a large portion of the baby boomer's children. This large population could really change the outcome of votes.

*See **Youth Vote** Page A-6*

Opinion

RANT & RAVE

Tony Gomez is hard to kidnap

Look, it's snowing. lol j/k.

Super Bum was here.

Why would you kidnap him?

Now that the leaves are gone, I can finally see the iguanas in the tree outside Ferg.

I heart British accents

Great job Titan F-ball!

Book drive...can it drive me to Wal-Mart?

Late-night "TUBBERS" are annoying

I made a Facebook group "I avoid the walk to Eich at 4p.m. so I don't get plastered in the face with a frisbee."

TUB "lettuce" know what you think.

I found a caterpillar

It's just like Spanish... but it's Italian.

Chin Strap

i miss the kagaroo!!

What is this? You came to class?

Where is your other half?

Girl: You need to shave.
Guy: No shave November!
Girl: ok! I'm not shaving either!
Guy: That's gross . . .

I will shelter your warmth

Your ugly face is not nice either!

Mother nature will be like SLOW DOWN

I need a SMOOTHIE

I was fully prepared to catch a squirrel

Want to Rant & Rave? Email *The Holcad* with RNR as the subject.

Nutrition 101

Lindsey Nuzzo
Editor-in-Chief

This semester, as part of my Podcasting class, I am working with a group to produce a podcast on healthy living while in college.

For part of our nutrition segment, I had the chance to interview head track and field and cross country coach Tim McNeil. As a member of the track team it was no secret to me that he is the master when it comes to all things health and nutrition. He's really made me think more seriously about nutrition and its importance, especially as it relates to the college environment.

I wanted to share a few of his answers and hopefully provoke some thought about nutrition and health.

Q: What is one of the biggest challenges freshmen might face in regard to nutrition when entering college?

I think one of the biggest problems that incoming freshman have is the amount of food that is available to them. When you go to the cafeteria, it's all you can eat and sometimes there's some food that tastes pretty good, so you just load your plate up. No one's telling you to eat your fruits and vegetables.

The other big problem I think that freshman have is that they are very active in high school, playing 2 or 3 sports, or doing a lot different things at their school, but they come to college and maybe they're not in a fall sport, but just doing whatever sport they were best at, or just something in the spring. The problem is once you hit about 18 19 your metabolism slows down and, all of a sudden, you're not burning the number of calories you were burning in high school, but your still eating the same way. So obviously you have high calorie add- ups

Another thing is I hear kids talking about is that they take a lot more naps. So they'll go eat a big breakfast or lunch, go take a nape, wake up, and then go to dinner. You do burn calories while you're sleeping, but not quite as many if you eat a big meal, take a nap, and then go to dinner.

Q: What are some of the most dangerous foods that college students might not think are bad for them but they really are?

One of the big things is that a lot of food processors add high fructose corn syrup to just about everything. If you look at the ingredients, sodas, drinks, even bread, add high fructose corn syrup and it's a cheap sweetener that our body just doesn't process as well as regular sugar.

Also, we have this thing in the United States that low fat means "good for you" and that's not the case. Fat is good. We need fat in our diet. What we don't need though is white flour. White flour and enriched flour are everywhere. Any white bread, some granola bars, and pretzels are some examples. White flour quickly converts to sugar in our bodies and it burns quickly and excess get stored quickly.

So those are two things that I try to avoid at all costs, high fructose corn syrup and refined grains like white flour. I always choose whole grain or whole rye over the highly processed.

Q: So now that we know what's not good for us, what are some of the healthiest foods college students can eat?

I know it's tough sometimes because there aren't a lot of choices, but any fruit or vegetable is going to be top notch. You should eat at least 5 a day and I always try to go for more than that. The salad bar is a good choice, too. One of the problems, though, is that you aren't getting enough nutrition just from a salad, so you need some type of grain and protein whether it comes from meat or peanut butter.

Good food is out there, you just have to really look and of course I always encourage students to read ingredients when possible.

Q: So I hear that you make your own energy bars. Is that true?

I'm not going to give away any secrets because I still have this dream in the back of my mind that I'm going make my millions with the McNeil bar. But it's all whole grains. Oats is the first ingredient. I use flax seed, wheat germ, and whole-wheat flour. For my sweetener I use brown rice syrup. It is a sugar but it's not as highly processed as regular white sugar, and every now and then I'll slip in some natural maple syrup and honey.

I bet you'll think twice now before picking up that granola bar or those pretzels, huh?

To hear my entire interview with coach McNeil and to listen to the entire podcast visit http://wc-campushealth.podbean.com

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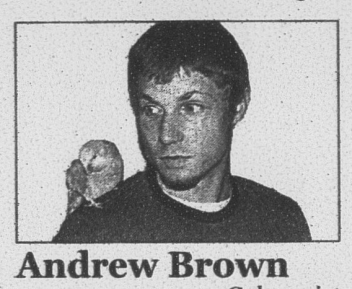
The Butterfly Effect



Andrew Brown
Columnist

Mathematician and meteorologist, Edward Lorenz was an innovator of the early 1960s, as he attempted to make a mathematical model for the weather.

To accomplish this task, he derived 12 differential equations that represented changes in temperature, pressure, wind velocity, and other weather parameters. With computers becoming available as computational tools during this time, Lorenz could enter the initial weather conditions into his equations, and be given a layout of the weather for years to come. However a problem occurred when Lorenz decided to re-examine an initial set of conditions. Surprisingly, Lorenz got drastically different predictions using his model when attempting to replicate an earlier set of conditions.

Instead of using an accuracy of six decimal places, as he did in his original calculations, Lorenz rounded and used only three decimal places for his weather parameter equation. While the results of rounding coincided with the initial calculations at first, the re-examination soon diverged drastically. The small change in the initial conditions led to very different outcomes. This is known as the butterfly effect. A butterfly in Africa can change the weather in America, by simply flapping its wings.

Although this effect profited a considerable amount of green currency in 2004 and again in 2006, the butterfly effect is scary to ponder. Does each and every decision we make in life have an impact on the future? This is especially scary when one does not know what the right decision is. Take a field of study or a career decision for example. Maybe I am more applicable for a different college major. Perhaps I could have been a billionaire if I only majored in business. Could I be on the right road with chemistry? There are countless questions and many 'what ifs' that will never be answered. It can only be concluded that pure luck, the uncontrollable chance, governs all.

Many consider luck to be the intersection of opportunity and preparation. This statement does not account for luck in its entirety. To have an opportunity, one needs to be in the right place at the right time. Luck is situational, and chooses no favorites. A flipped coin will land on either heads or tails with no relevance or knowledge of the outcome. Only the force applied by the coin flipper (along with wind drag and humidity) determines the coin's fate. Who is flipping the coin anyways?

The flipper of my coin seems to be Murphy. I abide by the notion that anything that can go wrong, probably will. This keeps me less cranky when it turns out to be the case. However, I have a hard time accepting the notion that someone controls luck. Perhaps a divine power can handle such a task, but this leads people to believe things happen for a reason. With this view, any unfortunate circumstance occurs as a correctional mechanism, and if any good luck occurs, well then the divine power gets all the credit.

In spite of all this discussion, it would seem that the important aspect is to live optimistically. Dreams aren't worth having if the chance didn't exist to achieve them. I only wish there was a way to test my options, and see what life would be the most profitable, enjoyable, or destructive. On the other hand there is beauty in the unknown. Believing in fate and destiny adds a much more poetic spin on our everyday experiences. Hopefully the next butterfly that flaps his wings will give me a future full of milk and honey.

Andrew is a senior chemistry major, marketing minor who loves riding his bicycle. He is also in Chemistry Club and enjoys eating corn on the cob in his free time.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Alums praise new honors program

In September, *the Holcad* published an article outlining the structure of the new honors program. As students who draw on experiences from the former program in both our professional careers and daily lives, we are excited about the opportunities that the new program will provide to the campus community. We would like to express our support for a program that appears to be more interdisciplinary, more cohesive structurally, and will likely sharpen the campus focus on academics as it grows to include as many as eighty students.

We believe that the program could have an indirect impact on the entire campus by raising the bar for all academic pursuits and fostering an open dialogue in the spirit of the liberal arts. The expanded scope of the program, which now covers all four years of the college experience, includes scholarship funds that encourage those who wish to take a position of academic leadership and promote a culture of honors on campus. We think it could evolve into a major recruiting tool over the next several years. On the margin, we hope that the program attracts top-notch students that otherwise may have selected another institution. But, either way, rising academic standards and an improved intellectual atmosphere would undoubtedly benefit the College on a long-term basis.

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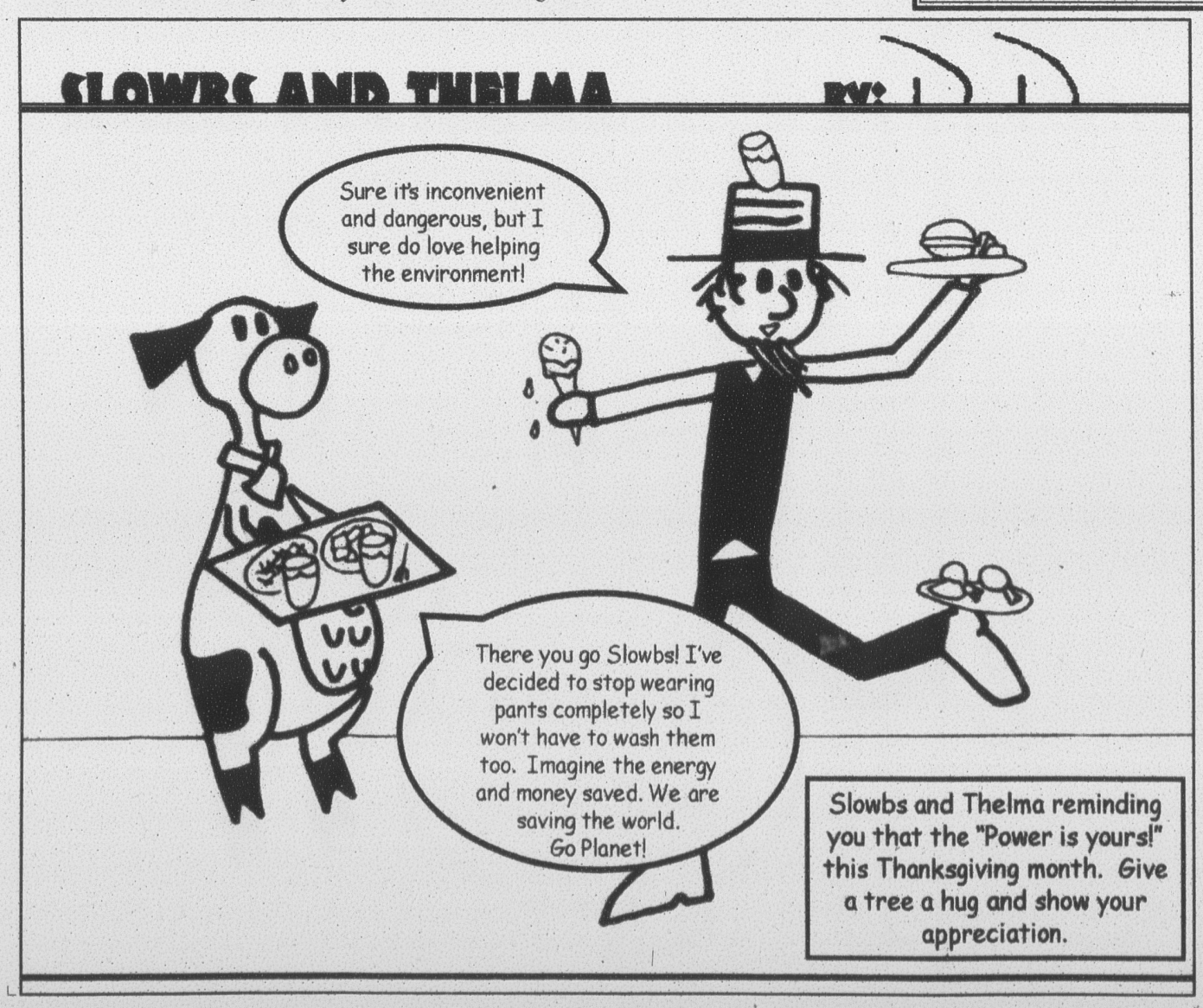

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Outside the Bubble

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REGIONAL

Artists stage street scenes to lurk in Google maps

PITTSBURGH (AP) _ Anyone using Google's Street View map feature to scan one downtown Pittsburgh street is bound to do a double-take.

Two 17th century swordsmen doing battle? An escape from a building using knotted sheets? A laser zapping a Steelers fan and a Cleveland Browns fan, rendering them love-struck and about to embrace?

That can't be real.

But it is. And it isn't.

Google really did capture those scenes when it sent a car equipped with cameras down Pittsburgh's Sampsonia Way in May to take photographs for its online maps. But these images and most of the other scenes caught on Sampsonia were staged by artists Ben Kinsley and Robin Hewlett. The two set out to explore the boundaries of the real and virtual worlds after Pittsburgh became included in Street View.

The Google feature provides panoramic street-level photographs online so users can get a feel for wherever they might be heading – a virtual reconnaissance mission of sorts. Is there metered parking? A place to eat? What's the neighborhood like?

Like many first-time Street View users, Kinsley and Hewlett, then roommates, typed in their address and found their house. Kinsley and Hewlett soon found themselves discussing surveillance and virtual reality, and began considering how they might explore those issues and Street View through art.

"But instead of dwelling on the darker undertones of these issues, we began to think about ways of playing with the system," Kinsley said in an e-mail interview from Iceland, where he is participating in an artist residency. The "Street With a View" project was his master of fine arts thesis project at Carnegie Mellon University.

"We were interested in interjecting something staged, something fictional, into Street View and playing with – and subtly questioning – the notion of reality in something that we perceive as a factual representation of our world," said Kinsley, 26.

This idea draws some of its inspiration from the way that Google Street View has preserved many random, mundane moments in time as its cameras have swept through cities capturing images. In one city, a woman can be seen leaning over in the seat of pickup truck with its door open, inadvertently flashing her thong underwear. Elsewhere a man is climbing a building, apparently breaking in. Another photo in Street View finds a man passed out on the ground.

By going a step further and artificially creating scenes, Kinsley and Hewlett's project also amounted to a physical-world analog for the "Easter eggs" that video game designers hide for advanced players to stumble upon. Street View has a video game-like quality that lets users navigate through a street, and Hewlett said she considers the scenes she and Kinsley created as a sort of virtual reward for online explorers.

"We attempted a balance between the subtle and the spectacular," said Hewlett, 28. "Seen individually, any one of these things may not raise your curiosity that much .. but coupled together, you may start to question a little more."

Google – whose own employees posed outside the company's headquarters in Mountain View, Calif., as its Street View vehicle rolled by – joined in the fun in Pittsburgh after Kinsley and Hewlett contacted the company. Google sent its cameras down Sampsonia on a prearranged day.

"There are all sorts of quirky things that appear organically in Street View, such as a giant rocking chair in Indiana or a wedding in France, which is why this art project was so fascinating," Google spokeswoman Elaine Filadelfo said. "It spoke to the fact that you never know what you may discover, natural or man-made, while exploring the world via Street View."

The Mattress Factory, a contemporary art museum on Sampsonia, also helped by connecting the artists with volunteers who staged the scenes. Though the Google car photographed all the scenes in one day, Kinsley said it took months to plan.

Pa. forensic students reopen Lizzie Borden case

PITTSBURGH (AP) _ A group of forensics students at a downtown Pittsburgh university is reopening the murder case of Lizzie Borden.

Borden was acquitted of the 1892 ax murders of her father and stepmother in Massachusetts, though she was widely believed to be guilty.

The Point Park University students have built a scale model of the Borden household to re-examine the infamous cases. The actual house is still standing, though it has been converted into a bed and breakfast.

Students are using the model to learn the steps investigators take in studying a murder scene.

Their next project is a study of the John F. Kennedy assassination, complete with a scale model of Dealey Plaza where the president was shot in 1963.

NATIONAL

Police: Woman slain as she tried to leave KKK rite

NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP) _ An Oklahoma woman who was lured over the Internet to take part in a Ku Klux Klan initiation was shot and killed after the ritual went awry, and the group tried to cover it up by dumping her body on a rural roadside and setting her belongings aflame, authorities said.

But the plan failed: By Tuesday, a local Klan leader sat in jail on a second-degree murder charge, and seven others were charged with trying to help conceal the crime.

"The IQ level of this group is not impressive, to be kind," St. Tammany Parish Sheriff Jack Strain said Tuesday.

The woman, whose identity was not released, was supposed to be initiated near the village of Sun, La. and then return to her home state to find other members for the white supremacist group, Strain said.

It wasn't clear what rites awaited her at the campsite, but authorities believe the initiation had begun by the time the shooting happened. Strain said the group's leader, Raymond "Chuck" Foster, 44, shot and killed her Sunday night after a fight broke out when she asked to be taken back to town.

Foster was charged with second-degree murder and is being held without bond. Capt. George Bonnett, a spokesman for the sheriff's department, said he doesn't know if Foster has an attorney.

Seven others – five men and two women ages 20 to 30 – were charged with obstruction of justice and were held on $500,000 bond at the St. Tammany Parish jail. All eight of the suspects live in neighboring Washington Parish, but Bonnett said he couldn't immediately identify their hometowns.

Authorities said some of the suspects tried to destroy evidence by burning the woman's belongings along with other items. At the campsite, investigators found weapons, several flags and six Klan robes, some emblazoned with patches reading "KKK LIFE MEMBER" or "KKK SECURITY Enforcement."

Strain said the woman arrived in the Slidell, La., area last week and was met by two people connected to the Klan group and taken to the campsite on the banks of the Pearl River, about 60 miles north of New Orleans.

"We haven't completely sorted out if they finished the initiation," Bonnett said, adding he wasn't aware of any other KKK-related cases during his three years with the department. "I assume that they had started it, but I don't know if they were finished."

Authorities said the group's members called themselves the "Dixie Brotherhood." Mark Pitcavage, director of investigative research for the Anti-Defamation League, said the Dixie Brotherhood appears to be a small, loosely organized group of people.

"This is not what I would call an established Klan group," he said. "The Klan has a pretty high association with violence. Some of these guys are just crooks, sociopaths."

Nurse in Times Square war photo reunites with Navy

NEW YORK (AP) _ A 90-year-old who says she's the woman being kissed by a sailor in Times Square in one of World War II's most famous photographs reunited in town with the Navy on Sunday – days before she is to serve as grand marshal of the city's Veterans Day parade.

Edith Shain of Los Angeles, donning a white nurse's uniform like the one she wore back in 1945, went to see the musical revival of "South Pacific" and posed for pictures, being hoisted off her feet on stage by five of the actors in their Navy whites.

On Tuesday, she'll ride in the parade at the head of a contingent of World War II veterans.

The "South Pacific" event was a touching reminder of history, but very different from Aug. 15, 1945, the day Shain recalls that she joined thousands of people whooping it up after Japan surrendered. Right there on Broadway and 45th Street, a sailor suddenly grabbed and kissed her – and the moment was caught by Alfred Eisenstaedt, a Life magazine photographer.

His picture from V-J Day became one of the 20th century's most iconic images. But Eisenstaedt didn't get the names of either party, and efforts years later by Life to identify them produced a number of claimants, says Bobbi Baker Burrows, a Life editor with deep knowledge of the subject.

About 1980, Shain recalls, she wrote a letter to Life, identifying herself as the woman in the nurse's uniform. Eisenstaedt wrote back and later visited her in California and gave her a copy of the photo. But Eisenstaedt, who died in 1995, was never sure that Shain was the woman in the photo, Burrows said.

Because of renewed interest in the subject, she recalled, "Life decided to run an article saying, 'If you are the sailor or the nurse in the picture, please step forward.'"

"We received claims from a few nurses and dozens of sailors, but we could never prove that any of them were the actual people, and Eisenstaedt himself just said he didn't know," she said.

Even the fact that Shain stands only 4 feet 9 isn't helpful in analyzing the photo, in which the sailor has her in what looks more like a death grip than an embrace, with both of their faces obscured.

By her own account, Shain said she could not identify the bussing boy in blue.

"I went from Doctors Hospital to Times Square that day because the war was over, and where else does a New Yorker go?" she said. "And this guy grabbed me and we kissed, and then I turned one way and he turned the other. There was no way to know who he was, but I didn't mind because he was someone who had fought for me."

At least three veterans still lay claim to being the kissing sailor, and at least one other woman has claimed to be the nurse. But Shain, who left nursing to become a kindergarten teacher in Los Angeles for 30 years, appears to hold the edge – by virtue of persistence, an effervescent charm and unabashed patriotism.

Hawaii's quarter marks end of nationwide program

HONOLULU (AP) _ Still reveling in the election of the first Hawaii-born U.S. president, the islands marked the issuance of its state quarter – the last in the 50-state quarter program.

Hawaii's banks began distributing the quarter Monday to hundreds of coin collectors in lines snaking down Bishop Street, the heart of the downtown business district.

Adults had to buy the coins in $10 rolls, but Gov. Linda Lingle and U.S. Mint Director Ed Moy handed out free coins to children.

"We ask each of you to take the Hawaii quarter with you around the world and be ambassadors of aloha," said Jonathan Johnson, head of the Hawaii State Quarter Commission.

Don Horner, president of the Hawaii Bankers Association, reassured waiting collectors that the banks had enough coins for everyone. The U.S. Mint plans to make 520 million Hawaii coins before it ends the program.

The quarter shows King Kamehameha the Great, the Hawaiian warrior who united the Hawaiian islands under his rule in the early 1800s, standing with his left arm outstretched.

Underneath is a map of the main Hawaiian islands and the state's motto in Hawaiian, "Ua mau ke ea o ka aina I ka pono." The motto translates to "The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness."

Horner explained the motto means people doing the right thing allows the people and land to endure. "That's a beautiful message of aloha to send out to all of the people in the world," he said.

The design was the overwhelming favorite of the 26,000 people who voted online for their preferred design. Design possibilities that were rejected included a surfer and a hula dancer.

Haunani Apoliona, chairwoman of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, said it was important that the coin featured Native Hawaiian culture.

"It's very, very critical that people remember Hawaii begins with indigenous, native people," Apoliona said.

The ceremony had lots of Hawaii flavor: participants wore ceremonial flower leis, and eight elementary school-age dancers from Halau Olapakuikalai O Hokuaulani of Kaneohe performed the hula.

Moy, the U.S. Mint director, said it was bittersweet day because the Hawaii quarter marks the end of the wildly popular 50-state quarter program.

The congressional program, started in 1999, circulated new quarters honoring a different state every 10 weeks in the order the states joined the union. The program began with Delaware.

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Lawrence County man jumps into lake after traffic accident

MUDDY CREEK TOWNSHIP, Butler County-- State police say they rescued a motorist who jumped into a Lake Arthur in nearby Butler County after his car wrecked on an icy bridge and he saw other vehicles approaching. Police say 48-year-old Michael Wells of New Castle crashed his vehicle into another that had already spun out on Route 422 Monday morning. That accident happened on a bridge over Lake Arthur in Moraine State Park. As Wells and the other motorist stood and exchanged information, they saw other vehicles approaching and ran for safety. That's when police say Wells jumped from the bridge. Wells is in fair condition in a Pittsburgh hospital after spending about an hour in the cold water

Amish help rebuild neighbors shop

WILMINGTON TOWNSHIP, Lawrence County-- Lawrence County's Amish community raised a new building in two days to replace the one destroyed by fire on Thursday along Wagner Road in Wilmington Township. You can see the before and after pictures here on TR News online as volunteers responded to the call for help to replace the burned down Amish Furniture and Cabinet Shop owned by Ben J. Byler who suffered burns to his arms and face when the blaze burned the shop to the ground. Officials say the fire was an accident. Volunteers began work on Friday and completed the structure by the end of Saturday.

INTERNATIONAL

Moment of truth for Shiite party over pact

BAGHDAD (AP) _ The fate of an agreement that would keep U.S. troops here for three more years rests with Iraq's largest Shiite party, which must choose between its two main partners: the United States and Iran.

Most lawmakers are waiting for that party, the Supreme Islamic Iraq Council, to take a position on the agreement, which parliament must approve by the end of the year. Only then will smaller groups, including Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's own Shiite party, commit to the deal or oppose it.

For the moment, all the parties are off the hook. Government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said Monday that the government is still not satisfied and wants more talks on specifics.

But once both the Iraqi and American governments declare a draft final, it will be the moment of truth for the Supreme Council.

It will have to choose between the Shiite-dominated neighbor that nurtured it during Saddam Hussein's Sunni-dominated regime and a superpower that helped it spearhead the Shiite rise to power after ousting the dictator in 2003.

Iran bitterly opposes the agreement, fearing it would pave the way to a long-term U.S. presence on its Western border and threaten its national interests.

"We are generally supportive of the agreement," said a Supreme Council lawmaker, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the subject. "But we are in a very tight spot. If we say yes, people will say we are traitors. And if we say no, they will say we are Iranian stooges."

Another Supreme Council lawmaker, also speaking on condition of anonymity for the same reason, said, "It is stupid to make an enemy of America."

"Yes, Iran is a friend and an ally. But the agreement is in the national interest and we will accept it even over Iran's objections," the lawmaker said.

The proposed deal would allow U.S. troops to stay through 2011 after their U.N. mandate expires on Dec. 31. It would enshrine a special relationship between the U.S. and a country that under Saddam was considered a bulwark against westward expansion of Iran's influence.

But the Supreme Council cannot afford to sever its ties with Iran. The party needs its neighbor for political support in the power struggle with Sunnis, Kurds and fellow Shiites.

The election of Barack Obama in the U.S. adds another element of uncertainty. Obama has called for withdrawing all U.S. combat troops from Iraq within 16 months of his inauguration, about 18 months ahead of the Dec. 31, 2011, deadline.

There have been signs that the Supreme Council may be moving to distance itself from Iran, although a complete break is unlikely to come anytime soon. Most of the steps away from Tehran have been largely symbolic.

"I think that until there is a final deal over power sharing and the future of Iraq, the Supreme Council will keep its ties with Iran," said Vali Nasr, an expert on Shiite affairs at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.

Last year, the party decided to declare Iraq's top Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, its spiritual guide instead of Iran's supreme leader, Grand Ayatollah Ali Khameini.

Al-Sistani is an Iraq-based Iranian who has major theological differences with the Iranian ruling clergy.

Shiite politicians are looking to al-Sistani for both guidance and political cover. But the cleric, who is close to the Supreme Council, has not taken a clear position on the deal either.

On Friday, senior party official Sadr al-Din al-Qubanji told the weekly prayer worshippers in the holy Shiite city of Najaf that the agreement must be put to a national vote and win the support of the "highest religious leadership" – meaning al-Sistani.

The uncertainty leaves the Supreme Council wrestling with a decision that could reinforce its position among Shiites – or destroy it.

The Supreme Council's dilemma reflects the wider divisions within the majority Shiite community. The Shiites gained the most from the U.S.-led invasion; but they know challenging the Iranians over the security agreement carries huge risks.

Three Shiite lawmakers, including one from the Supreme Council, said politicians genuinely feared Iranian retribution, including assassination, if they came out publicly in favor of the agreement.

Iran also could retaliate by closing its border with Iraq, halting trade and denying Iraq the lucrative business of the millions of Iranians who visit Iraq's Shiite religious shrines. Another option would be to halt cooperation with Iraqi authorities on security and development.

For the Supreme Council, the security agreement holds political risks at home, too.

Campus News

Career Center teaches students to "Dine and Shine"

Seniors learn skills necessary for business dining and etiquette

By Elizabeth Beardsley
Campus Writer

The Career Center treated the senior class to an evening of lessons on dining and etiquette at its annual "Dine and Shine" event on Thursday, Nov. 6 in the Witherspoon Rooms.

Dine and Shine provides an opportunity for seniors to learn tips on how to properly act during a business dinner or luncheon. Examples of topics covered at the event include table etiquette, conversations and proper dress for the interview.

"This really helps them know how to best interview over a meal," Career Center Director Jackie Meade said.

Keynote speaker Dr. Cary Horvath, assistant professor of communication, arts and theater at Youngstown State University, spoke about the importance of etiquette and attire at an interview during a meal. According to Horvath, approximately 80 percent of second interviews are conducted over dinner or drinks.

"I was never aware of how many little details need to be taken into consideration during an interview over a meal," senior Gwen Gorski said. "I feel a lot more confident now, should I ever have to do be interviewed in a situation like this."

To display proper dress and to distinguish the difference between business formal and business casual attire, underclassmen students modeled examples of each.

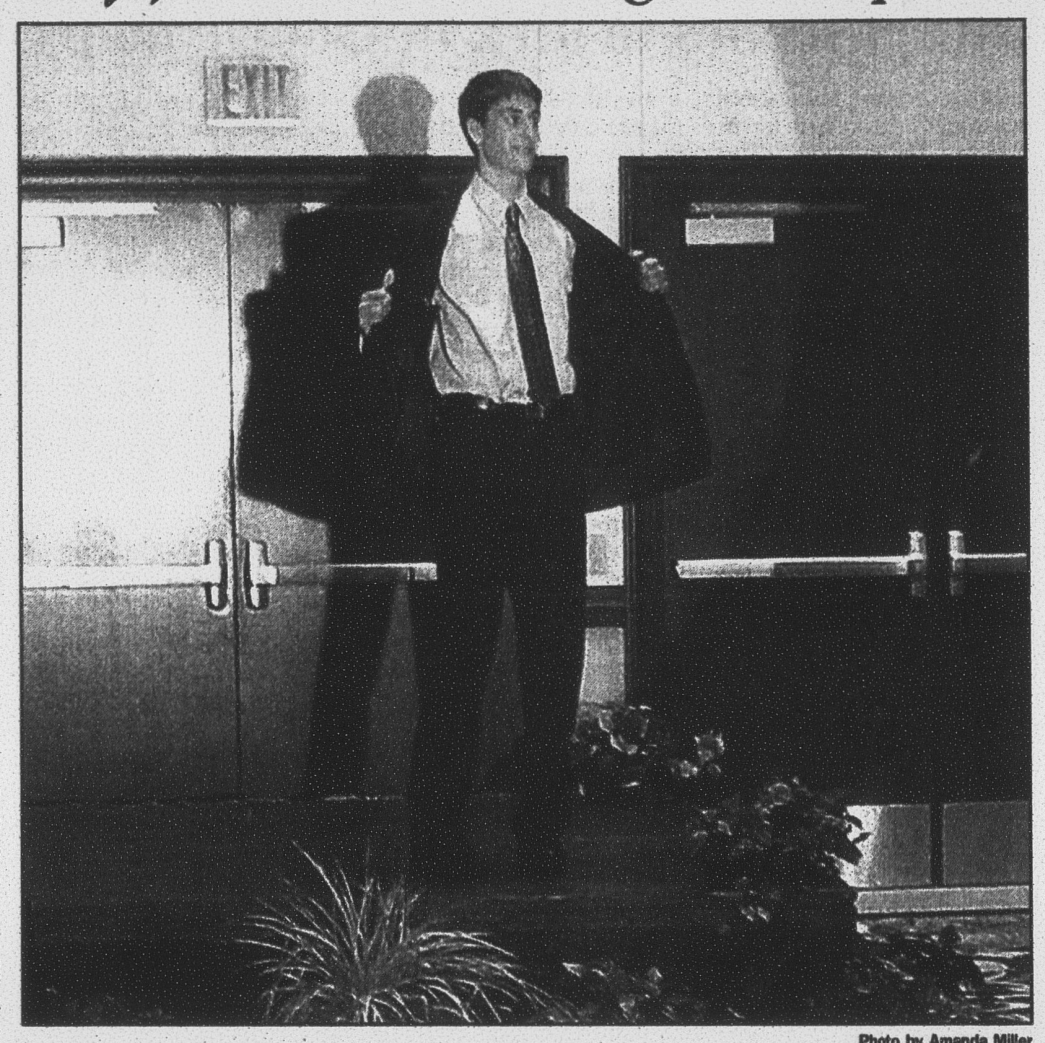
Twelve underclassmen and one professor, Dr. Dave Smith of the business and economics department, volunteered to model. All models wore clothing from the Prime Outlets located in Grove City.

"I really liked seeing first hand the differences between business casual and business formal," senior Nicole Roberts said. "Dine and Shine was really informative, and I definitely recommend everyone to go when they get the chance."

The colorful decorations reflected the theme of the evening inspired by the Dr. Seuss book, Oh the Places You'll Go.

To reserve their spot at this free event, seniors had to respond to the email sent to them. Sodexo catered the meal and offered a vegetarian option.

With 100 students in attendance, the career center considered this year's Dine and Shine a great success, and they already look forward to next year's event.



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Classy and chic

Freshman James Bonetti shows off his stylish duds during the "Dine and Shine" event held for seniors on Thursday, Nov. 6.

SGA MINUTES

Student Government Association

11-12-08

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jordan Flaim, Secretary

I. Prayer- John Marlowe, Chaplain

II. Roll was called and all senators were present and accounted for except for the following:
Zach Marsh, Diana Peet, Kiel Wolf, Natasha Kassim, Brad Adams, Rachael Hayden, Katy McGinty and Steve Fawcett

III. Approval of minutes
The minutes from the previous meeting were approved without objection.

IV. Executive Officers Report

President-Ashley Carnahan
The Alumni Association thanked SGA for their help with Homecoming and ICC thanked SGA for their allocation.
SGA was able to donate 60+ cans to "Cans Across America."
Student Organization president's dinner is tomorrow at 5 PM in Witherspoon.

Vice-President-Jenna Cunningham
No Report.

Secretary-Jordan Flaim
There are 40 Senators in attendance.
Treasurer-Ryan Kirk
No Report.

Committee Meetings

Finance- Ashley Stebor
No Report.

Student Concerns- Jake Shaffer
Food Advisory met and discussed time issues in reference to meal times.
Will be compiling the report for the academic computer lab hours.
There have been complaints with buildings being closed too early.

Academics- Cory Mathias
The issues with the Biology tests were discussed.
Will be looking into meal issues for athletes and class times being adjusted to earlier or later times.
PBIRC met and President Dorman discussed his strategic plans.

Public Relations- Sarah Geist
If you take the toilet papers please hang them up in their locations.

Special Events-Aimee Gerber
SGA Christmas party will be Dec. 4th from 7-8 PM.
Snowball will be on Feb. 6th in Berlin Lounge beginning at 8 PM.

Diversity- Kylee Bennett
Diversity committee will be meeting with Ms. Jeanette Hubbard next Tuesday to discuss the International Cultures Festival.
Ordered holiday banners to be placed around campus.

V. Old Business
No Old Business.

VI. New Business
No New Business.

VII. Open Floor
No Open Floor.

VIII. Announcements
CPC will be having Night Owl Bowling on November 15th from 10 PM- 2 AM.
There will be Campus Visitation Days November 15th and 22nd.
Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will be ICC's diversity days.
Camille needs help decorating the campus center the Tuesday evening before Thanksgiving break.
Mortar Board and Kappa Delta Pi will be having a book drive the month of November.

IX. Adjournment
* A motion to adjourn was made by Lurene McDonald and was passed.

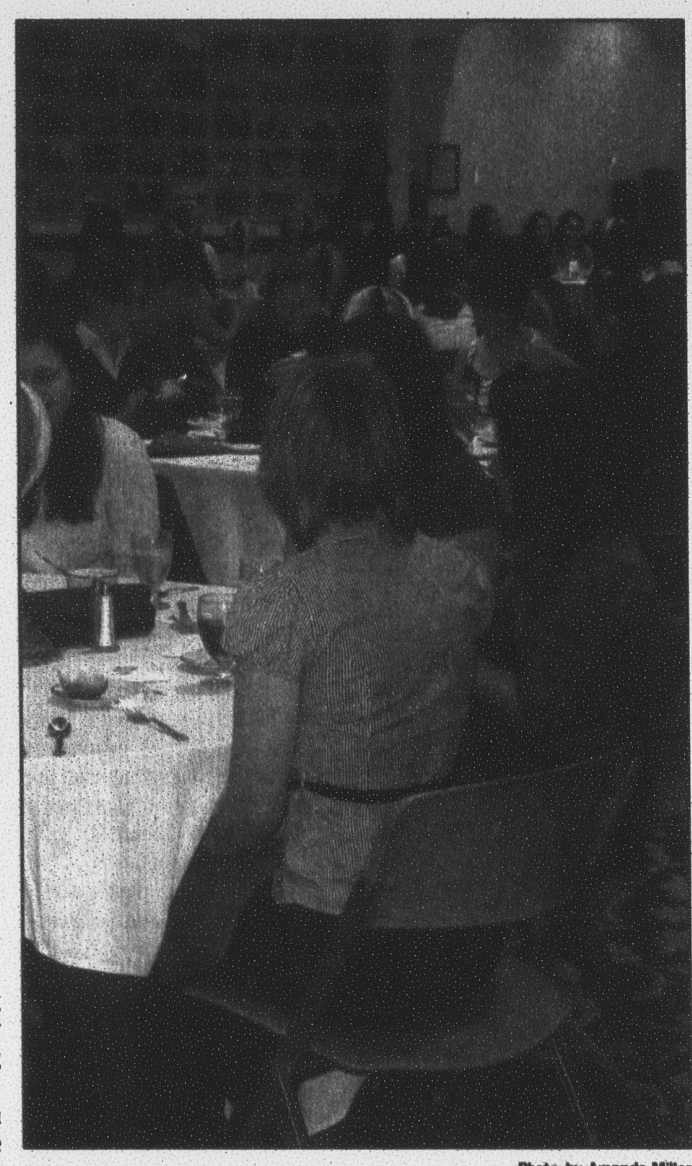

Photo by Amanda Miller

Sealing the Deal

Seniors learn dining etiquette that is vital when searching for a job in the 'real' world. Slight meal faux pas can make or break the deal.

Students create German Club to pursue interest in culture

By Kelly Gould
Staff Writer

The newly-created German Club gives students an opportunity to learn more about the German culture.

Though it is not yet official, German Club is an organization that will provide students with knowledge about German culture, and possibly, a trip to Germany, based on the money the club can raise. There are no prerequisites for the club except for a "passion" for the German culture, as freshman Marissa Burdett, the secretary of the club, put it.

Other club officials include President Sam Killmeyer and Vice President Aaron McAfee. Both are freshman, taking an Intermediate German class.

The club was thought of earlier this semester during the Intermediate German class, which is offered twice a week as a night class. Since German is not offered as a major, the students wanted to put together a club to continue their interest in the German language and way of life.

So far, there are approximately 13 people that have responded to the campus-wide email sent by the club. The more people that show interest, the better chance they have at making the club official.

The inspiration this came from German Clubs that the officers had in high school. Burdett explained how she and other hopeful members enjoyed German Club and hope to bring one to campus. Their Intermediate German professor, Frau Bothe-Hoesl, has also inspired them.

The club has many events planned. They want to go to events like Oktoberfest and hold potluck dinners. They also have plans for taking field trips to Pittsburgh to visit breweries. The whole idea is to raise German awareness on campus. They plan on doing so by holding all-campus events.

The downside of this club is that it has not been approved. There is a lot of paper work that goes into forming a club. There are constitutions to be written, and a request asking to form the club. Permission then has to be granted by the school. Unfortunately, the club has yet to be accepted.

Despite all of the work that goes into making a club, the officers are still hopeful. They already have plans to make T-shirts. They are willing to raise their own money, rather than asking for money from SGA.

German Club has a lot to offer to students that are interested in the German culture. Members hope that the German Club will be made official soon so students can partake in all it has to offer.

Flu shots

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Stephanie Noyes felt that even though she did not get the flu vaccine at the Student Health Center, it was still a great program offered on campus.

"I just felt like I really didn't need it," Noyes said. "I feel that I am going to get sick whether I get the shot or not."

For anyone who is still interested in getting the flu shot but could not make it to the Health Center on Nov. 6, the local physicians' office of Dr. Gardener has offered to open their office to anyone who wants to get the shot. For more information on how to set up an appointment, contact Dr. Gardener's office, located in New Wilmington, at 724-946-3564.

Feedback from those who chose to get the flu shot at the Student Health Center is welcomed and appreciated.

Campus News

Students "WHIGing" over history

By Sara Ergen
Campus Writer

Students of all majors are invited to join this exciting and different way of learning about the past.

The Westminster History Interest Group was revived in 2004 and is still promoting the discipline of history. There are no prerequisites to join WHIG, and it is open to all students. WHIG provides opportunities for historical discussions and scholarly research.

Associate history professor and WHIG adviser, Dr. David Twining, is supportive and knowledgeable when it comes to this organization. He often attends general meetings with the officers. He would like to see this history program more available to the student body.

"History is an open and inclusive subject," Twining said. "WHIG is designed for people who are interested, not just those with a major or minor in history."

Photo by Amanda Miller

Members of WHIG promote an interest and involvement in history for all majors.

Senior and president of WHIG, Danielle McCullough, is an active member because she enjoys learning about history and wants more students to join.

"Every week we meet in the back of the cafeteria at 5:45 to have dinner together," McCullough said. "Generally we talk about history and politics, but we do talk a lot about what's going on around campus and with our friends who were in WHIG that graduated."

Not only do they have their weekly meetings, but they do other fun activities as well. WHIG has held dinners and a cookout at the townhouses, and the club plans on having a movie night in the near future. Field experience for members is promoted outside the classroom, and trips to places of historical interest will be scheduled.

According to Westminster's Web site, other events "will include coffeehouse nights, a film series and opportunities to interact with professionals in the field."

Sophomore Adam Griffith is the treasurer of WHIG, and he handles many aspects dealing with outside activities and events.

"There are not dues; we operate off of SGA allocations," Griffith said. "We use the money to pay for our cookout food and any activities we have. We are currently planning to go to Washington DC with the pre-law club. We also are thinking about having a movie night."

WHIG often coordinates events with the honor fraternity Phi Alpha Theta for internships. Also, WHIG is trying to become more involved with the rest of campus.

Peace Studies Coffeehouse seeks peaceful tomorrows

By Brian Cosgrove
Campus Writer

Terry Rockefeller provided another way to view the conflict in Iraq and showed that everyone desires peace during the recent Peace Studies Coffeehouse.

On Thursday, Nov. 6 at 7 p.m., 32 students and community members attended the Peace Studies Coffeehouse hosted by Rockefeller, a representative from the non-violence peace organization known as September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrows. Rockefeller spoke about her experiences in Iraq with an emphasis on the non-violence peace force that she helped, La Unf.

"Activism in the face of violence and oppression really is empowering," Rockefeller said.

La Unf means "no violence" in Arabic. The group was founded by a group of Iraqi citizens three years ago. Since then, its members have campaigned all across Iraq and have held three national peace weeks, during which they coordinated non-violent peace rallies throughout the country.

Other peace forces from various countries, including Jordan and France, cooperate with La Unf, training them in the peacekeeping methods of memorable peace leaders, such as Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr.

Parts of the documentary by Alberto Arce entitled "Me Salla: Activists in Iraq" were shown at the coffeehouse. The documentary showed several members of La Unf spreading peace throughout their own nation.

"It was a very interesting exploration of a non-violent group in Iraq," senior Chris Stone said.

Rockefeller was inspired to help others with their experiences of the September 11 attacks when she found out that her sister became a victim of the attacks. Since then, she has been an active member of Peaceful Tomorrows. She is also a documentary filmmaker who touches on multiple aspects of non-violent protesting with her films.

When she traveled to Iraq for the first time, Rockefeller noticed that the people were suffering in the same way Americans suffered after the September 11 terrorist attacks. About 50 percent of Iraqis are under 15. Since the amount of accidental civilian casualties has drastically increased during attacks, more people die every year.

"All I could imagine were mothers and fathers feeling like I did," Rockefeller said.

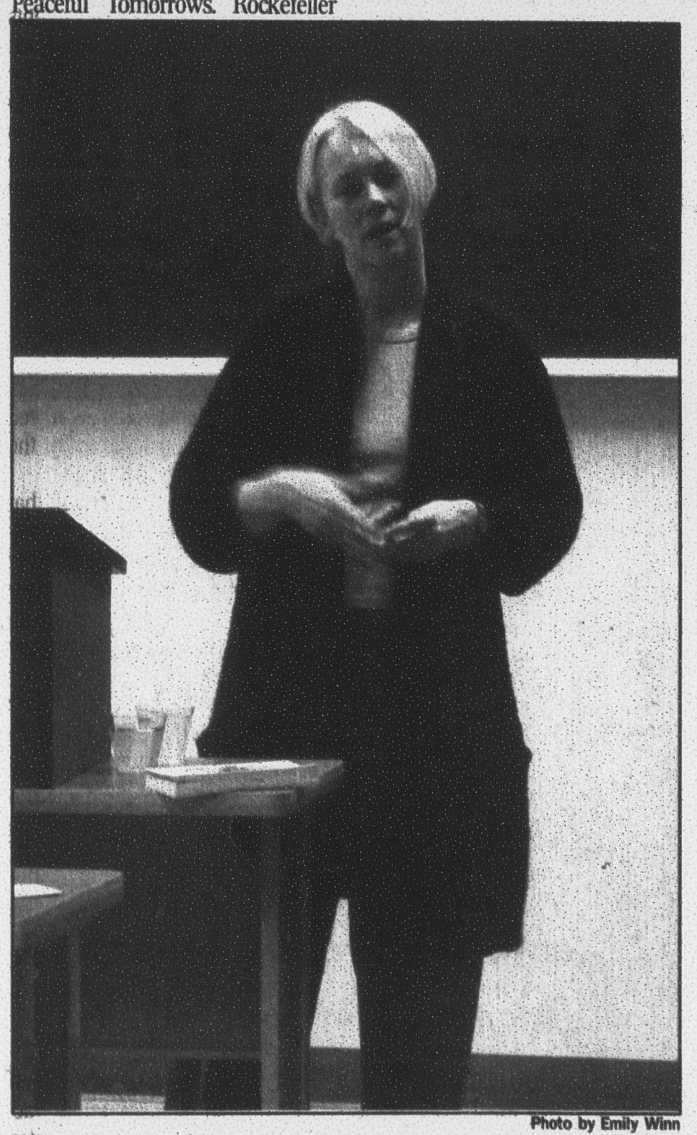

Photo by Emily Winn

Non-violence peace force

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-Terry Rockefeller, of September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrows

Kappa Delta sisters act as big sisters for philanthropy

By Kelly Fee
Campus Writer

The sisters of Kappa Delta held "Campus Friends" days on Nov. 5-6.

"Campus Friends" is an event the sorority devised in affiliation with the Big Brothers Big Sisters program in New Castle. Children from the local BBBS chapter spent time with their big sisters and participated in planned activities on campus. Sarah Petcovic was the leader behind KD working with this local philanthropy in the spring of 2007.

"When I became philanthropy chair, my goal was to become more involved with our local philanthropy, and do more than just send them money," Petcovic said. "When Sarah Miller, who works for Big Brothers Big Sisters, and I discussed possible ideas, we thought of Kappa Delta Campus Friends."

When the children were on campus, they made dog and cat treats to give to the local humane society. The children also made jewelry with their "big sisters" in the sorority while the treats were baking in the oven of KD's chapter room.

"Campus Friends days give the children a chance to spend more quality time with their big sisters," Rachael Gresley, current philanthropy chair of KD, said.

The reasons behind the event occurring here was to give the children a chance to experience college life, to be in a different environment, and to see their big sisters even more as role models.

Ten of the KD sisters are big sisters to the children from BBBS. The sisters that are "bigs" find the experience to be very rewarding for themselves and the children.

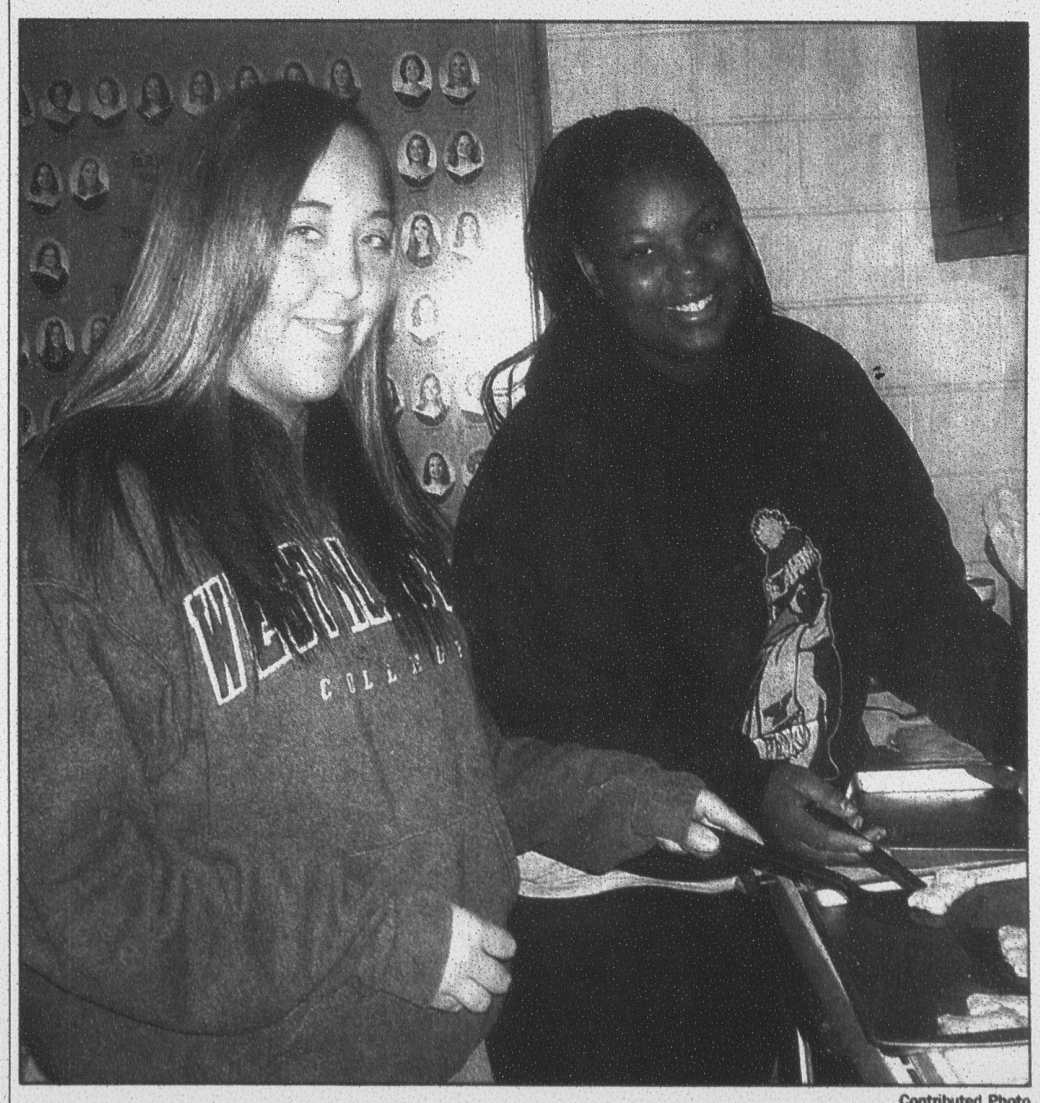
"I wanted to become a big to one of the kids from Big Brothers Big Sisters because I wanted to be there for someone if they needed me," KD sister Amanda Murphy said. "I wanted to help them out with whatever they need whether it would be boy problems, family issues, friend problems or anything because during the teenage years, I know how hard it is to cope with stress or just daily life."

The children that are involved with "Campus Friends" are 12-16 years of age and are all residents of the New Castle area. The sisters of KD meet with their little sisters every other week. Half of the group meets on Wednesday, and the other half meets on Thursday. They usually meet in KD's chapter room and have some sort of game or bonding activity for the big sisters and little sisters to do.

KD did not do this event last year because they worked with their other local philanthropy, the Girl Scouts. The sisters did a Healing Hands project with the Girl Scouts in which they collected cans and items for soldiers overseas together.

"Our goal is to flip flop between the local philanthropies we have each year," Gresley said. "Last year we worked with the Girl Scouts and this year we worked with Big Brothers Big Sisters and next year we hope to do something with the Girl Scouts again."

KD raises money for the BBBS program at their annual Shamrock event in December. The majority of the money that KD raises goes to the BBBS program.



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Sister Sister

A Kappa Delta sister works with her "Little Sister" from the Big Brothers Big Sisters program during Campus Friends days held Nov. 5-6 to make dog and cat treats for the local humane society.

International Cultures Club will host a mini-week of diversity

Tues. Nov. 18th–Jamaican Night
Wed. Nov. 19th- Asian Night
Thurs. Nov. 20th– Spanish Night

All events are taking place in Patterson room 311 at 7 p.m.

Sponsors include: ICC, Office of Diversity Services, Diversity Symposum, and SGA

Campus News

TUB serves up fresh ideas to improve dining experience

By Katelyn Livingston
Campus Writer

On Monday, Nov. 3, the TUB gained two new computers for placing orders at Grill 155.

Jeff Creveling of Campus Dining Services, Chef Scott Turner, and the SGA TUB committee teamed together to bring the Sheetz ordering system to Grill 155.

With these new computers, students are able to place their food choices in a "made to order" manner. So far, students have mixed emotions about the new ordering system. The TUB committee plans to use the next few weeks as a trial period and then possibly tweak the system over Thanksgiving or Christmas break.

"You don't have to be in the dark anymore about whether or not you have lettuce on your burger," sophomore Jillian Babish said.

Currently, the computers do not have the late night or breakfast menu options loaded, but president of the TUB committee Andrew Anthony said that they plan to add them soon.

Chef Scott Turner came up with the idea and created the entire system himself through an Excel spreadsheet. Overall, those involved hoped the new system would speed up the old order system and make it more accurate. They hoped to eliminate the rough communication between the students and TUB workers.

"The whole idea was to make it more efficient and more organized for both customers and employees," Creveling said.

Before the computers, one TUB worker had to stand and write down orders, but with the new computers, they are able to offer an extra set of hands to prepare the food.

After students finish placing their orders, an order number appears on the computer screen that the student must memorize and the worker calls it when the order is complete.

If the system proves to be more accurate and efficient, the committee may add a printer by the computer with the order and number on a receipt, according to Creveling. After other wrinkles are ironed out, Creveling and the committee hope to work on allowing more than one food item at a time on each order.

"I think it's helpful because we get to put in orders faster and get the food faster, and there's never as long of a line," sophomore Sarah Schulz said. "I think the computers are pretty old-school though."

Creveling said the new program was fairly inexpensive because they used old PCs around campus and leftover paper from the print shop.

Other new things happening in the TUB involve Beth Samons, who is constantly working with the TUB menu committee for making changes and coming up with new ideas.

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Sophomore Jilliam Babish

Photo by Stephanie Chaffee

Made to order

A hungry student places her order at the new Grill 155 computers activated on Monday, Nov. 3. The dining staff hopes the computers will make ordering food more efficient for students on the go.

Youth vote

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Eventually this age group will start to vote more as it gets older but the younger generations are only getting larger.

Campaigns in the near future may largely be focused on the youth from now on. This new focus will change policies so that they are more geared toward youthful problems, such as student loans and other educational reforms.

Nine out of 10 college students were registered to vote for this election. Here at Westminster both College Democrats and College Republicans sat in the TUB and asked people to get registered to vote. Additionally they handed out absentee ballots.

Forty percent of college students voted with absentee ballots, as another 53 percent of them went to the polls on Tuesday.

Though most students who were voting for Obama were satisfied with his choice of Biden as a running mate, 62 percent of students changed their vote when Palin was chosen as McCain's running mate.

This election did not turn out the way most Republicans had hoped. The Democratic Party and Republican Party may both be targeting the youth vote from now on. The youth vote may eventually become a deciding factor.

Youth turnout 1972-2004

Percentage of eligible voters

Presidential election years	Ages 18-29	Ages 30 and older
1972	57.6	71.6
1976	51.9	70.9
1980	49.8	71.3
1984	50.8	72.1
1988	46.0	69.8
1992	54.3	74.0
1996	43.5	68.4
2000	46.1	71.7
2004	56.6	75.4

Source: CIRCLE, a non-partisan organization studying youth civic involvement.

2008 Election voter demographics

	Obama	McCain
Age 18-29	66%	32%
Democrat (all ages)	89%	10%
Republican (all ages)	9%	90%
Independent (all ages)	52%	44%
College degree (or higer)	52%	46%
High School degree (or lower)	54%	44%
First time voters	69%	30%

Source: http://www.abcnews.go.com/pollingunit/exitpolls2008#pres_all

Lambda Pi Eta brings Cans Across America to campus and community

By Sarah Kehr
Campus Writer

On Saturday, Nov. 15, Lambda Pi Eta will work with the Epworth United Methodist Church in New Castle to distribute items collected from bins placed around campus to underprivileged families.

Lambda Pi Eta, the national communication honors society on campus, joined with the United Methodist Church to supply and assist its new program, the East Side Bread Basket Food Pantry. Throughout the week prior to distributing the canned goods, the society collected hygienic items and nonperishable food from students and faculty.

"We chose to work with the food pantry because it's a simple activity that really makes a difference," President Bridget Roth said. "As an organization, we hope that Westminster students will realize that they have this opportunity to make a difference . . . even if it's through something as simple as donating a canned good."

According to Special Events Chair Rachael Conn, the idea to work in coordination with the food pantry is the continuation of a communication class service project. This project works in conjunction, not in competition, with the Cans Across America project. Both organizations are collecting products to send to the same food pantry.

"Many of the students in the class are also members of Lambda Pi Eta, so I thought the project would be something familiar to the members and something we wouldn't have to start from scratch working on," Conn said.

This is the first project Lambda Pi Eta has conducted since its reestablishment last spring, after it was disbanded due to senior officers leaving with no successors willing to assume their roles.

"That was really a stumbling block," adviser Dr. Colleen Deisler said. "I think Bridget and the members are already doing an amazing job."

The campus society is part of the Lambda Zeta chapter of Lambda Pi Eta and appeared on campus in 2000. Eligible students receive letters notifying them of their qualification in the spring. The students must submit an application and an essay. The required Q.P.A. to qualify is a 3.0.

The members decided to conduct a service project when they restored the society and rewrote the bylaws last year.

"We didn't want it to be just another thing you pay for and put on your resume," Roth said.

The society plans to conduct a spring fundraiser in addition to their work with the food pantry.

"I'm glad that I can be a part of an organization that not only helps me advance my education, but gives back to the community as well," member Vicki Boggess said.

"As an organization, we hope that Westminster students will realize that they have this opportunity to make a difference . . . even if it's through something as simple as donating a canned good."

Lambda Pi Eta President Briget Roth

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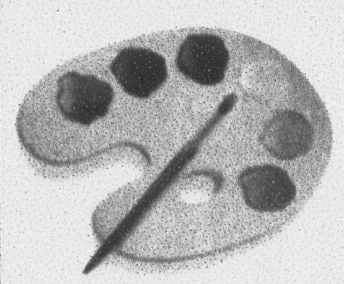

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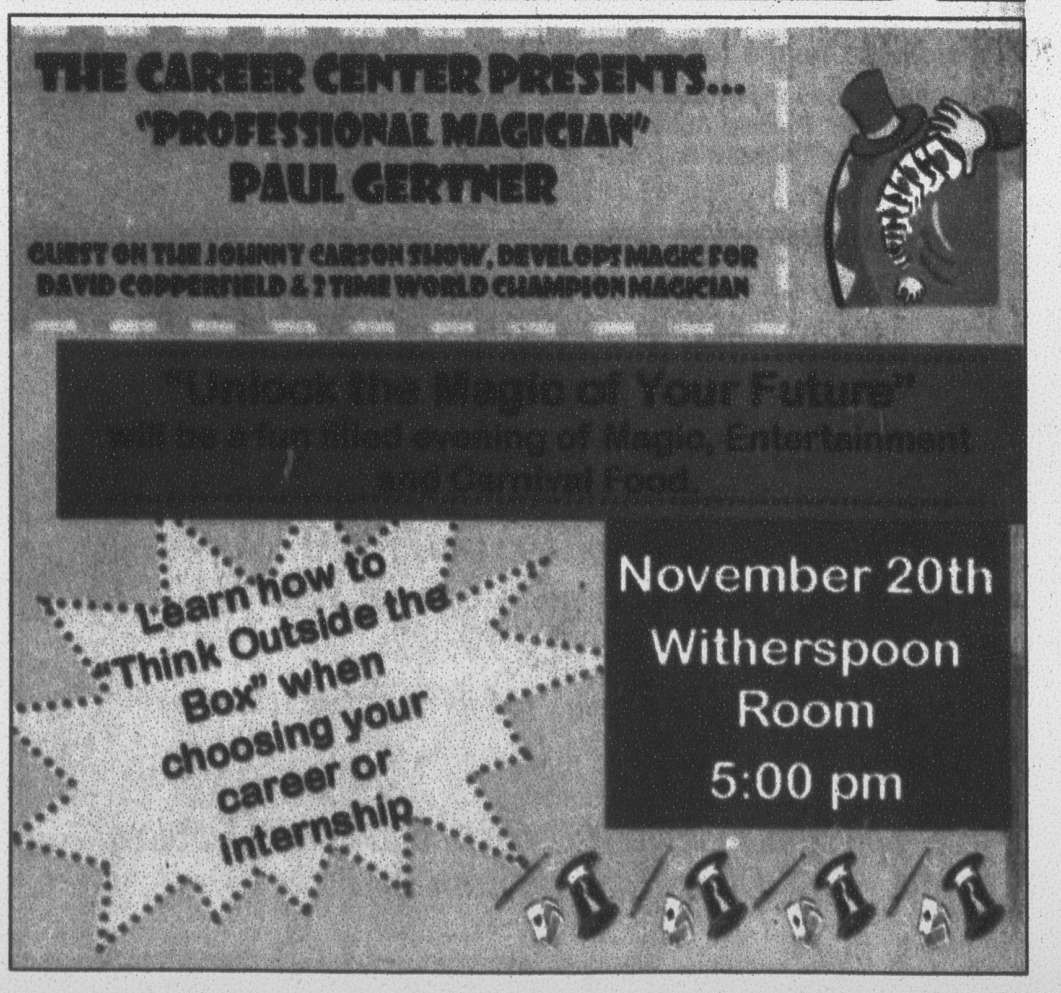
Read it on Friday, Nov. 21



Titan teams claim PAC titles

Men's soccer earns PAC crown with double-overtime win

By April Scudere
Sports Writer

For the third time in Westminster history, the men's soccer team claimed the President's Athletic Conference (PAC) title with previous wins in 2002 and 2006.

The Titans captured their win in double-overtime against no. two seeded Washington and Jefferson on Saturday, Nov. 8 in Harold Burry Stadium, outscoring their opponents 2-1.

Both teams gave their best effort in the first half to find the opening goal. However, after 45 minutes, the Titans and the Presidents would enter their locker rooms with a 0-0 tie.

"We needed to keep playing our game. We had to keep up our work ethic and leave everything we had on the field," junior defender Justin Flowers said.

The Presidents opened the scoring when freshman Nick Bradnam found the side panel from 30 yards out in the 64th minute. For the first time this season, the Titans trailed to a PAC opponent.

Determined to find the equalizer, senior midfielder Garrett Horvath tucked in a shot in the 80th minute from 20 yards out. Freshman defender Jake Huey would get the assist. The Titans would hold off the Presidents, sending the game into overtime.

The score remained even through the first overtime period. The Titans clinched the win only 1:16 into the second overtime period. After beating the defender, junior forward Brice Lott took a shot on net which rebounded to junior forward Ian Hill who scored the game-winning goal.

Photo by Alex Davis

Sweet victory

The team piles together after clinching the PAC title with a double-overtime victory against Washington and Jefferson on Saturday, Nov. 8 with a final score of 2-1. The Titans will proceed to the NCAA Division III Tournament.

"Seeing the Ref put his hands up I let out the biggest sigh of relief knowing that the whole teams' hard work and dedication throughout the season was finally fulfilled," Hill said.

The Titans out shot the Presidents 27-12. Sophomore goalkeeper Mike Codita gloved seven saves in the Titans' victory.

The Titans' win on Saturday earned them an automatic bid into the NCAA Division III Tournament. This will be the Titans' third appearance in the national tournament. They previously advanced to the NCAA Tournament in 2002 and 2004. The Titans concluded the season with a school record-tying 16 wins.

The men's soccer team will host their first-round NCAA match on Thursday at 1 p.m.

"It will be an exciting experience. It's the NCAA tournament. Every team from here on out is going to be quality. We just need to bring our best game," said Flowers.

The game will be against Hunter College (11-7-2) who received an automatic bid from their win in the New York Athletic Conference. The winner of this match will play against number three seeded Montclair State (20-0) on Sunday at 1 p.m.

"Seeing the Ref put his hands up I let out the biggest sigh of relief knowing that the whole teams' hard work and dedication throughout the season was finally fulfilled."

Junior forward Ian Hill

Volleyball steals conference title after defeating Waynesburg, Thomas More

By Corey Kendall
Sports Writer

"We are the Champions - my friends. And we'll keep on fighting - till the end…"

This is likely the tune that the members of the Lady Titans Volleyball team were singing as they breezed through the PAC Championships and move on to the NCAA Division III Tournament.

The Lady Titans defeated two teams in the PAC Tournament to claim the title of PAC Champions.

The first game took place on Friday, Nov. 7, as the Lady Titans took on the No. 5 seeded Waynesburg and No. 2 seeded Thomas More in the PAC semifinals.

The Lady Titans were able to claim victory and move on to the PAC finals by defeating Waynesburg with a score of 3-1. Waynesburg won the first set with a score of 21-25. The Ladies didn't let this discourage them as they came back to win the next three sets with scores of 25-15, 25-15, and 25-18.

Junior Beth Copp tallied 12 kills to lead the Titans while junior Sam Botzum and junior Devin Kelley had 10 kills. Kelley also added three solo blocks for the Titans. Senior Traci Hassell contributed 25 assists leading the Titans while senior Hannah Parker added 25 digs.

"We played alright overall," Freshman Jessie Szakacs said, "But we all knew we would have to pick it up to beat Thomas More."

After winning against Waynesburg the Lady Titans took the court with intentions of becoming PAC Champions on Saturday, Nov. 8.

The Lady Titans lost the first set to the No. 2 seeded Thomas More with a score of 19-25. After that the Lady Titans got their game on, as they were able to win the next three sets with scores of 25-20, 25-20, and 25-13. This gave the Lady Titans the win with a score of 3-1 awarding to them the title of PAC Champions.

Copp led the Titans with nine kills while four other Titans had at least seven kills a piece. Botzum had eight, while freshman Lindsay Speidel, Szakacs, and Kelley each added seven. Senior libero Hannah Parker tallied 33 digs to lead Westminster. Hassell gave out 25 assists and posted four blocks while Speidel added five.

After completing a winning season and earning the PAC Championship, five members of the team were recognized by the PAC.

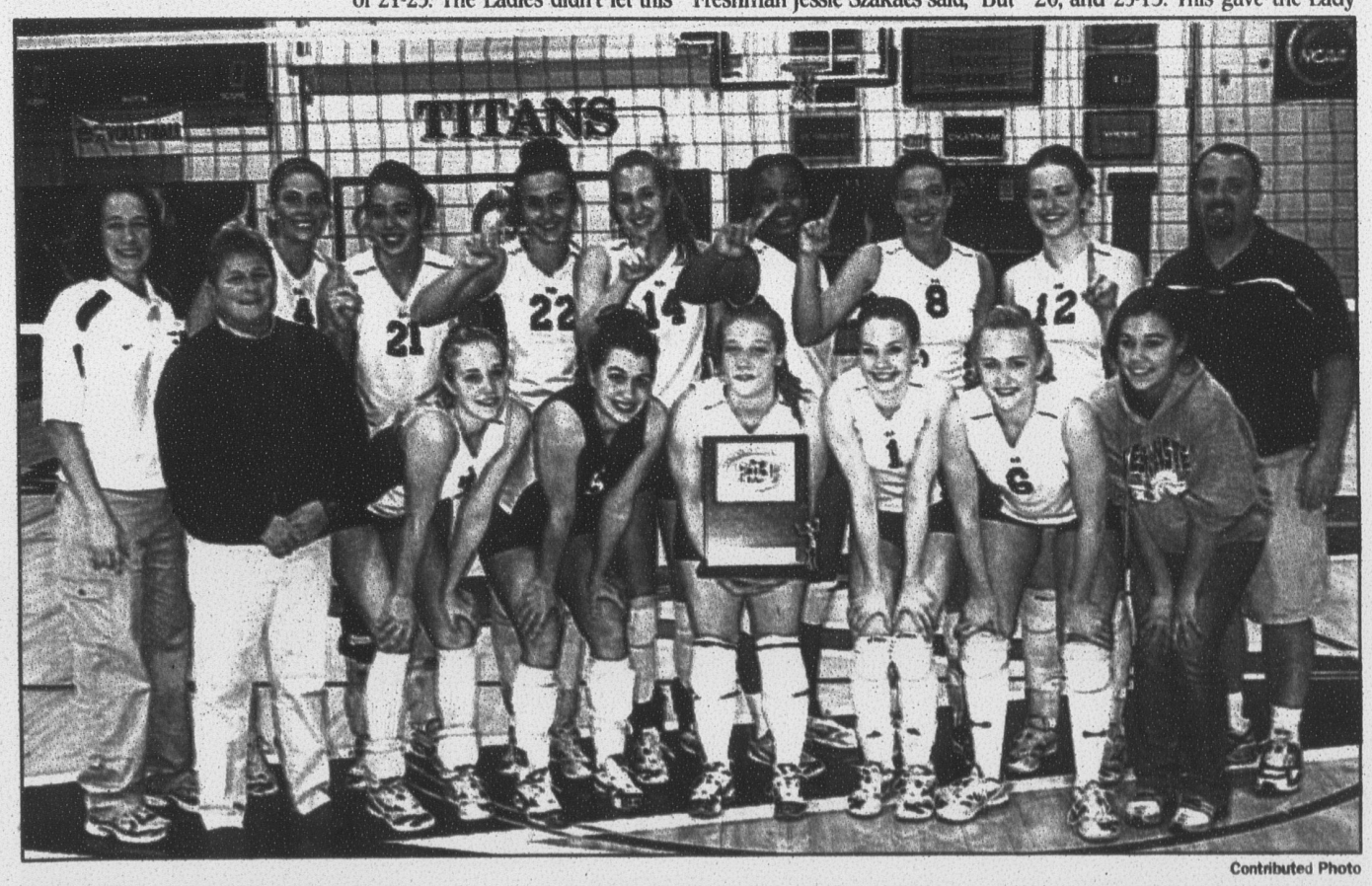
Hassell and Parker both received All-PAC First Team honors. Speidel was given second team honors while Botzum received an honorable mention. The fifth member of the team to receive honors was head coach Tammy Swearingen who was honored as 2008 PAC Coach of the Year.

"I am pleased with the post season awards that my players received, all were deserving," Swearingen said, "I wish a few more of my team were recognized too. They were very deserving and also played key roles."

By claiming the title of PAC Champion the Lady Titans qualify for the NCAA Division III Tournament. This is the second year in a row for the ladies to win the PAC and qualify for the NCAA Tournament.

The Lady Titans played Ohio Northern on Thursday, Nov. 13, in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Results will be reported at a later date.



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We are the champions

The Lady Titans volleyball team is all smiles as they pose with their PAC trophy after claiming the title of conference champions on Friday, Nov. 7. The team defeated no. 5 seeded Waynesburg and no. 2 seeded Thomas More to earn the PAC champ honors. The Lady Titans now move to the NCAA Division III tournament where they will face Ohio Northern for a chance to move on to round 2.

Review-Preview

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

As one door closes another opens. This is always the case in sports.

Just as NASCAR's 2008 season will soon be in the books, the NBA and college hoops will just be getting under way. This year's NASCAR season certainly has had high and low points throughout the circuit.

One of the high points in NASCAR is that Jimmie Johnson is going for his third consecutive title. This is a feat that has not been accomplished for three decades. Certainly, this is something that will have fans watching throughout the entire chase.

As exciting as JJ's run is, some harsh truths have also been revealed about NASCAR. Many fans are becoming tired of the reality that only big money, high profile teams are winning races. It seems this year that the common denominator for teams that win races is money. Fans and drivers alike have complained that the "team" concept in NASCAR has ruined small market drivers chances of winning races.

NASCAR's point system is also weeding out its diehard fans. With the emphasis on standings and points, many drivers are now taking the strategy of finishing safely as opposed to racing to win.

While the excitement of Jimmie Johnson's three-peat will keep fans hooked for another season; NASCAR must address some concerns in the offseason if it wants to remain America's fastest growing sport.

Now that the review is over, it is time to preview basketball season. With a wealth of talent and an experienced head coach in Roy Williams, this very well could be another title team at UNC.

Fellow final four contenders include UCLA, Louisville, UCONN, Memphis, Duke, and Pittsburgh. Duke is always a contender with Coach K. This summer, the brilliance of Mike Kryzewski was again on display as he led Team USA to Olympic gold. Maybe this will be the year Pitt doesn't fall short of expectations. Or then again, there's always next year.

Another note for the upcoming college basketball season is that I think the trend of power shift from the ACC to the Big East will continue. The Big East will once again prove to be the superior conference as it legitimately has a shot of getting eight teams into the dance.

While the excitement of college hoops concludes in March, the NBA season will stretch all the way into June. As much as I hate to say it, the Celtics and Lakers have tremendous chances of making the finals once again. Last year's finals were the first in which I did not care to watch because I could not root for either team.

Hopefully, teams such as the Spurs, Rockets, Hornets, and Suns can give the Lakers a run in the West. In the East, the 76ers, Pistons, Magic, and Cavs will look to knock off last year's champ.

When June finally does roll around, I like the Hornets to represent the Western Conference. Chris Paul, who is arguably the game's best player, will keep super athletes David West and Tyson Chandler happy with plenty of easy shot opportunities.

In the East, I do not foresee any team being able to knock off the defending champions. As hard as Lebron may try, he does not have a supporting cast capable of stopping Beantown's big three.

Just as JJ will head to victory lane and turn the page for the third straight time, college basketball and the NBA will usher in another exciting basketball season.

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Sports

Titans hold off Grove City for home victory

By Andrew Kubincanek
Sports Writer

With a last-second defensive stand, the Titans defeated Grove City 24-21 on Saturday, Nov. 8.

Westminster led 17-7 at the end of the third quarter but two answered Grove City touchdowns in the fourth quarter left the Titans down by four points. Senior linebacker Jordan Blinn was also responsible for setting up the final scoring drive with a tackle on fourth down that ended a Grove City possession.

With 2:56 remaining, the Titans repossessed the ball on their own 26-yard line. Junior quarterback Kevin Franz drove the team 74 yards in 11 plays and finished with a touchdown pass to freshman wide receiver Justin Morgano. With under a minute, Grove City drove 56 yards. Blinn and sophomore nose tackle Jeff Bever stopped an attempted quarterback sneak on the 1-yard line to end the game.

"[It was a] great effort from our entire team," head coach Jeff Hand said.

Their record now stands at 5-4 overall and 3-3 in the PAC. The win secures a non-losing season for the Titans and capped off a seven-game winning streak at home. Westminster has won every home game this season and two games last season.

Blinn was named defensive player of the week by the PAC for his performance. In addition to the two game-winning stops, Blinn had a career-high 20 tackles, 11 of which were on his own. Two of those were for losses and one was a sack.

Junior tailback Nick Mckoloksy amassed 132 yards and two touchdowns on 30 carries. Morgano caught a career-high three passes and recorded his first touchdown after entering the game for junior wide receiver Chad Rosatelli. Rosatelli left early in the first quarter with an injury. Franz threw for a season-low 155 yards. It was the only game this season that he had less than 200 passing yards.

With the win, Westminster has secured third place in the PAC. Preseason polls favored the Titans for third place. The team finished in fourth place last season. Grove City and Waynesburg are both close behind with 2-3 PAC records. Both can potentially tie the Titans 3-3 record. Grove City faces sixth-place Thiel next week while Waynesburg takes on second place W&J. The Titans lost 63-26 to Waynesburg earlier in the season.

Meanwhile, in the conference, Thomas More locked up the first place spot with a victory against W&J.

Westminster travels to Geneva for the last game of the regular season. The team lost to Geneva 37-14 last season and in an upset this season they defeated PAC champion Thomas More 17-13 on Nov. 8.

"Geneva is a very good football team and we will need to play good defense and be able to run our entire offense to win the game," Hand said. "[They] played well against Thomas More, containing the offense and running the ball on a great defense."

Historically, Geneva and Westminster are considered major rivals and this will be the 111th game played between them. The Titans lead the overall series 61-41-8. The PAC has arranged for the meeting to be both teams' final regular season game for several years based on the rivalry.

"[It was a] great effort from our entire team."

Head football coach Jeff Hand

Photo by Alex Davis

Dodging tackles

Junior tailback Nick McKolosky breaks past defenders in the game on Saturday, Nov. 8 when the Titans defeated Grove City 24-21. McKolosky had 30 carries amassing 132 yards and two touchdowns.

Women's soccer advances in ECAC competition

By Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

Another chapter has begun in the women's soccer season. Although the Titans did not receive a bid to the NCAA Division III playoffs, it did receive a bid to the Eastern College Athletic Conferenceg(ECAC) Division III South Championships.

The second-seeded Titans competed with seventh-seeded Catholic University Wednesday, Nov. 12 and walked off the field with a 1-0 win. This win advances the Titans to the semifinal round in the ECAC tournament.

"The key to our win was teamwork and patience," junior Lindsey Mellott said. "We eventually were going to score. We had many chances and all we needed was patience for at least one to go in."

In the 65th minute, junior Lauren Graeser boosted the Titans to a 1-0 lead over Catholic. The goal, made on an assist by junior Samantha Killmeyer, would eventually become the game-winning goal. Killmeyer's assist boosts her school-record to 20 total assists for the year.

Senior Christina Adams and sophomore Sarah Nee led the Titans to a 20-19 shot advantage with six and five attempts, respectively. Goalkeeper Mellott registered six saves against Catholic.

Kelly Donnely led Catholic with four shot attempts, followed by Chelsea King with three. Goalkeeper Tere Rossi registered five saves and allowed one goal.

The semifinal round of the ECAC Championships will be played at Frostburg State Saturday, Nov. 15. The Titans will take on No. 6 Swarthmore, while Frostburg will compete with No. 4 Dickinson. The winners will play the final round at Frostburg or at the field of the highest remaining seed Sunday, Nov. 16.

"We need to work hard as a team and have patience, just like the win over Catholic," Mellott said. "If we do this, we will definitely have a championship title."

Swarthmore's overall record is 9-4-5. In the first round of the tournament, the Garnet defeated Delaware Valley in a penalty-kick shootout 4-3, following a scoreless regulation game and two overtimes.

The Titans made it to the semifinal round of the ECAC tournament as the top seeded team in 2006. After playing a regulation game and two overtimes tied at 1-1, the Titans lost to Gettysburg 3-2 in a penalty-kick shootout.

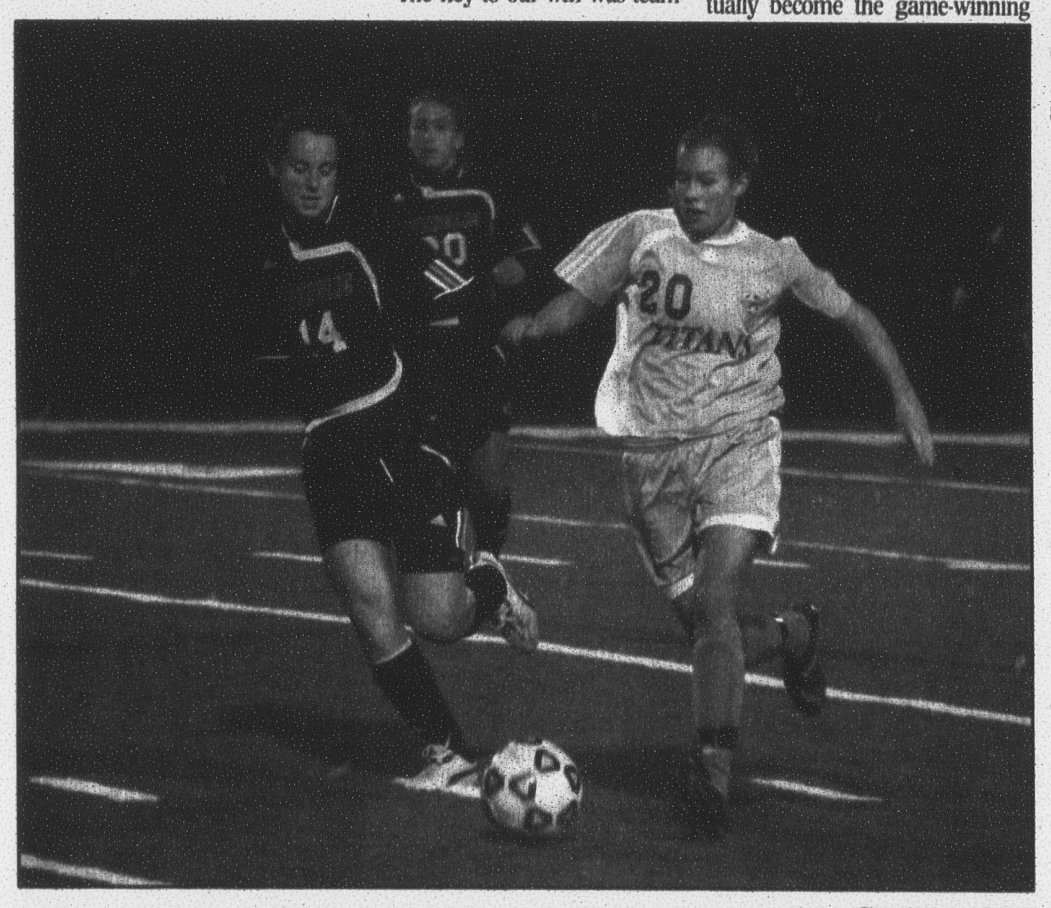

Photo by James Bonetti

Going for the goal

Senior Christina Adams dribbles toward the goal against Catholic University defenders in the first round of the ECAC Division III tournament on Wednesday Nov. 12. After gaining a 1-0 victory, the Titans will proceed to the semifinals on Saturday Nov. 15.

Titan basketball shoots for successful 2009 season

By Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

Last year the men's basketball team was plagued with injuries resulting in a 7-19 overall record and a 5-7 President's Athletic Conference (PAC) record. The 2008-2009 Titans are putting the past behind them and have high expectations for the season, especially in PAC competition.

The Titans regular season begins Saturday, Nov. 15, but the team has already had a taste of competition as they took on Canada's Sheridan College at home in an exhibition game Saturday, Nov. 8.

Although the Titans lost to the Bruins 95-85, they showed great potential for the upcoming season. In addition, the match-up provided a good benchmark to use to prepare them for their first regular season game.

"Overall, I thought we played a decent game against Sheridan," senior David Richards said. "Offensively, we got out and ran our fast break, we ran our sets well and then shot the ball pretty good too. Defensively, I think there's room for improvement, but that will come along with more practice time."

Despite losing three seniors, including Craig Hannon, the school's all-time leading scorer, the Titans return two starters in Richards and junior Ryne Murray.

Richards averaged 7.8 points and 3.6 assists last season. Ranking sixth last year with 17.8 points and a PAC-leading 10.1 rebounds, Murray is the top returning scorer and rebounder in the PAC.

Junior Steve Bielich will return to the line-up after suffering a torn ACL and sitting out all of last season. A 6-foot-8 center, Bielich averaged 11.6 points as a sophomore. Bielich is a great asset to the team with his height as well as his shooting range of 25 feet.

Sophomore Max Spinner also returns as a more viable option for the Titans. Although he played in 21 games last season and averaged 6.7 points per game, Spinner was dealing with a nagging ACL injury throughout the year.

Senior Bobby Glass attempted a comeback last year and played in four games, 14 months after an emergency open-heart surgery. At 6-foot-2, a fully recovered Glass is another asset to the Titan team.

Other Titans returning to the line-up with experience include sophomores Louie Pisani, Brady Sherrieb and Kevin Mayberry. In addition, three freshmen have joined the line-up, including Anthony DeFelice, Rob Briggs and Mike Pratkanis.

The Titans kick off the regular season on the road against non-conference Penn State-Behrend Saturday, Nov. 15.

"To beat Penn State-Behrend, we need to be sound in many defensive aspects like communicating on our man and zone defense, and boxing out," Spinner said. "On offense we need to take care of the basketball and make good decisions."

Men's swimming team picks up first win of season

Men defeat Allegheny 131-74, while women fall 180-125

By Andrew Kubincanek
Sports Writer

The Men's swimming team won while the women's team lost in a dual meet with Allegheny on Saturday, Nov. 8.

The men finished with a final score of 131-74. They won seven events including 200, 500 and 1000-yard freestyle. It was their first win of the season for a 1-0 start. The women meanwhile had a final score of 80-125. They won four events also including the 500 and 1000-yard freestyles. Their record now drops to 1-1 overall but remains 1-0 in the PAC with their first win against Chatham.

"[Allegheny] wasn't a conference meet so it's not a huge deal that we lost," said freshman Caitlin Lehberger "We really want to focus on the teams in the PAC and winning those."

Senior Conor Simpson won the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:49.75 and the 200 butterfly with a time of 2:02.64. Senior Zac Gebhardt took first in the 1000-yard freestyle and 500-yard freestyle with times of 10:07.22 and 4:56.65 respectively. Sophomore Devin Gannon took the 200-yard backstroke with 2:03.14 while senior Chris Lehberger won the 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 2:18.37. The team also took the top two spots in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

"Our key was just focusing on racing the other team," Simpson said. "Not really on times –just trying to out touch them."

For the women, junior Emily Dressler took first in the 500 and 1000-yard freestyles with 11:02.35 and 5:18.45. Senior Megan Mier won the 200-yard backstroke with 2:16.34 and freshman Caitlin Lehberger took the 200-yard IM with 2:13.34.

"They just have depth in more stroke events than we do. We really tired hard but there were a few touch-outs, that we lost, which really hurt us," Lehberger said.

Westminster will host Bethany for another dual meet on Sat. Nov. 15 at 1 p.m. It will be the first conference game for the Titan men and the second for the women. Bethany's men and women are both 0-2 overall and 0-0 in the PAC. Both Westminster teams defeated Bethany last season.

"They have some decent swimmers, but overall I think we have a strong chance of winning," Dressler said.

Simpson wouldn't guarantee a victory but shared Dressler's optimism for the Bethany matched. He was equally optimistic for the season but stressed that the teams needed to work hard to stay on top.

"We need to keep improving in everything, he said. "…The freshmen…haven't really fit into roles yet so it'll be interesting, when we have some time to rest before the Wooster Invitational, to see what kind of times people get."

"Our key was just focusing on racing the other team. Not really on times –just trying to out touch them."

Senior Conor Simpson

CALENDAR

Friday, November 14, 2008

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

7:30 PM Theatre Westminster Presents Once Upon a Mattress (Beeghly Theater)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Dark Knight (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: The Dark Knight (MCC Mueller Theater)

Saturday, November 15, 2008

TBA Men's Cross Country @ NCAA Mideast Regional (at Waynesburg)

TBA Women's Cross Country @ NCAA Mideast Regional (at Waynesburg)

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Annual Fall Chipping Party (Biology Field Station)

1:00 PM MEN'S SWIMMING v. Bethany*

1:00 PM WOMEN'S SWIMMING v. Bethany*

1:30 PM Football @ Geneva

7:00 PM Men's Basketball @ Penn State-Behrend

7:00 PM Mass (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

7:30 PM Theatre Westminster Presents Once Upon a Mattress (Beeghly Theater)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Dark Knight (MCC Mueller Theater)

8:00 PM Titan's Tavern: Jessica Sonner (MCC Club/Lounge)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: The Dark Knight (MCC Mueller Theater)

Sunday, November 16, 2008

1:00 PM Theatre Westminster Sunday Series (MCC Mueller Theater)

2:30 PM Theatre Westminster Presents Once Upon a Mattress (Beeghly Theater)

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Dark Knight (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:00 PM Vespers (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The Dark Knight (MCC Mueller Theater)

Monday, November 17, 2008

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

7:00 PM Capstone Presentation by Nicky Piszczor: Reliving History Through Feature Storytelling (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

7:00 PM Green Party Meeting (MCC 352 Wile Conference Room)

7:30 PM Piano Showcase Recital (Orr Auditorium)

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM Self Defense Workshop (Sponsored by Residence Life) (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

(MCC Club/Lounge)

9:30 PM Bowling Club Meeting (Patterson 311)

Tuesday, November 18, 2008

6:30 PM Theatre Westminster Auditions for Getting Out (Beeghly Theater)

7:00 PM International Cultures Club's Week of Diversity Event (Patterson 311)

7:30 PM MEN'S BASKETBALL v. Pitt-Bradford

8:30 PM Mortar Board Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night at Westminster

(MCC Club/Lounge)

9:30 PM Newman Club (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

4:30 PM Coalition for the Protection of the Unborn Meeting (Patterson 311)

5:15 PM CPC Meeting (MCC Club)

6:00 PM Men's Swimming @ Washington & Jefferson*

6:00 PM Women's Swimming @ Washington & Jefferson*

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Kappa Delta Pi Meeting: Interview Strategies and Tips for New Teachers (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

7:00 PM Women's Basketball @ Notre Dame (Ohio)

7:00 PM International Cultures Club's Week of Diversity Event (Patterson 311)

7:00 PM SGA Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

7:30 PM Student Woodwind Quintet (Orr Auditorium)

8:30 PM Circle K Meeting (Patterson 112)

9:00 PM Off-Campus Lottery (Women) (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

9:30 PM Seekers Fellowship (MCC Berlin Lounge)

9:45 PM Off-Campus Lottery (Men) (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

Thursday, November 20, 2008

12:40 PM - 1:50 PM GET REAL! Series: TriBeCa/SoHo 2 (Apartment Hunting/Lease Agreements) (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

5:00 PM Career Center's Magic "Outside the Box" (MCC Witherspoon Rooms)

5:45 PM College Democrats Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Conference Room)

6:00 PM Habitat for Humanity Chapter Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

6:15 PM Japanese Anime Club (Thompson-Clark 210)

6:30 PM Theatre Westminster Auditions for Getting Out (Beeghly Theater)

7:00 PM Gospel Choir Rehearsal (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

7:00 PM International Cultures Club's Week of Diversity Event (Patterson 311)

7:30 PM MEN'S BASKETBALL v. Carnegie Mellon (Buzz Ridl Classic)

8:00 PM Allies Meeting (Thompson-Clark 314)

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Climbing Wall Open (Memorial Field House)

8:30 PM Fellowship of Christian Athletes (MCC Mueller Theater)

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night at Westminster (MCC Club/Lounge)

Friday, November 21, 2008

11:40 AM - 12:40 PM Biology Seminar (Phillips Lecture Hall)

11:40 AM Broadcast Communications Mini Movie Showcase (MCC Mueller Theater)

11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

5:45 PM College Democrats Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Conference Room)

7:30 PM Celebrity Series: Neal Sedaka (Orr Auditorium)

7:30 PM Men's and Women's Choruses Concert (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

8:00 PM CPC Presents Alexandra McHale, Comedienne (MCC Club/Lounge)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants II (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: The House Bunny (MCC Mueller Theater)

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21-April 19).

You are tempted to do more than other people in order to make up for a lacking you perceive in yourself. Your work will make a profound impact once you realize that you lack nothing, and that the real reason to deliver more than is required of you is because you are strong and able. You are enough.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

In many cases, you've wanted to do more than your current load of responsibilities would allow for. Having eyes bigger than your abilities is actually a good thing. You're ambitious. Pat yourself on the back, whether you make it happen or not. By wanting more than what seems possible you make it possible.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

You show up where you're supposed to, in the correct timeframe and dressed appropriately. You say the right things and can be proud of your solid effort on all fronts. Thursday you might feel like you're going through the motions. Attitude is everything. To ensure success, apply yourself with great joy.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

You're part of an exclusive group, and someone new wants in. This brings you back to when you were in a similar position, and the memory makes you feel compassion toward the outsider. Acceptance with open arms is your preferred mode, but if you must turn this person down, you'll be gentle.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

You know where you want to be by the end of the week, although you hold a belief that only serves to impede your progress. Anyone can blame their environment for circumstances, but you do the remarkable. You consider, "Maybe it's me…" and so root out the problem, change your thinking and speed along.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Change is uncomfortable to the same degree that you resist it. You realize this early on and opt for a pain-free existence. Wednesday provides fast switches and alternate routes. Roll with them. Be willing to happily trade all of those good-on-paper ideas for real-life experiences that are too incredible to imagine.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

You're always game for fun, and yet there's simply too much going on this week. It's potentially unsettling, but the remedy is simple: Reduce the number of variables. Rule out several options. Narrow your focus to only your tip-top priorities, and suddenly you'll feel, and be, in complete control of your life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

Whatever your circumstances, it feels as though you've been in similar straits before. You gain wisdom as you remember past times, how you reacted and what the outcome was. You remain reasonable and cool, and so you see solutions. Friday brings the chance for fantastic fun with your closest people.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

New characters come into your world, and you'll have to make quick decisions about how far to let them in. It's not your nature to be guarded; however, it benefits you to protect your time and energy now as it sets the right tone. You will command respect and prevent being taken for granted in the future.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

People around you have no hidden agenda because they cannot hide what they really want from you -- you're simply too keen. You ask all of the right questions and are able to get the truth out of anyone. You can use this skill to structure a relationship or deal in such a way that everyone will win.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

You could think ahead and prepare for every scenario, but that's just not your style. Your way is to believe in your whims and act quickly. Your conviction makes things happen and puts you in the position to control the action instead of being controlled by it. Saturday brings a fun and well-deserved splurge.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

Power games and politics are all around, and for the most part you can avoid playing, but not completely. Tuesday you are in a position to offer your mercy. You'll feel better, but do not expect the other person to be grateful. Instead, immediately turn your attention to finding arrangements of mutual self-interest.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS:

The universe will provide you with every last detail, tool and resource you need in order to accomplish your main goal. What happens to your personal life in December is pure magic. It's all possible because you readily accept what is. You'll make a powerful trade in January. There's an important purchase in February to aid your professional life. Family additions in April bring new excitement. Honor your promises in June. Friendships you make in September lead to a windfall.

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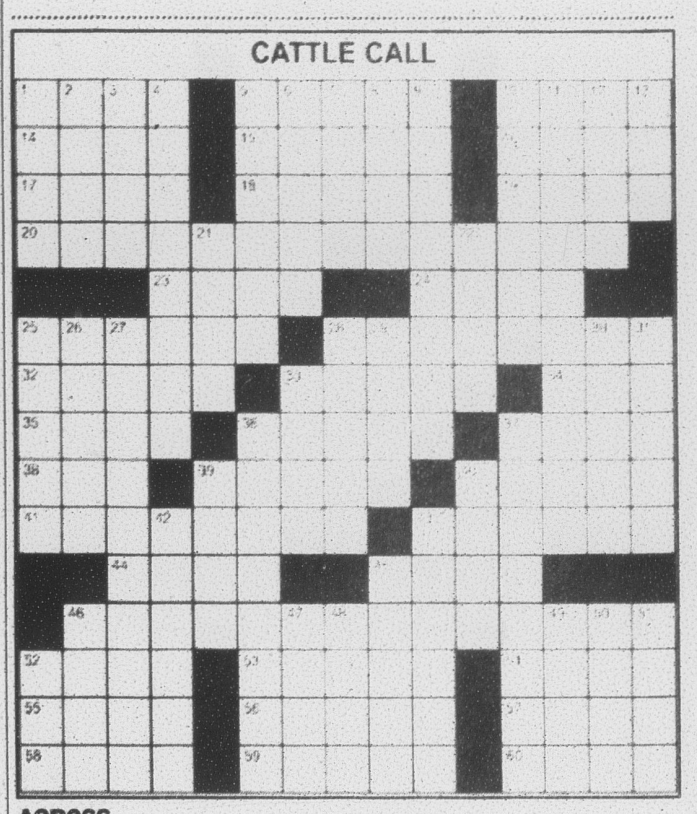

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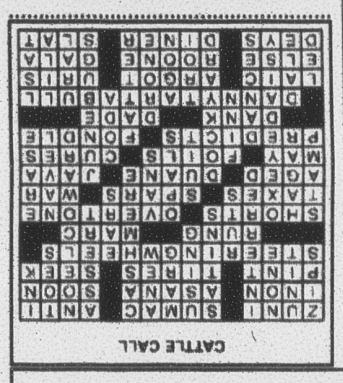

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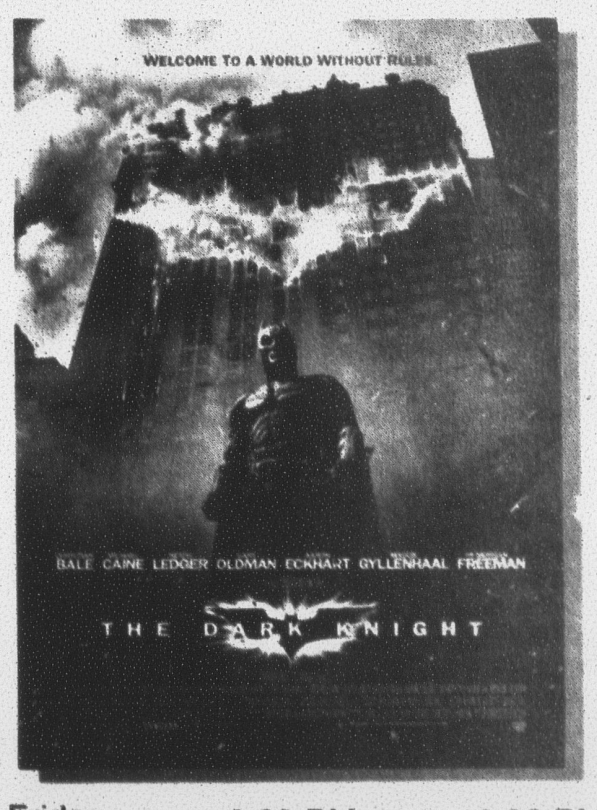

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Arts & Entertainment

Lovedrug falls short with new album

Chris Lehberger
A&E Editor

Never, ever sucker punch anyone, especially your fans. Yeah, I'm talking to you Lovedrug.

Okay, I'm not being fair. Lovedrug didn't sucker punch me. I highly doubt they've sucker punched anyone, ever. But I can't help but be disappointed in the band's third full length effort, *The Sucker Punch Show*. But can I be to blame?

People are comparers, always weighing one thing against another, one album against another, one show against another. In assessing the value of any piece of work, one must consider the artist's previous efforts. And this is unfortunate for Lovedrug, who in all seriousness haven't written a bad song in almost 10 years, and whose first album, *Pretend You're Alive*, is on my top 10 of all-time list.

Trust me. I'm not trying to trivialize this album. But it's hit or miss when it comes to the high bar the band has set with its previous releases. The album opener, "Let It All Out" is piano-less, moody in verse and grungy in chorus. The drums sound chintzy and the bass is pushed too far into the foreground.

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On "Broken Home", vocalist Michael Shepard croons "She's a slut, I noticed" in a bit of a sarcastic melody held throughout the song, lyrics that are honest but lack tact. "My World" continues the mediocrity as a song that never really gets going, lacking the emotion and depth the band has built itself upon.

"Everyone Needs A Halo", however, is absolutely awful, as cynical, angry, and shocking as the band has ever been. You may like that type of thing, however, the lyrics push the song over the edge with Shepherd warbling "I'm a bad dream/I'm a wet dream/We're the semen that comes out way too fast". This is Nirvana-wannabe Lovedrug.

However, like I said, the album is hit or miss, with half falling into the mediocre range and the other half following into the above mediocre range. Tracks like "Only One" and "Borrowed Legs" contain the signature Shepard vocals and signs of better songwriting and mood.

"Blood Like" is a fantastic piece, utilizing a straightforward piano rhythm and an envelope of atmosphere as Shepherd sings "Stare at the ocean while you're friends all drown/We all need to learn to swim anyway."

"Panicked Witness" may be the gloomiest song the band has ever written, commanded by a downright somber piano melody and utterly distraught vocals. Despite the sorrowful feel, the piece is much bigger than the rest of the album and ironically takes the position as one of the album highlights.

The album closer, "Dying Days", a coda marked singularly with piano and Shepherd's mouse-like voice seemingly coming out of a radio, ends the album in funeral fashion, as if Shepherd's on his deathbed, singing "These are my dying days/Turn off the spotlight/It wasn't mine anyways."

I'm sure Lovedrug didn't want to make a *Pretend Your Alive Pt. II* or an *Everything Starts Where It Ends Pt. II* either. But with this in mind, I question whether *The Sucker Punch Show* is the next logical step for the band.

Photo from www.myspace.com

It's evident that the loss of guitarist Dave Owen and bassist Korey Jones have spawned new visions, some of which are angrier and more cynical, trading in mood and atmosphere for dirty sounding guitars and volume.

But then again, this is the same band who had their van and trailer stolen, stripped, and then burned. But Lovedrug haven't shed their entire identity just yet. Songs like "Fake Angels" bear the dramatics of Lovedrug which we come to know and love, but songs like "The Dirtiest Queen" and "Everyone Needs A Halo" show the band in a new light, almost as if trying to prove their tough because they play guitar licks and talk about semen in their songs.

With that, The Sucker Punch Show is a take it or leave it type of record. It's still Lovedrug, don't get me wrong on that–it's just not that good.

Chris is a senior public relations major. He likes reading, writing, and playing "Name That Tune" with his roommates.

Chris' Rating: ★★★☆☆

Hinder's sound has its limits

Photo from www.amazon.com

By Max Muska
A&E Staff Writer

Hinder's first album was called one of the worst of the year by All-Music. When I heard that the band was releasing a second album, *Take It to the Limit*, I was expecting more of the same mediocrity.

I was right. This album is boring. Sure, they can play their instruments well, but Hinder takes generic rock song structures that we have all heard way too many times before and sucks what little bit of life is left right out of them.

From beginning to end, there is nothing interesting musically about the album. Every single chord progression, guitar solo and vocal melody has been heard before. I hear a lot of Motley Crue, various other 80s hair bands and AC/DC riffs. Not parts that sound like these bands, but parts that have been taken directly from them.

Hinder has also taken a successful album formula and reused it. Just like their first album, *Take It to the Limit* is made up of equal parts hard rock and ballad. They do not deviate from this formula at all and, if album sales are an indication of success, Hinder has made a wise decision.

This record debuted at No. 4 on the Billboard charts. Apparently there are still many people who want to hear the same music they heard 20 years ago. I guess I can't blame them; the music is catchy. Maybe I ask for too much from musicians.

Besides all of that, the lyrical content is mediocre as well. I do appreciate the fact that these songs tell stories. But, just like the music, there is nothing new as far as the lyrics are concerned. The songs are all explicitly about sex, alcohol, and breakups. The lyrics are blunt and vulgar. The first chorus says "she's gonna use me but I like it" and the rest of the tracks follow suit.

When I put aside all of my biases against this band, I can listen to the album and enjoy it, at least a little bit. The hooks are catchy enough to be listenable and the melodies are just as radio-worthy as those on the band's first record.

If you enjoyed Hinder's first album, you will love this one, too. But, if you are like me and you want a little more depth and sincerity in your music, pass on this one.

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Max's Rating: ★★☆☆☆

Starflyer soars high with new record

By Ben Portz
A&E Writer

Starflyer 59, who I had never heard of prior to reviewing this album, surprised me nicely. The fact that this band has been around for longer than 10 years makes me wonder where I have been before the release of their latest album *Dial M*.

Jason Martin, the vocalist, songwriter, and producer of the band apparently was hoping to make a record entitled *Dial M*. According to their myspace page, Martin states, "I always wanted to do a record of solo tracks and call it *Dial M for Martin*. But because this is such a candid record for me I decided to lend that idea as a title for this."

Many of the songs on this album sound fairly depressing. As in, the songs take place in minor keys alongside Martin's mysterious sounding vocals. This may be due to the fact that Martin was going through a lot while on this record. He continues about *Dial M* saying "I dealt with some very difficult tests when I was working on this…the loss of someone very close to me. The record deals with that loss."

Here a list of some of my favorites from the album:

"Minor Keys" – This song incorporates a lot. You'll hear everything from a catchy guitar riff to a flute overtop an acoustic later on the track. This song is an example of the depressing sound coming out of *Dial M*. Martin's expressive vocals make the point to sing "the saddest songs are wrote in minor keys", proclaiming just this point.

"Who Said It's Easy?" – This song sounds much like Keane, mainly being dominated by pianos and keyboards. This track is very interesting. In the beginning, it sounds peppy with Martin's vocals bouncing over the same three piano chords.

When you get to the middle of the track, it all stops. At this point you'll hear a light strumming on the guitar overtop of a sound similar to that of a siren. This may symbolize one of the unfortunate events that happened to Martin while making this record.

After that, the chorus from the beginning comes back although not as fast. "Who Said It's Easy?" may be the best gem Martin produced on the "Dial M".

"Automatic" – This track would be nothing without the strings. It begins with the bassist playing so hard and loud, you couldn't help but sway to it.

What does it for me is the violin that they decided to throw in. This violin makes it a mellow track, and at certain points it almost sounds like it doesn't fit. I like this about "Automatic".

Unfortunately the chorus gets a little annoying to me, because Martin just continues to sing the word "automatic" for the last minute of the song. They could have ended the song at around three minutes.

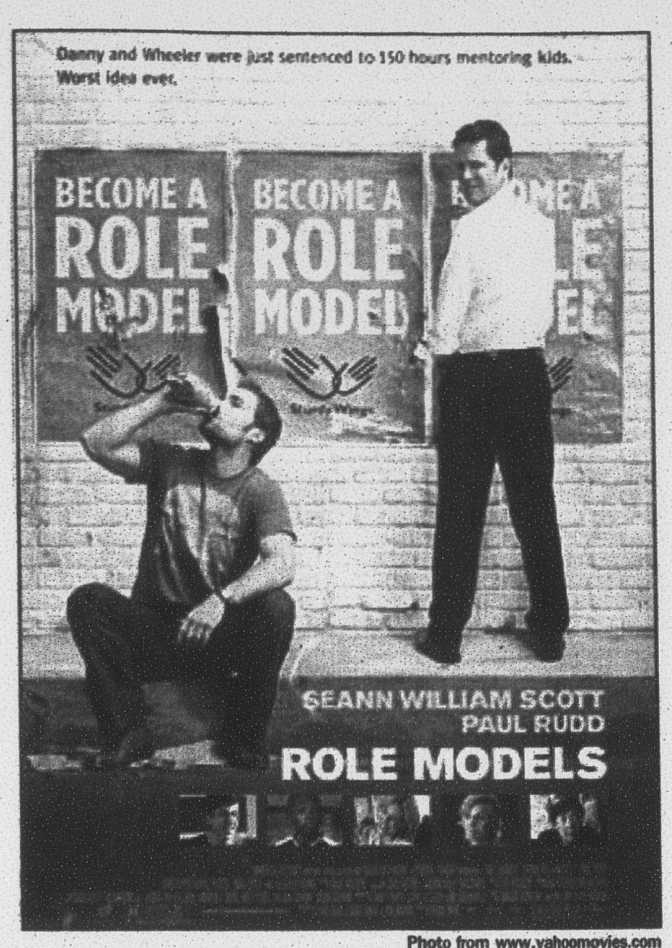
Photo from www.myspace.com

For never hearing Starflyer 59, I was impressed "Dial M". I feel like with this record, Martin has established himself as a producer. I wouldn't say his vocals are earth-shattering, but they get the message across. All in all, I recommend this record if you enjoy bands such as Keane, Band of Horses, or The National.

Ben's Rating: ★★★☆☆

Arts & Entertainment

Role Models surpasses the norm in its genre



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By Brett Gerthoffer
A&E Writer

Despite its lack of originality in story development, *Role Models* breaks through the norm with genuine acting and witty dialogue. It surpasses most movies of its kind with a heart-felt story, raunchy humor, and adults-only jokes.

Paul Rudd and Sean William Scott play two energy-drink representatives who travel from school to school to sell their product as an alternative to drugs. Danny (Rudd) looks to find a way out of this monotonous job that only seems to bring down his already shambled life while Wheeler (Scott) embraces it because it complements his carefree lifestyle. They are sentenced to 150 hours of community service at Sturdy Wings when they accidentally destroy some school property.

Sturdy Wings is an organization run by cracked out Gayle Sweeny (Jane Lynch of *40-Year-Old-Virgin*) that provides mentors to troubled kids with single parents or no friends. Danny is assigned to Augie (played by Christopher Mintz-Plasse, or McLovin rather) while Wheeler is given the foul-mouthed 10-year-old kid, Ronnie.

Many laughs come from the f-bomb, "boobie" loving Ronnie but he by no means steals the scenes. Rudd who is most recently seen in –*40-Year-Old-Virgin* and *Knocked Up* finally gets the chance to lay down his sarcastic remarks and dry humor as a lead role. *Role Models* may at first seem to have to rely on crude bathroom humor but instantly takes a turn for the good. It steers away from typical obscene humor and earns its laughs from the way the characters react to what is going on around them.

Rudd spits out seemingly improvisational sarcastic dialogue of which he really shines. Most actors demonstrate the fact that they are trying to be funny by raising their volume and making ridiculous faces at the punch line. Rudd however consistently keeps an expressionless face as he delivers witty lines that demoralize and shut down all who stand in his path.

Danny is a smart portrayal of Rudd's repeating personality in his films and genuine writing complements his ability to create such memorable characters.

Fans of the *American Pie* series will be pleased to see another Stifler on the big screen. Wheeler's personality and dialogue shows us a more hilarious yet soft hearted Stifler. Much like Rudd, Sean William Scott lights up the stage with original acting and genuine dialogue.

Wheeler is definitely more obscene than his co-worker Danny which, fortunately, provides *Role Models* with a solid balance in comedic attributes.

In the midst of partying, rocking, and chasing engaged babes, Wheeler finds a way to connect to his assigned "little". A feat no other volunteer to Sturdy Wings could accomplish. Ronnie and Wheeler perform dynamically together getting into shenanigans at parties, camp outs, and abusing each other with swear words galore.

Ronnie dominates several scenes with his naughty behavior and grown-up vocabulary, while the nerdy teenager Augie provides a backbone for the development of the story. Danny and Augie's relationship is what ultimately gives the movie definition and settlement.

Role Models exceeds where many comedy movies fail with its memorable characters, raunchiness, and balance of laughs and a well developed, heart-felt story. Rudd and Scott surpass any previous role they have played and perform superbly together. A duo I hope to see in the near future. Its R rating and adult-humor is sure to please any who watch.

Photo from www.collider.com

Brett's Rating: ★★★★☆

Conor Oberst and Ben Kweller Live

By Levi B. Sanchez
A&E Writer

I travelled four hours to Messiah College to catch two of the best living songwriters in concert last week. With nothing but hills and small towns surrounding Grantham, PA – a small suburb of Harrisburg – it's surprising that Oberst and Kweller decided to stop there. Still, the duo played in an auditorium/gymnasium about twice the size of the court at Old 77 to a crowd of at least 5,000 loyal fans.

After a set by a subpar white rap group, Rig 1, Kweller took the stage. Backed by a three-piece band, he started his set with some country/bluegrass inspired songs, presumably from his newly released EP *How Ya Lookin' Southbound? Comein...*

A broken guitar string forced Kweller to play a couple songs on his piano. The first, "Thirteen," is a beautiful ballad that he played alone. It was my first time hearing the track, but the extremely personal and wonderfully written love story makes it easily one of my favorites.

Kweller then launched into a couple of my "old favorites," his songs "Falling" and "On my Way" with his backing band supporting him. He closed off his set with one of his most well-known songs "Penny on the Track."

After an exaggerated set-up time, Oberst took the stage to a still excited crowd. Donning a black over his yes, he opened the set with some of the strongest songs off his newly released self-titled album (which, you may remember, I reviewed back in September). Oberst and the Mystic Valley Band rolled through well-played and energetic versions of "Moab," "Danny Callahan," "Sausalito" and "Get-Well-Cards," in quick order.

The middle of his set left something to be desired as he played a block of unreleased material that didn't quite match up to the strong beginning. As he wrapped up his set, he redeemed himself a little, playing the lyrically brilliant "Cape Canaveral" and the somewhat annoying, yet still endearing, "I Don't Wanna Die in the Hospital."

After a short break, The Mystic Valley Band took the stage and started into a thumping version of "NYC-Gone, Gone" to open the encore set. After a minute or so, Oberst retook the stage and yelled the simple, yet memorable lyrics. The band followed up with a passionate "Souled-Out!!!" that kept the crowd's energy level high. After a short introduction, the band summoned Kweller to the stage for an impromptu rendition of the classic "Ghost Busters" theme song. The last song of the night was another cover, Paul Simon's "Kodachrome."

Together Kweller and Oberst put on a high-energy show that seldom disappointed. I was glad to catch one of the few shows the pair has ever played together. Both artists are easily worth the price of a CD or a ticket, so get a listen to them any way you can.

Photo by Levi Sanchez

Levi's Rating: ★★★★★

Concert Calendar

Rock out with your favorite artists at these upcoming local shows!

November:

17: Soulfly @ The Rex: 7:30 pm
21: Cobra Starship @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
22: Hawthorne Heights @ The Rex: 6:30 pm
22: Frank Caliendo @ The Benedum: 8:30 pm
25: Plain White T's @ Diesel: 5:30 pm
26: OneRepublic @ Chevy Ampitheatre: 7:00 pm

December:

2: Aiden @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
4: Augustana @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
12: The Misfits @ Mr. Smalls: 8:00 pm
17: Trans-Siberian Orchestra @ Mellon Arena: 7:30 pm
26 and 27: The Clarks @ The Rex: 7:30 pm
27: The Morning Light @ Diesel: 7:00 pm

January:

7: AC/DC @ Mellon Arena: 7:30 pm

Kanye West says he's 'voice of this generation'

LONDON – Kanye West is to music what Michael Jordan was to basketball – at least that's what West thinks, in his humble estimation.

"I realize that my place and position in history is that I will go down as the voice of this generation, of this decade, I will be the loudest voice," he said in an interview on Wednesday. "It's me settling into that position of just really accepting that it's one thing to say you want to do it and it's another thing to really end up being like Michael Jordan."

The Grammy-winning rapper-producer said Justin Timberlake had a chance to be music's MVP, but hasn't put out enough material. (Timberlake's last album was in 2006, while West released a CD last year and is releasing his latest – "808s and Heartbreak" – on Nov. 24.)

"There were people who had the potential to do it but they went on vacation, so when Justin went on vacation I made albums," he said. "And it just came out to be that."

West, 31, said life has been difficult since his mother's death. Donda West died last November after having plastic surgery.

Photo from www.yahoo.com

"I'm just going through balancing that. And I always used to have that support system, you know. My mom would be there; no matter what, she was there before everything," he said. "We were together for like 30 years. And you know now when I'm on that stage and I look out and I say, 'What am I going to do with the rest of my life?' Like when does a real life start?' Because I have sacrificed real life to be a celebrity and to give this art to people, which is great. It is great that I was able to do that, I'm not trying to shun that in any way, but it's definitely a Catch-22 and it's bittersweet."

Features

Fundraisers can be friends or foes

Megan Hoffman
Features Editor

No matter what organization you are in, they probably all have one thing in common – fundraising. Whether you are raising funds for the organization itself, activities associated with the organization, or a philanthropy, it is key to develope an interesting and creative event or idea to ensure the fundraiser is a success.

If you asked me, I would probably not be able to name all of the fundraisers I have been involved with since grade school. From selling candy bars and poinsettias in high school to holding large-scale events, such as Shoot for the Cause, I have seen many different types of fundraisers, each with various levels of success.

So what is the first step in holding a fundraiser? That would probably be determined by what you are raising funds for and a goal you would like to reach.

The next step requires some creativity, you need to come up with an idea that people will be interested in and preferably an idea that would set your fundraiser apart from other fundraisers. Sometimes you can even relate the fundraiser to your philanthropy, your organization, or your goal.

For example, let's say your organization deals with animals. Setting up a petting zoo, a dog show, or offering animal obedience classes might be the perfect solution to boost your funds.

However, other times fundraising just deals with getting the word out. Next week the Public Relations Student Society of America is holding a fundraiser event at the Pizza Hut in Hermitage. On Thursday, Nov. 20 from 5 to 8 p.m. students, faculty and the community are invited to go to Pizza Hut and be served by members of PRSSA.

The members will help with seating customers and serving drinks. In addition, for every customer who comes to Pizza Hut during that time frame, 15 percent of the profits will be donated to PRSSA.

This is a unique idea for a fundraiser because it can be amusing to have your classmates or students serve you at a restaurant. Although the best part of this fundraisers is that while at Pizza Hut the PRSSA members will be able to talk with the customers to explain what PRSSA is all about and get the word out about the organization.

Getting the word out about an organization is especially important for non-profit organizations. The summer after my freshman year of college I did a PR internship with a nonprofit organization, called Lifesteps, located in my hometown of Butler, PA. During the internship I worked closely with their PR department to plan and implement three golfing event fundraisers over the course of the summer.

High profile community members participated in the golf outings that raised over $100,000 for the organization. Following the golfing portion of the event was a dinner where the golfers had the chance to really see and understand the impact of their contributions.

The biggest impact of those dinners came when the special guests were recognized. At the dinner after the golf outing held in Butler, the special guest was a little girl with special needs and her family. Seeing the girl and how Lifesteps has made a difference on her life as well as her family's really showed the participants the impact of their efforts, which is something all good fundraiser should incorporate.

Next time you are faced with the challenge of creating a fundraiser for an organization think about the tips and ideas that I have listed. Hopefully, this will help you in creating a unique and profitable fundraisers that your organization might even be able to use year after year.

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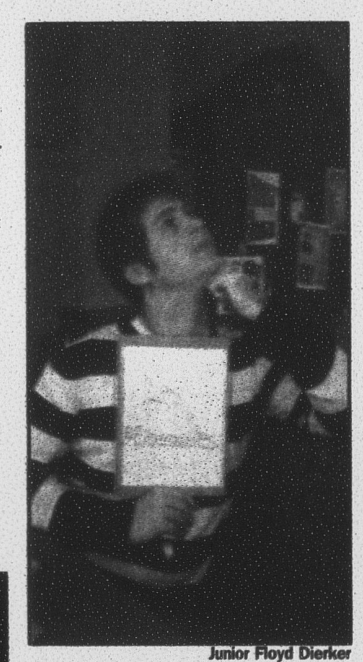
Question of the week

What musical were you in during high school?

Juniors Carrie Hill and Arienne Cauchie



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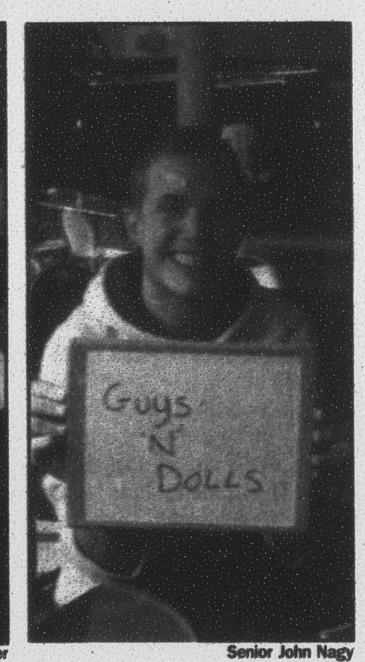
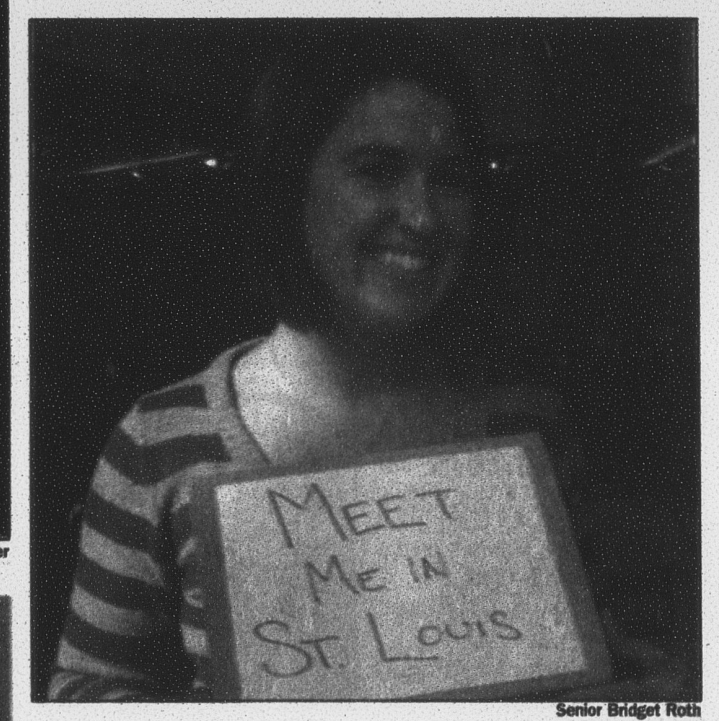
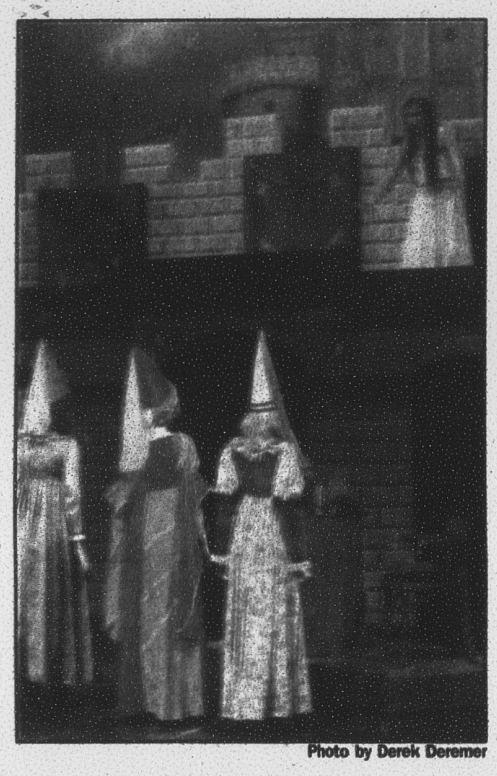


Senior John Nagy



Senior Bridget Roth

More glimpses from "Once Upon a Mattress"



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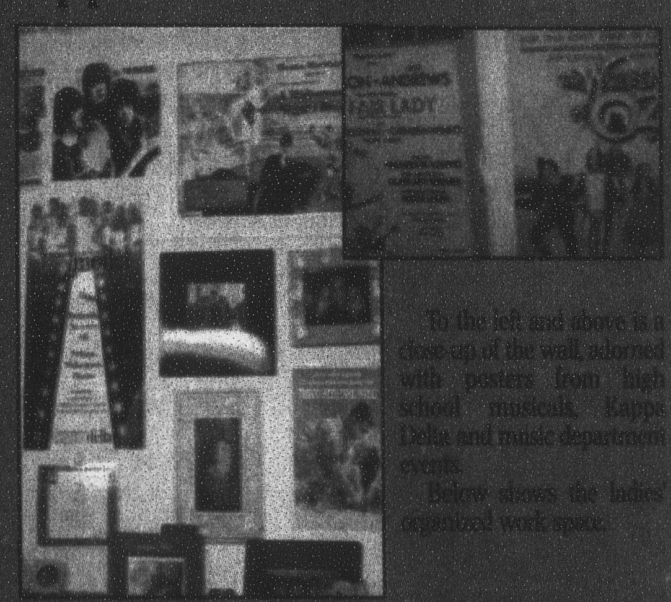
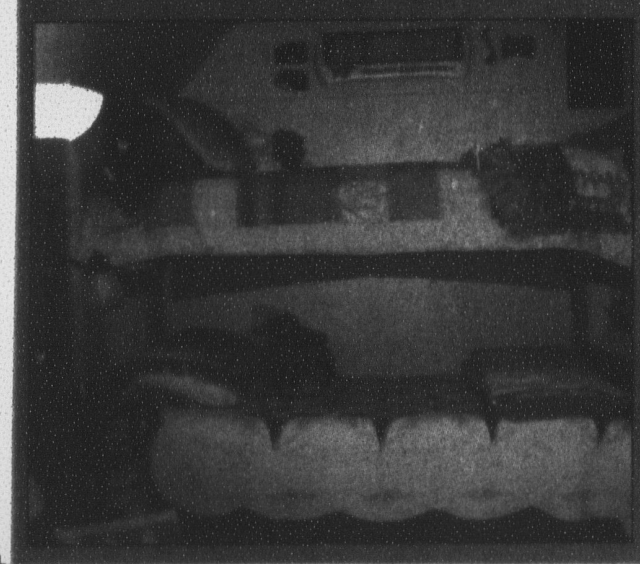
Megan Hoffman explores Ali Gerginski and Jess Farrelly's Room on the Kappa Delta Suite



To the left and above is a close up of the wall adorned with posters from high school musicals, Kappa Delta and music department events.

Below shows the ladies' organized work space.

The red and lily were the sorority's pastel theme that is carried throughout the room from the carpeting to the arrangement of the flowers on the wall to patterned blankets. The couch was given to them by graduating seniors last year and is covered with the green and white lily sorority bed pattern.



Reasons to stay on campus this weekend:

Friday:

"Once Upon a Mattress" at 7:30 p.m.

Movie in Mueller Theatre: *The Dark Knight* at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

Saturday:

Annual Fall Chipping Party at 9:30 a.m.

Swim meet against Bethany at 1 p.m.

Mass in Wallace Memorial Chapel at 7 p.m.

"Once Upon a Mattress" at 7:30 p.m.

Titan's Tavern with Jessica Sonner at 8 p.m.

Movie in Mueller Theatre: *The Dark Knight* at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

Sunday:

"Once Upon a Mattress" at 2:30 p.m.

Vespers in Wallace Memorial Chapel at 7 p.m.

Movie in Mueller Theatre: *The Dark Knight* at 3 and 9:00 p.m.

If you know of any weekend activities and want it in *The Holcad*, please contact Features Editor, Megan Hoffman, at hoffmams@westminster.edu.

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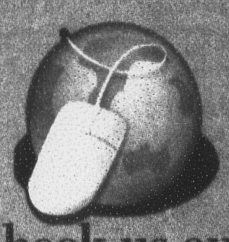

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FCA sponsors visit from Pittsburgh Steelers punter

Students inspired by Daniel Sepulveda's compelling story of football and faith

By Daniel Ross
Campus Writer

Pittsburgh Steelers punter Daniel Sepulveda paid a visit to a Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting on Nov. 13 and showed that there is more to Number Nine than his golden toe.

Opening the night with a lighthearted joke about the Steelers' loss to the Colts on Nov. 9, Sepulveda set a very informal and open scene for his personal testimony. He spoke to an audience of 85 students, parents and community members about his memorable southern childhood and the winding road that led him to Heinz Field, encompassing his story with his foundational belief in the Christian faith.

"I consider myself a tremendously blessed individual to be doing what I'm doing," Sepulveda said.

From the four quaint walls of his first home in Austin, TX, to the steel jungle of Pittsburgh, PA, Sepulveda shared some of his experiences with the crowd in Wallace Memorial Chapel, including his first visit to downtown Pittsburgh for an interview with the Steelers.

"At the airport, a man was waiting for me in a suit and a top hat," Sepulveda said. "It was like something out of a movie."

The man took him through the city at night and up to the steps of Heinz Field, where he introduced Sepulveda to the bronze statue effigy of Steelers' founding owner, Art Rooney. According to Sepulveda, every Steelers hopeful that the man took to the statue was drafted. He was no exception.

"[Sepulveda]'s stories were compelling," Josh Beckert said. "He had an excellent grasp on his faith, which allowed him to be a confident, honest speaker."

Sepulveda's testimony was followed by an open Q & A session, which ranged in topic from God's role on the football field to Sepulveda's favorite restaurant. He ended the night with a few autographs, photos and a humble "thanks" to FCA.

"We were blessed to have Daniel come to campus through our FCA's relationship with Pittsburgh's Coalition for Christian Outreach," FCA president Jeff Ledebur said. "The entire night was a great success."

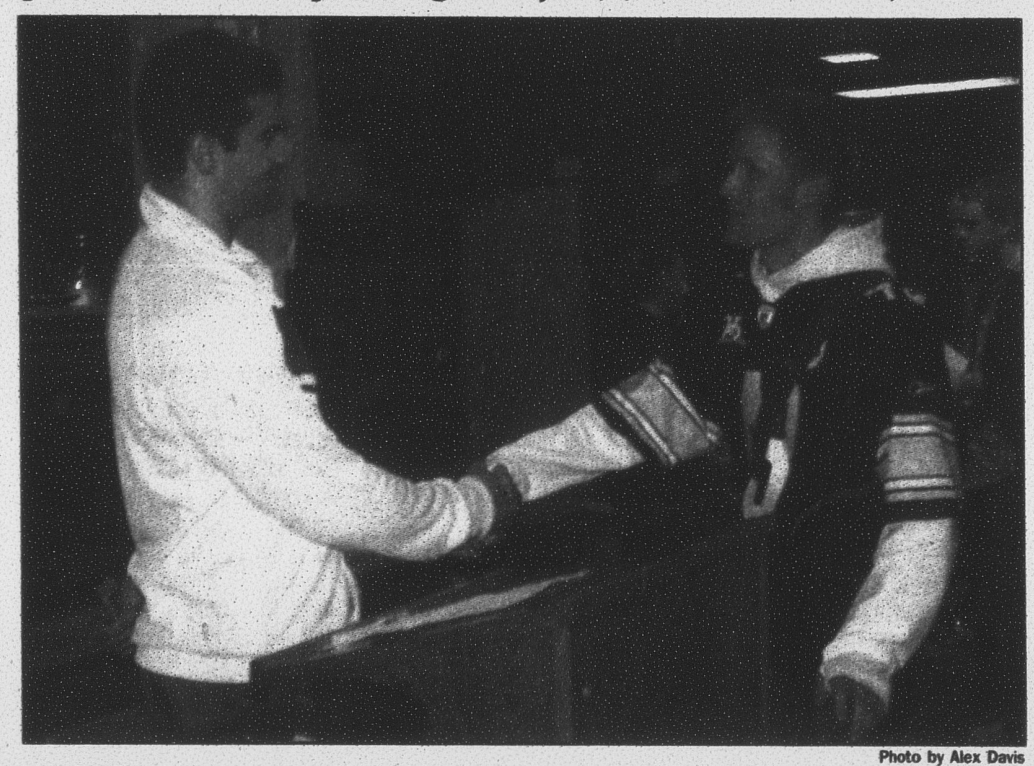

Photo by Alex Davis

Pittsburgh Steelers punter Daniel Sepulveda shakes hands with sophomore Zack Wallover after speaking at the FCA meeting on Thursday, Nov. 13. Sepulveda spoke to students about his NFL career as well as his Christian faith.

The FCA, which regularly hosts speakers like Sepulveda, also meets every Thursday at 8:30 p.m. in the Witherspoon Maple Room for Bible studies and community outreach and invites anyone interested to attend.

Once upon a time

Dr. Betty Ford examines fairytales to shed new light on "Once Upon a Mattress"

By Meagan Ostrowski
Campus Writer

Breaking boundaries and expectations is not just one of the themes of "Once Upon a Mattress;" for one Westminster professor, it is a way to unleash the hidden side of this popular fairytale.

Dr. Elizabeth Ford presented Propping Up the "Princess and the Pea," a preshow event that helped audience members learn interesting facts about the musical and know exactly what to look out for to make their viewing of "Once Upon a Mattress" more enjoyable. Being a professor here for 20 years, Ford has really tapped into the magical world of fairytales. She covered the history, inspiration and adaptation of this simple fairytale, which was turned into a hit musical.

"Deciding to go see Dr. Ford speak was very rewarding. She knew so much on each little point about the tale that when I left I felt like I knew exactly what to look for in the musical," sophomore Lindsay Moyer said. "We really got to see and understand the humor underlying in the musical which made the show that much more funny."

Each point that Ford explained helped the audience see the musical in a different light and understand it better. For example, the audience learned a lot about the author of this musical. She was the daughter of Richard Hammerstein. Hammerstein was one of the men who helped create musicals such as "Cinderella," "Carousel," "The King and I" and "The Sound of Music." The audience also learned that "Once Upon a Mattress" first debuted on Broadway in early May 1959 and has been running strong ever since.

Not only did the audience become familiar with this tale, many other fairytales were brought up during the discussion. Attendees learned that around the time this fairytale was written several others were as well, including "Little Mermaid," "Ugly Duckling" and "Emperor's New Clothes." The audience learned that around the time these tales were written, the theme of them was not quite as happy as we see them today. Ford closed her lecture by explaining that the adaptors had a lot to work with, but also a lot to change. She zeroed in on the message that fairytales used to tell.

"We don't remember the fairytales how they used to be written. The tales back when 'The Princess and the Pea' was written had a much darker side to them. In 'Little Mermaid,' Ariel actually dies in the end, and that's very different from the ending Walt Disney portrayed," Ford said. "The older fairy tales taught people consequences; if you change yourself for other people, the results can be fatal."

Following the history discussion, Ford continued to talk about the inspiration for this musical which included the adaptation as well. For many, it was hard to understand how this two-page fairy tale could be turned into a two-hour musical production.

Ford read the tale to the audience and asked for them to look out for several key points, such as repeated phrases, the plot and humor. After she finished the story, the audience was asked to talk about their findings. Using these questions or key points discussed, Ford examined how each of these aspects plays into the adaptation.

She also handed out a paper, which was a fairytale function sheet. Vladimir Propp, a folklorist, conjured up the idea of every fairytale following the same general guidelines. Before Ford let the audience go, she asked them to look at seven functions on the list that are apparent in "Once Upon a Mattress."

Ford was the first speaker for part of Theatre Westminster's Sunday Series Lecture. This is a new concept that is planned to continue for all of the future productions. With 11 attendees present, it was a very rewarding presentation to see before the musical. Ford discussed her knowledge of fairytales in an exciting way and helped the audience to really see how a simple fairytale can become much more.

Photo by Alex Davis

Dr. Betty Ford explored the dimensions of "The Princess and the Pea" at the Theatre Westminster's Sunday Series Lecture on Nov. 16 at 1 p.m. in the Mueller Theater.

Students voice concerns to President Dorman at inaugural "First Friday"

By Travis Guilling
Staff Writer

A new program called "First Friday" has been implemented by President Richard Dorman.

This program will take place on the first Friday of every month in McGinnis Dining Room beginning at 12:15 p.m. This is an opportunity for President Dorman to get to know some of the students and to listen to some of the student's concerns.

He implemented this program because he understands that the school only exists because of the students, and he needs to be in contact with the student body for our school to be a success.

"We can never forget that everything we do is for one purpose and that is to help the students," Dorman said. "It is very important for me to keep in contact and be connected to the student body."

The president wants two main things to come out of these events: he wants to listen to any ideas or concerns that the students have about the campus; and he wants the students to answer his questions and give him a sense of what is happening on campus.

During the inaugural "First Friday," Dorman heard many ideas and concerns that 12-14 students explained to him. Of those complaints he said that the two biggest were a lack of a 24-hour computer lab and how the school needs to be a wireless network. The president said he will take a closer look into the possibility of having both on campus.

SGA President Ashley Carnahan attended the event and is excited about this new program that the president has implemented.

"I think it's a great idea," Carnahan said. "It shows how he truly cares about the students. It is a great forum for the students to voice our concerns to the President."

"First Friday" will begin at 12:15 p.m., immediately after chapel, and students who attend can come and go as they please. The president understands that classes begin shortly after at 12:50 but still encourages students to come share a lunch with our new president.

Alternative Gift Market provides presents for a cause

By Jessica Davis
Staff Writer

Sponsored by the Youth Presbyterian Scholars Program, the Alternative Gift Market will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 3 from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. in the Witherspoon Room in McKelvey.

As the third largest collegiate market in the United States, the YPS sponsored Alternative Gift Market provides the opportunity for students, faculty and staff to support global humanitarian and environmental projects.

Founded in 1980 by Harriet Prichard, the director of children's ministries at a church in Pasadena, CA, the market was originally established to introduce children to alternative Christmas gifts that aid those in need. Other churches, schools and organizations were inspired and began to conduct their own Alternative Gift Markets.

According to the Web site, alternativegifts.org, by 2004 there were 325 active markets in the United States and more than 17 million dollars had been raised.

"I think everybody can agree that when you do something good for somebody else, you feel good about that," coordinator of YPS and assistant to the college chaplain, Carey Anne Meyer- LaSor, said. "Giving these gifts provides something for somebody else who needs it."

Booths run by members of YPS and other campus groups display various projects that benefit numerous causes. Shares of existing projects in education, environment and health care are available to purchase in honor of recipients as Christmas gifts.

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Opinion

RANT & RAVE

Jake, don't steal my cucumbers!

Procrastination is a horrible philosophy . . . but it sure is fun!

Why can't she just cancel class like a normal person?

I feel Merriam and/or Webster is lying to me...

It's like a big bubble of sexual innuendos.

This is why I should keep post-its with me at ALL times.

What's worse than an awkward turtle?

You can really creep on people from these windows.

Why can't you talk like a normal human being?!?

I would make a bad Buddhist and an even worse Hindu.

Christmas music should wait until after Thanksgiving. THERE, I said it!

You're too inappropriate for the Rant and Raves.

What are those silly shapes?

There's no way to subtly drop the word 'punt'

OH MY!

Stop toying with my emotions!

What! We're at the end? I'm so far behind... I'm still at the beginning!!!

Want to Rant & Rave? Email *The Holcad* with RNR as the subject.

Question the change

By Danielle McCullough
Layout Editor

One of my favorite professors here tells his students frequently to always ask questions, and that it is our duty to ask questions.

I have so many to ask. I just don't know where to start.

Obama speaks of change. His idea of "change" is what I question most frequently lately. Does what he want to change really coincide with the American people?

Californian's recently voted to ban gay marriage, which had previously been allowed.

In protest, over this past weekend, supporters of the Human Rights Campaign from across the country gathered and walked around cities on Saturday Nov. 15 chanting that they wanted change, and holding signs depicting the change they wanted.

Pittsburgh happened to be one of these cities, even though it was cold and spitting rain, the protestors still marched on. It was an interesting sight to see. They met in Schenley Park and split into groups from there to march around Oakland.

I happened to be in Oakland with two of my friends. We had hoped to go to the rally to hear what they were saying; instead the rally came to us.

We walked out of Lu Lu's on Craig Street to find the protesters walking up the street chanting and holding signs. We weren't really sure what to do so we ducked into a used bookstore and watched them from inside (plus there was no room on the sidewalk).

There were straights, gays and lesbians, young and old people, marching through the city for this cause. This was my first marching (and speaking) protest to ever witness. I was fascinated by these people. The ardent feelings for their cause radiated from them.

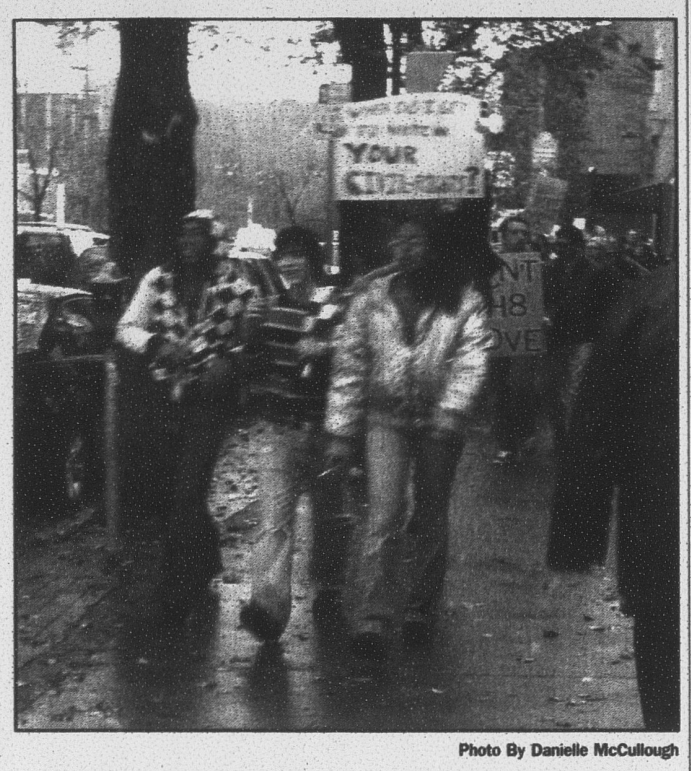


Photo By Danielle McCullough

Protestors march in support of civil unions in Pittsburgh.

My favorite part of being in Pittsburgh this past weekend (other than grocery shopping at Trader Joes with two of my professors) was driving to Shadyside and passing by a church that had a banner on it saying that it was for gay marriage. I'd like to check on how, and if, that church's attendance has changed since putting that banner up.

The church only brought up more questions for me to ask: did the congregation or deacons vote on having that banner? What is the demographic of this church? How many other churchs feel the same way? Then I started to wonder how my own church would feel about civil unions.

California was not the only place to approve Proposition 8, Arizona and Florida also joined them in banning marriage and civil unions for gay or lesbian couples.

This is not an issue that can be contained by state lines; therefore HRC took to the streets and multiple cities across the country.

People in Colorado elected Jared Polis, who became the first U.S. Representative that is openly gay (when elected). I'm not sure what this preference in his life style has to do with his politics… I assume nothing. Those who were gay or lesbian in the past were told by their advisors to not let anyone know about their private life (like Barbara Jordan).

Arkansas approved a change in which I don't believe. Now no single person, female or male, gay or straight, can adopt or foster a child in that state. I question if the people in this state felt that only families should adopt or foster children or that only straight families can do that job.

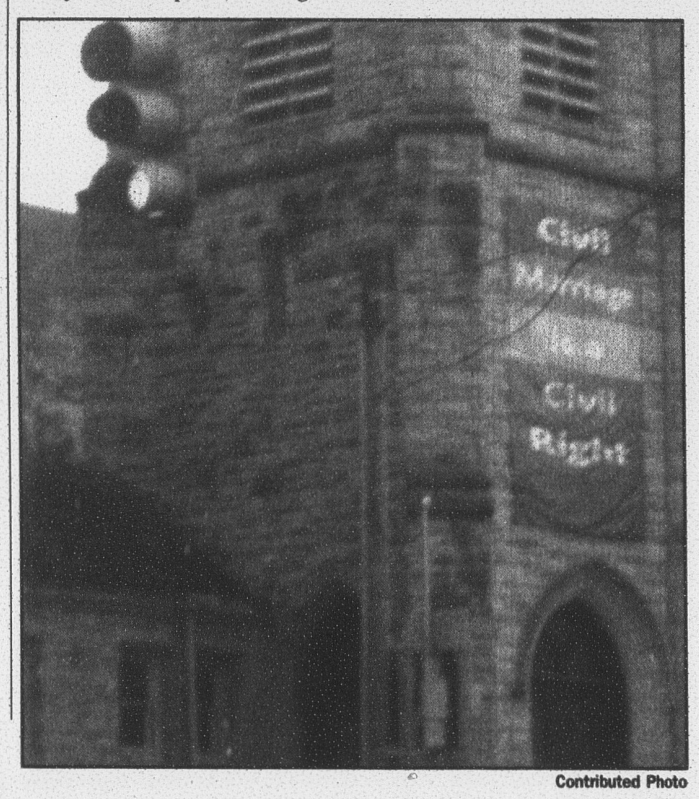
Even TV shows like "One Tree Hill" show single people fostering children. I'm still not sure if this would have a negative effect on the child.

What exactly makes a single person worse than a family at raising children? As long as that person is perfectly capable, I do not see why they cannot foster or adopt a child. It might be better for the child to be adopted by this person.

With these new laws I also wonder what is going to happen with those who are single parents of adopted or foster kids? Are the children just going to be taken away? And the same sex marriages already granted, do they still have legal standing?

HRC stated that Obama was their candidate because he represented change and they hope he can bring the change they want. But he would not do it if it is going to make him unpopular. Is the change he wants going to work well with the rest of the public?

I often sit around and ponder these questions. My only real solid conclusion is that the question of civil unions, gay marriage, what ever you would like to call it, is going to be around for quite some time.



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A church in Shadyside shows its support of civil marriage with a banner hanging on its bell tower.

Let it snow!

Andrew Brown
Columnist

On my way out the door earlier this week, I discovered a different environment indeed. For the first time this year, the ground was completely covered in snow. A simple observation can sufficiently deduce that winter had arrived, but it seemed Mother Nature wanted to make sure I knew. No sooner had I stepped outside onto the porch, my feet decided to ignore friction. In a fresh clump of snow, I was now lying on my back in a much cooler blanket than I had been in only hours before, while sleeping in my warm and comfortable gunnysack.

Covered in snow and having dropped my cup of Joe, I could tell it was going to be a wonderful day. After a quick refill of coffee, I was back in the elements, skating to my vehicle. The wind nearly knocked me over again, but this time I was successful. Running fashionably late after a quick doughnut in the yard, I peeled out of my driveway, and was on my way from Hermitage to New Wilmington. Using the nitrous fuel injector system and turbo charged power in my 1999 Buick Century, I am capable of pulling into Westminster's commuter lot in only fourteen minutes time. Numerous factors such as other drivers foolishly conceding to speeding laws, a run in with the local authorities, or school buses that seem to love to pull out in front of my car and then stop at every sequential house, often hinder my ability to reach school on time, and this day was no exception.

The snowplow truck drivers of New Wilmington Township must have caught wind of my tardiness to class, revealed by the snow-covered roads after crossing the Hermitage-New Wilmington border. Enraged at this incompetency for decency, I decided to show those snowplows that I didn't need them. I pushed the pedal to the metal, rolled down my windows, and sang "Gangster's Paradise" at the top of my lungs, as I drifted around tight corners. Although I burned past other cars and was making up for lost time, my desire to be down with the hood theme was soon overcome, unfortunately, by a meek whisper of a few Hail Mary's. My car lost control and spiraled through a yard. I plowed through an old garden, demolished a child's prized swing set, regained control, and drove back onto the road. Quite pleased with myself, I laughed the rest of the way into school and skipped my first class.

Whilst my morning commute to school is fascinating and thrilling, it is also untrue. I did not wreck my vehicle, or even go off road at any time, and I apologize for this falsehood. In my defense, I was merely setting up an analogy, of which I will now elaborate. There are currently only twenty-three days left in this fall semester. This includes Thanksgiving break and weekends. Only two million seconds (give or take a few hours) separate students from another semester going down in the books. For many students there is still a lot of work to be done, with not enough hours in the day.

The workload that has to be finished is quite similar to my hypothetical commute to school. Time in my commute is metaphorically the same as students' current situations. The car and driver represent the human mind. Setting the pace and direction, the car and driver represent the mind because every student must decide an intensity needed to study each subject, and a speed at which projects must be completed. The snow in the story depicts the difficulty of multitasking quickly, the slow drivers and police represent distractions, the crash represents over studying, and the laughter and singing portray the insanity of the situation. What a beautiful poetic creation of literary art I've just created! I wish best regards to everyone on studying for their finals in the short upcoming weeks. Be relaxed and enjoy reading day, but don't forget, nothing is as important as keeping one's automobile in good health.

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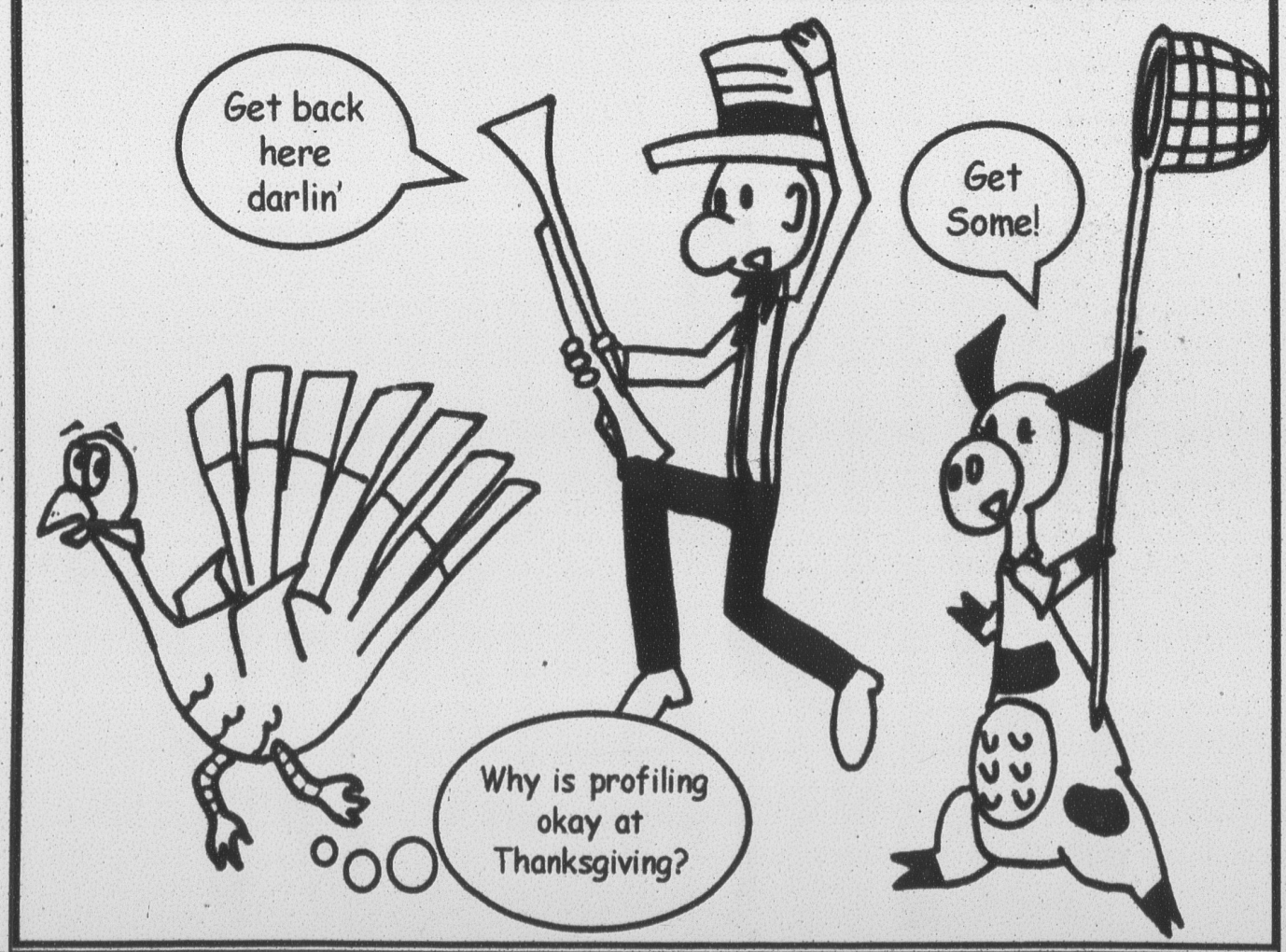

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REGIONAL

Tunnel to aid Pittsburgh sports fans, at a price

PITTSBURGH (AP) _ Many sports-crazed fans who don't want to deal with traffic must walk or take the bus over the bridges of the Allegheny River to watch their Steelers or Pirates.

The city's 25-mile light rail system won't get them to the neighborhood that is home to Heinz Field, PNC Park, museums, and soon, a huge slots casino. It stops short of the river, in downtown Pittsburgh.

But now the commuter line is being extended 1.2 miles through a tunnel under the river in a $435 million project that will take rail users onto the North Shore, whether it's to wave Terrible Towels at Steelers games or admire the work of Andy Warhol.

While a certain convenience for sports fans, the project has drawn criticism for its high cost – and where it doesn't go.

The Port Authority of Allegheny County says the North Shore Connector, expected to be completed in 2011, is a sound investment in mass transit that will spur development.

But the Allegheny Institute for Public Policy, a conservative think-tank based in suburban Pittsburgh, believes the project will only pay off if it is extended 15 miles to Pittsburgh International Airport.

"We look at things on the basis of their cost and benefits and on a cost-benefit basis, this doesn't come anywhere close," said Jake Haulk, the institute's president.

Port authority officials say it's possible that one day the rail line, called the "T" by locals, would be extended.

But Haulk said that wouldn't happen in the next 20 years. "That's a pipe dream," he said.

Workers have been using a 500-ton boring machine to create two tunnels under the Allegheny.

In July, the machine punched one 22-foot-diameter tunnel through to downtown from the North Shore – a length of 2,240 feet, said Keith Wargo, project director, on a recent tour. Crews have drilled more than 100 feet of the second tunnel.

As the boring machine eats its way through the earth some 25 feet below the riverbed, workers install interlocking concrete support segments that form the tunnel's lining.

About three-quarters of the extension, or just under a mile, will be underground. The project also includes revamping the current final stop downtown to link it to the extension.

The cost was originally put at $395 million. Eighty percent of the project, or $348 million, is being funded with a federal grant, with 16.66 percent, or about $72.5 million, coming from the state and the rest from local government.

That additional money could come from the authority's capital budget, which could mean delays on other authority projects, said Winston Simmonds, the port authority's rail operations and engineering officer.

He said the Federal Transit Administration approved the project before energy costs began to rise and a global demand for steel, concrete and other construction materials drove prices up beyond the 3.3 percent anticipated annual increase. The project was also to have included a link to the downtown David L. Lawrence Convention Center, but that was dropped because of budget constraints.

Costs are expected to increase even more, though the authority can't say by how much.

"We're looking at different things in terms of the different contracts to see what we can do to reduce costs and mitigate some of the cost overruns, so it would be ill-advised of me to put a number out that we haven't firmly vetted yet," Simmonds said.

Nationwide, public transportation systems are expanding in cities like New York and Washington as ridership increases. Public transit use in the U.S. was up 3 percent the first three months of the year compared with the first quarter of 2007, according to the American Public Transportation Association.

In Pittsburgh alone, nearly than 676,000 people rode light rail in October, up more than 4 percent from about 675,000 passengers in October 2007. Ridership was also up in September and August.

About 27,000 people use the light rail each day, and officials estimate that 14,300 people will use the North Shore Connector daily when it's completed.

The Port Authority estimates its per rider cost at $6, of which most riders pay $2.50, with the balance coming from state and local subsidies. But the Allegheny Institute believes the cost to the agency is even higher.

Kathleen Connolly, of Ben Avon, a suburb just west of Pittsburgh, questioned how many commuters would park on the North Shore and take light rail into downtown. She took light rail Friday to get her driver's license taken downtown.

"The T is nice, beautiful, easy and clean, but it serves the South Hills and Station Square," a shopping and entertainment complex just across the Monongahela River from downtown.

A better project, she said, would be extending light rail west to the airport or to the city's eastern suburbs.

"They're not hiding the fact that it's for entertainment," she said. "It's not for commuter ease."

Allegheny County Executive Dan Onorato has said he would have preferred to expand the transportation system elsewhere, but supports the project because he did not want to lose federal funding.

Edmund Effort, a Pittsburgh dentist, was returning to his office Friday after taking light rail two stops to get a haircut. He said he understands criticism of the line, but that cities need good public transportation systems.

"Chicago, New York, Washington – they all have good systems," he said. "Eventually, it makes sense."

Simmonds, the Port Authority's rail operations officer, said the project has created more than 1,000 jobs. The precast concrete segments that line the tunnel, he noted, were manufactured in nearby Blairsville.

Critics like Haulk said the job creation doesn't justify the project.

The Port Authority has also been criticized for boring a tunnel instead of building a bridge or using an existing one for the project, something officials said would have cost about the same but caused too much downtown disruption.

The Port Authority cut bus routes by 15 percent last year because of rising operational costs, and in January, it implemented a 25-cent fare increase to deal with budget shortfalls. But Simmonds said money for the connector does not come out of operating funds.

The Port Authority is also preparing for a possible strike by 2,200 unionized employees.

The Amalgamated Transit Union Local 85 has been working under terms of a contract that expired June 30, but the authority's board voted last month to impose a new contract on Dec. 1.

The union has scheduled a Nov. 23 strike vote. The last drivers' strike, in 1992, lasted 28 days.

Naked man targets women in suburban Philadelphia

BUCKINGHAM, Pa. (AP) _ Police in suburban Philadelphia are looking for a man who has been taking off his clothes and approaching women.

Police in Buckingham Township in Bucks County say the man grabbed a woman who was out jogging on Monday afternoon and held her in a bear hug. He then fled in a small silver sport utility vehicle.

Earlier in the day, police say, a woman walking along a trail in Nockamixon State Park was approached twice by a naked man fitting the description of the man in the Buckingham incident. He fled without assaulting the woman.

The same man is also believed to be responsible for a similar incident reported by a woman in Middletown Township on Nov. 11.

Police describe the man as a balding white male in his mid-30s.

NATIONAL

Foreign adoptions by Americans drop sharply

NEW YORK (AP) _ The number of foreign children adopted by Americans fell 12 percent in the past year, reaching the lowest level since 1999 as some countries clamped down on the process and others battled with allegations of adoption fraud.

China, which for a decade was the leading source for international adoptions, accounted for the biggest decline and dropped out of the top spot. It was replaced by Guatemala, which almost certainly will lose that status in 2009 because of a corruption-related moratorium on new adoptions imposed by U.S. officials.

Figures for the 2008 fiscal year, released by the State Department on Monday, showed 17,438 adoptions from abroad, down from 19,613 in 2007. The all-time peak was 22,884 in 2004.

Reasons for the decline vary from country to country. China and Russia – the two largest sources of adoptees over the past 15 years – have sought to care for more of their abandoned and orphaned children at home, and China has imposed tighter restrictions on foreign applicants.

The numbers were sobering to advocates of international adoption, who expect the drop to continue for 2009 as Guatemala struggles to rein in its formerly freewheeling adoption industry.

"There are still tens of millions of orphans around the world – and we know there are millions of Americans willing to adopt these kids," said Chuck Johnson, chief operating officer of the National Council for Adoption. "Countries are very reluctant to let go of what they consider their future, even though they'll readily acknowledge the future for these kids is not promising."

By far the biggest drop was for adoptions from China, which fell to 3,909 from 5,453 in 2007 and a peak of 7,906 in 2005. Among the factors: a rise in domestic adoptions as China prospers and tighter restrictions on foreign adoptions that exclude single people, older couples, the obese and those with financial or health problems.

As a result, waiting times to complete an adoption from China have increased in many cases to three or four years, a deterrent to many aspiring adoptive parents. China offers a faster timetable for foreigners willing to adopt children with physical or emotional disabilities.

Adoptions from Guatemala also declined in the past year, from 4,728 to 4,123, and the number is projected to be sharply lower for 2009. Guatemalan officials are trying to replace an old system, which allowed abuses ranging from fraud to child snatching, with stringent new practices conforming with the Hague Convention, an international adoption treaty.

Other countries from which adoptions declined significantly included Russia, Ukraine and Kazakhstan and India.

The biggest increase was in adoptions from Ethiopia – they rose from 1,255 to 1,725, moving the Horn of Africa nation into fourth place on the State Department's list, just behind Russia. No other African country provided more than 250 adoptees last year, although the continent is viewed as one of the few potential growth regions for international adoption.

Thomas DiFilipo, president of the Joint Council on International Children's Services, predicted overall numbers would drop even more sharply for 2009, to as low as 10,000 to 12,000 foreign adoptions, as China continues its cutback and adoptions from Guatemala and Vietnam diminish.

There were 751 adoptions from Vietnam in fiscal 2008, but the U.S.-Vietnam adoption agreement expired on Sept. 1 as the two countries argued about fraud and corruption in the system. Hundreds of American families seeking to adopt from Vietnam were left in limbo.

DiFilipo said he doubted any foreign country would ever replace China as the source of 7,000 or even 5,000 adoptees per year. He predicted instead that far smaller numbers of adoptees would be comimg from a pool of perhaps 40 or 50 countries, including an increasing share from Africa and Latin America.

DiFilipo said the drop-off in foreign adoptions has been devastating to many U.S.-based agencies which specialize in them – forcing closures or mergers. He predicted that the number of direct-service agencies with programs abroad would drop to fewer than 100 by the end of 2009, a third of the peak a few years ago.

"It's a rough time for the agencies," said Joshua Zhong, president of Colorado-based Chinese Children Adoption International. "It is more difficult for the families. They feel they're waiting forever; they're very discouraged."

Zhong said his agency – one of the largest in the U.S. that specializes in adoptions from China – expects to place 450 children by the end of the year, down from about 1,200 in 2005. The average waiting time for his clients has stretched from 12 months to three years, he said.

One byproduct of the decline in foreign adoptions is likely to be an intensified campaign to persuade adoptive parents to take children from the U.S. foster care system. Roughly 125,000 youths in the system are available for adoption, including a disproportionately large number of racial minorities.

"We're urging families to think about these kids," said Chuck Johnson. "We have a lot of work to do."

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Plea copped in New Castle home explosion case

NEW CASTLE, Lawrence County– The Lawrence County man accused of setting off an explosion that tore through New Castle's East Side 2006 copped to a plea bargain in court on Monday. The judge in the case accepted 31-year old William Patrick Henry's guilty plea to one count of arson on the same day jury selection was scheduled to begin for his trial. Henry admitted he disconnected a gas line inside his rental home on Franklin Avenue which then exploded destroying houses next door and injuring Henry and two other people. The blast also damaged homes for several blocks with damage reaching well beyond a million dollars. Henry will face sentencing in early 2009 with a possible prison sentence of 7-10 years. He was also ordered to pay $1.3 million dollars in restitution.

Henry's plea deal meant the court and Lawrence County District Attorney agreed to drop more than 100 charges originally filed against him including causing a catastrophe for the blast that rocked his neighborhood. Investigators say Henry rigged his house to explode in a suicide attempt

PA's Lt. Governor Dies

HARRISBURG-- Pennsylvania Lt. Gov. Catherine Baker Knoll passed away on Wednesday. Gov. Ed Rendell says Knoll died at about 6 p.m. at National Rehabilitation Hospital in Washington, D.C. She was 78. Knoll, who at age 72 became the first woman to be elected as the state's lieutenant governor, was diagnosed with neuroendocrine cancer in July and began radiation and chemotherapy treatments. She returned for the start of the fall Senate schedule in September. But she showed signs of fatigue and on Sept. 22 announced she would heed the advice of doctors, family members and colleagues and take time off.

INTERNATIONAL

Somali pirates transform villages into boomtowns

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) _ Somalia's increasingly brazen pirates are building sprawling stone houses, cruising in luxury cars, marrying beautiful women – even hiring caterers to prepare Western-style food for their hostages.

And in an impoverished country where every public institution has crumbled, they have become heroes in the steamy coastal dens they operate from because they are the only real business in town.

"The pirates depend on us, and we benefit from them," said Sahra Sheik Dahir, a shop owner in Haradhere, the nearest village to where a hijacked Saudi Arabian supertanker carrying $100 million in crude was anchored Wednesday.

These boomtowns are all the more shocking in light of Somalia's violence and poverty: Radical Islamists control most of the country's south, meting out lashings and stonings for accused criminals. There has been no effective central government in nearly 20 years, plunging this arid African country into chaos.

Life expectancy is just 46 years; a quarter of children die before they reach 5.

But in northern coastal towns like Haradhere, Eyl and Bossaso, the pirate economy is thriving thanks to the money pouring in from pirate ransoms that have reached $30 million this year alone.

"There are more shops and business is booming because of the piracy," said Sugule Dahir, who runs a clothing shop in Eyl. "Internet cafes and telephone shops have opened, and people are just happier than before."

In Haradhere, residents came out in droves to celebrate as the looming oil ship came into focus this week off the country's lawless coast.

Businessmen gathered cigarettes, food and cold bottles of orange soda, setting up kiosks for the pirates who come to shore to resupply almost daily.

Dahir said she started a layaway plan for them.

"They always take things without paying and we put them into the book of debts," she told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "Later, when they get the ransom money, they pay us a lot."

Residents make sure the pirates are well-stocked in khat, a popular narcotic leaf, and offer support from the ground even as the international community tries to quash them.

"Regardless of how the money is coming in, legally or illegally, I can say it has started a life in our town," said Shamso Moalim, a 36-year-old mother of five in Haradhere.

"Our children are not worrying about food now, and they go to Islamic schools in the morning and play soccer in the afternoon. They are happy."

The pirate villages used to have houses made of corrugated iron sheets; now, there are a number of stately looking houses made of sturdy, white stones.

Local traders also inflate their prices for the pirates.

"I can buy a packet of cigarettes for about $1 but I will charge the pirate $1.30," said Abdulqadir Omar, an Eyl resident.

The attackers generally treat their hostages well in anticipation of a big payday, hiring caterers on shore to cook spaghetti, grilled fish and roasted meat that will appeal to Western palates.

And when the payday comes, the money sometimes literally falls from the sky.

Pirates say the ransom arrives in burlap sacks, sometimes dropped from buzzing helicopters, or in waterproof suitcases loaded onto skiffs in the roiling, shark-infested sea.

"The oldest man on the ship always takes the responsibility of collecting the money, because we see it as very risky, and he gets some extra payment for his service later," Aden Yusuf, a pirate in Eyl, told AP over VHF radio.

The pirates use money-counting machines – the same technology seen at foreign exchange bureaus worldwide – to ensure the cash is real. All payments are done in cash because Somalia has no functioning banking system.

"Getting this equipment is easy for us, we have business connections with people in Dubai, Nairobi, Djibouti and other areas," Yusuf said. "So we send them money and they send us what we want."

Despite a beefed-up international presence, the pirates continue to seize ships, moving further out to sea and demanding ever-larger ransoms. The pirates operate mostly from the semiautonomous Puntland region, where local lawmakers have been accused of helping them and taking a cut of the ransoms.

For the most part, however, the regional officials say they have no power to stop piracy.

Meanwhile, towns that once were eroded by years of poverty and chaos are now bustling with restaurants, Land Cruisers and Internet cafes. Residents also use their gains to buy generators – allowing full days of electricity, once an unimaginable luxury in Somalia.

There are no reliable estimates of the number of pirates operating in Somalia, but they number in the thousands. And though the bandits do sometimes get nabbed, piracy is generally considered a sure bet to a better life.

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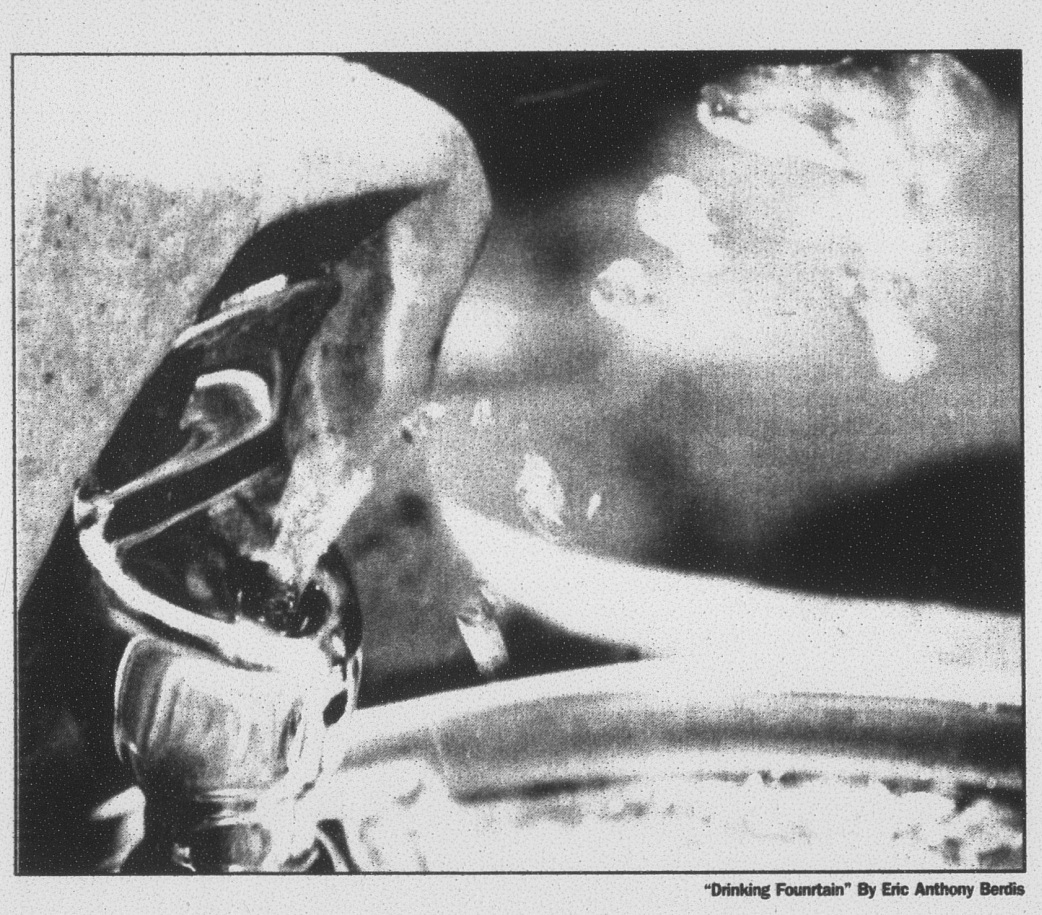


"Drinking Founrtain" By Eric Anthony Berdis

Names
Lynn Elliott

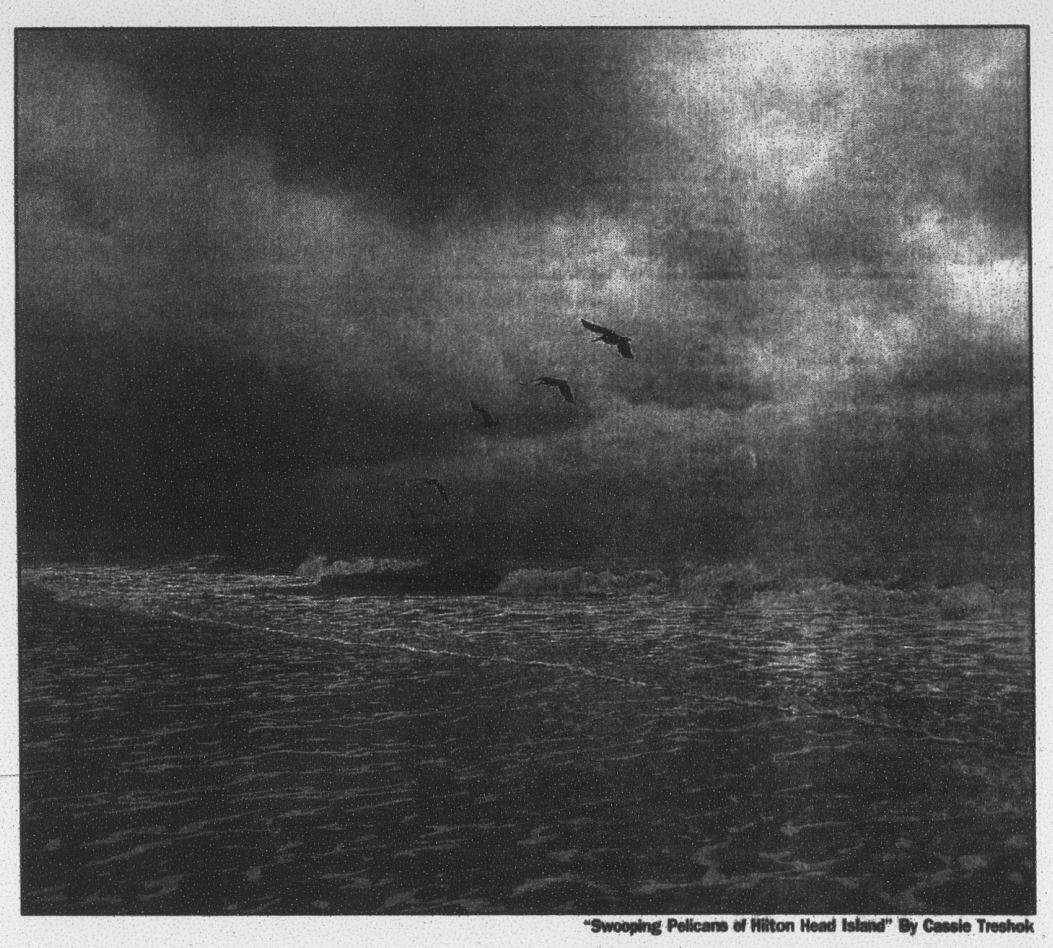
I sympathize with you
who want to teach your children
how to call things
as I was once taught—
to save something great
but impossible to speak
with names, with tiny recognitions
and meditations on each instance of existence.
"This is Jerusalem artichoke,"
you might say, hoping that your words
are as powerful as your teachers told you.

The Travelers

Mike Disotell

All the beauty in Boardman is gone
Uprooted like the potted plants in winter.
Only the travelers pass through
Gray-faced as funeral goers,
Shutting the cab's door behind them
With small clenched fists.

My people have died so many times already:
The unemployed steel workers, the newspaper writers
On strike, the single mothers
Left to tend sons who will one day leave, too,
Under the shadows of airplanes and
On bridges built by their fathers.



"Swooping Pelicans of Hilton Head Island" By Cassie Treshok

"Ferris Wheel Rendezvous" By Jaclyn Shaub

'cigarette smoke on the street'

Thomas Roth

well i walked around the borough's streets
to see everything i was missing
the cigarette smoke danced like a harlem jezebel
as our eyes met
for a moment life consisted of just you and i

as we exchanged plesantries i realized you were a lie
a reflection of the scene is today
one day i will have the courage
the might
to dance with you in the streets with no name again
but i will not be the fabrication you have become

one day the smoke will fade
and so will we
ghosts in the mist

"Eden"
Emily Kompare

There you hang,
Red, ripe, and
Tantalizing. Just out of
My reach. Maybe
If I stretch…

But your flesh doesn't
Bring knowledge, it
Doesn't bring peace and
Satisfaction; it only leaves
Me feeling emptier than before.

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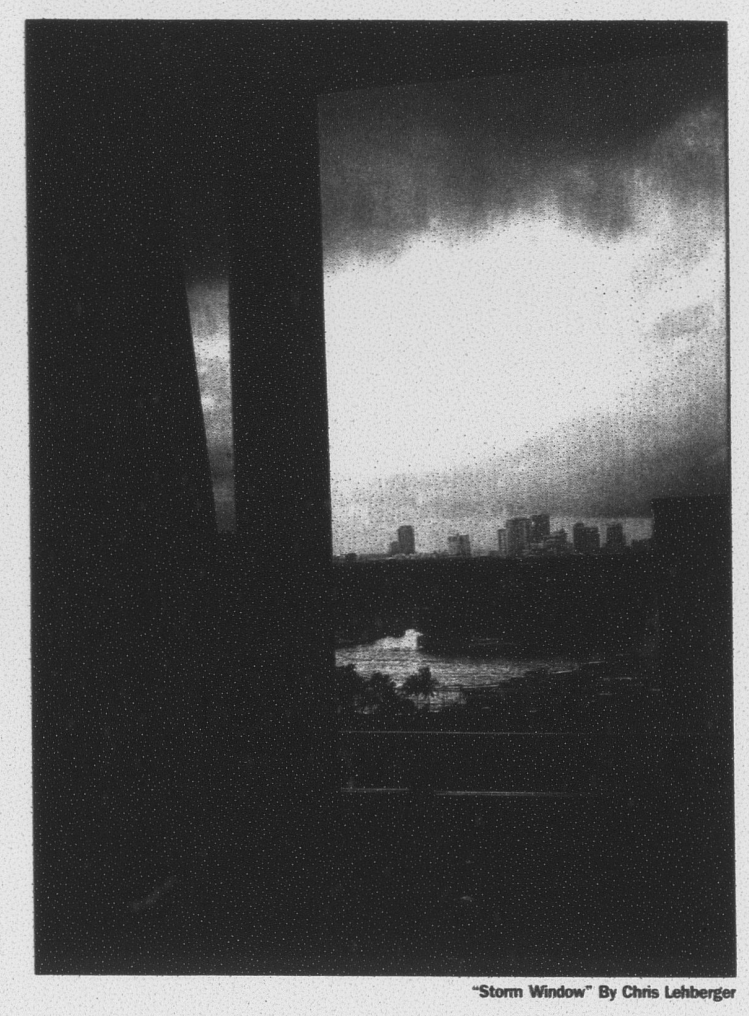


"Storm Window" By Chris Lehberger

the gift of bones
levi b. sanchez

my mother gave me bones
the most lasting thing i'll own
for this, at least, i know
i can be grateful

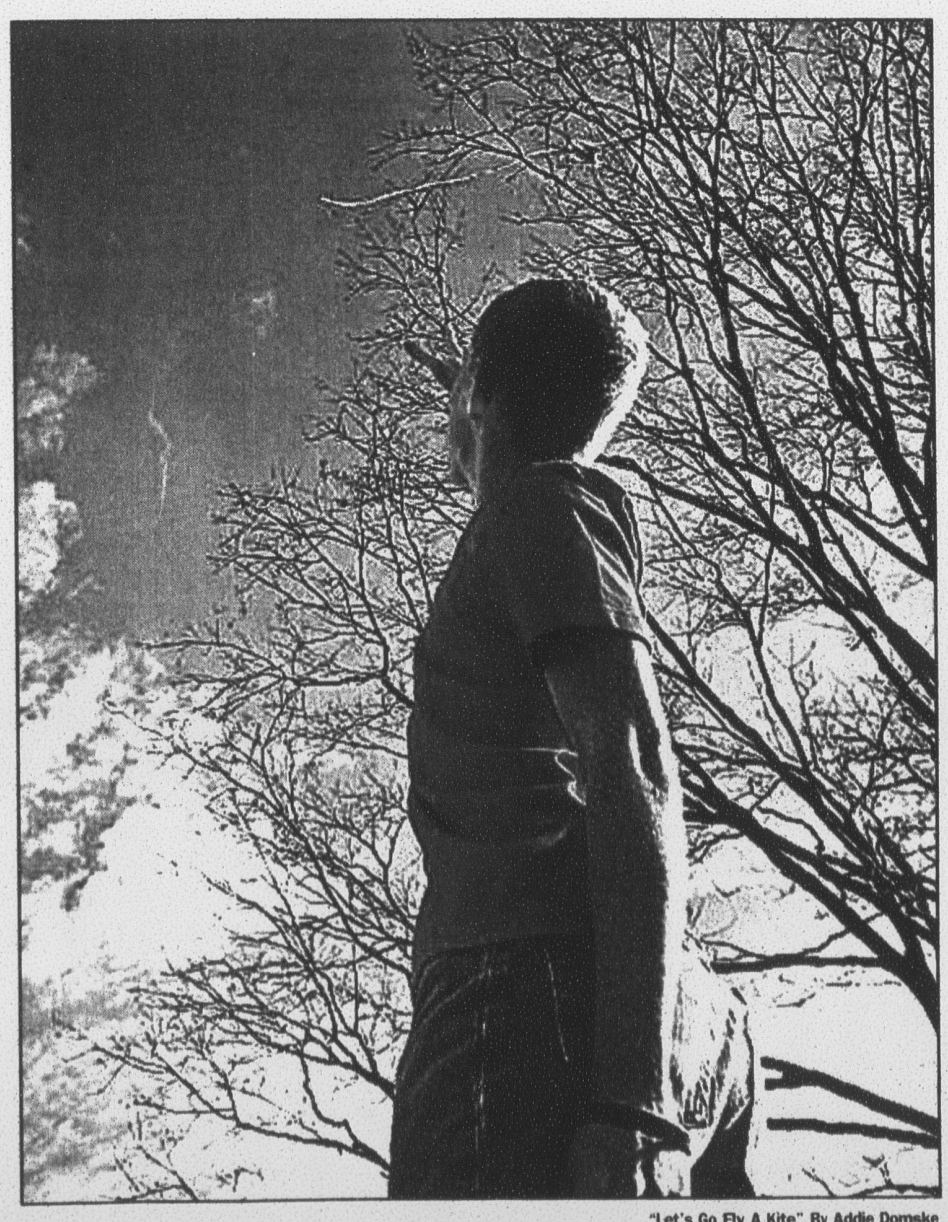
when i am used and spent
and my youth came and went
and too my back is bent
i will take comfort

my greedy children
though they may fight and win
o'er my inheritance
they cannot have them

they will lie underneath
six feet of grass and weeds
i will have all my needs
i will want nothing

and if i'm lucky
i won't be lonely
she will lie next to me
we'll push up flowers

though we may never touch
i'll give her all my love
and that will be enough
for she and i



"Let's Go Fly A Kite" By Addie Domske

Little God Swamp
Stefan Schneider

It was midday and cool by the river
Where my favorite author came to me,
Rowing himself to the shore where I stood.
He warned me about something
And then went
To be with his grandchildren.
He told me
Not to forget
What he came
To say.

My high school salutatorian approached
In his gorgeous car, far better than any I
Could afford.
"Let's fish" he suggested, sporting
All of the required tools
For efficient fish wrangling.

We went to a swamp by his house,
Only to find that mud was replaced in this swamp,
Instead of mud there were maggots.
We took off our shoes and socks, after all,
We didn't want to crush maggots
Impersonally.
"Look on the bright side," my companion quipped
"Now we have lots of bait."

When we started our fishing, an eagle
Dove at our heads in defense of a nest.
My companion gave me a rifle that he
Happened to have handy in his
Tackle box and said to shoot the eagle.
He called it a bald eagle.
I knew it was a golden eagle.
But they are native to Africa,
So why not shoot it if it isn't from around here?

I fired.
I missed each time,
The eagle fled the barrage.
In my rage, I saw a pelican flying by and shot it.
The pelican didn't belong in a swamp
In Western Pennsylvania.

Out of the forest emerged a man
With long, greasy dark hair and a blue plaid shirt.
"Didja shoot that eagle?" he asked.
I said I shot the pelican.
He didn't care. He wanted to tell
Us that he buried his house 5000 feet
Underground and now fears that his wife
Will never find it.
He cries and we console him

And I'm back in my bedroom
The shapeless dark mass in my closet
Smiles at me and prepares to move
Suddenly I remember
The visit from my
Favorite author
And as
Terror takes me
I can't seem to
Remember
His
Warning.

Scrawl Student Art Show
February 9 -13, 2009

Scrawl Fiction, Poetry, Drama & Art Festival
February 13, 2009

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Campus News

Staff and faculty handle registration glitches

More Writing and Public Speaking classes scheduled for large freshmen class

By Kelly Gould
Staff Writer

With the spring semester right around the corner, students were lined up at the Witherspoon Maple rooms to register for their classes on Nov. 10-13..

This is a stressful time of year for both students and faculty alike. Registrar June Pierce was one of many who registered students for their classes this past week. She reported that everything ran smoothly all week until the last day of registration, Nov. 13, around 4:30 p.m. Only freshmen still needed to register. Several classes were filled so it was hard to find replacement classes.

Pierce said the most popular classes were Communications and Public Relations classes. If the original classes that were on the student's schedule were filled and the alternatives were also filled, there were several professors who volunteered to help make a new schedule for the student.

Due to the large number of freshmen this year, there were extra Public Speaking and Writing classes added for this semester.

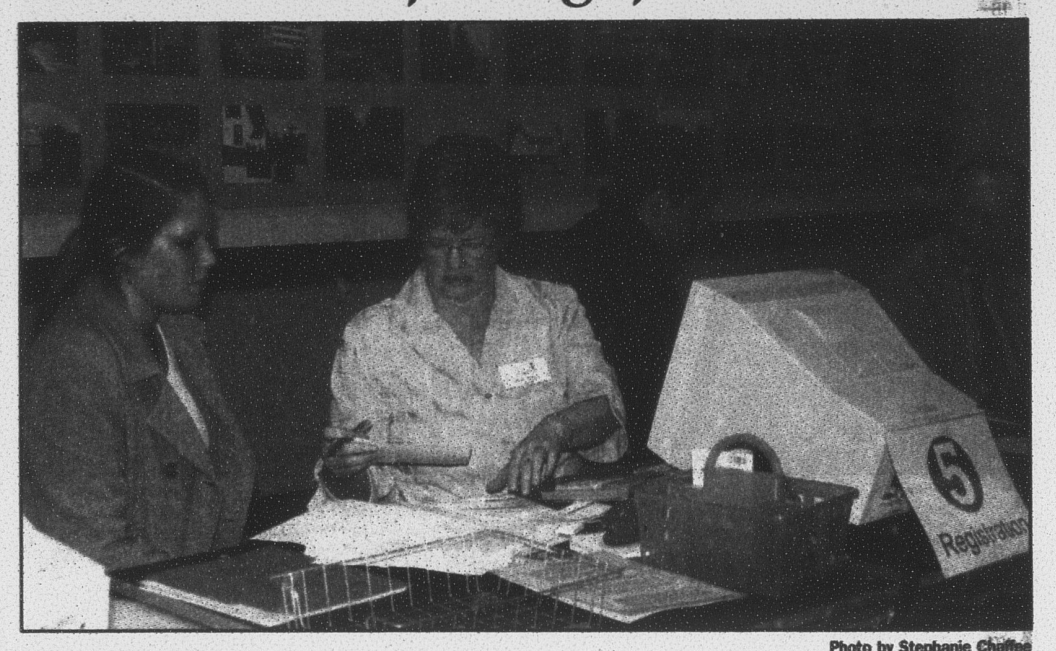
There is a certain order in which the incoming freshmen register. Because they have no credits, The registrar's office uses a random system that varies each year. This semester, students scheduled their classes by their birthday. Sometimes students are scheduled by social security numbers or by birthday months from December to January rather than January to December.

If a class opens up that the student had originally wanted, he or she can contact his or her professor and have the class added and the other class dropped. There are ADD/DROP sheets available in the Registrar's Office in Old Main.

Also, if students really wanted to get into a certain class they could be put on a waiting list. That way if someone decides to drop the class, the waiting list students would have the first shot at getting into that class.

There were no major problems during the week of scheduling. Everything ran smoothly, according to Pierce.

Registration week is hectic and may be extremely frustrating, but there are always staff and faculty members waiting to help students.



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Scheduling fun

Registrar June Pierce assists Freshman Marlee Tonks with her schedule during registration. The process this year was relatively seamless despite the large number of freshman.

Jake Erhardt series shows Spanish film starring Penelope Cruz

By Jessica Davis
Staff Writer

The third film of this semester's Jake Erhardt International Film Series, *Volver*, premiered on campus Tuesday, Nov. 11 in Mueller Theatre followed by a discussion with Matthew Bower.

Directed and written by Pedro Almodóvar, more than 30 people attended the showing on November 11. Starring Penelope Cruz, the 2006 film *Volver* was followed with a discussion lead by junior film studies minor, Bower.

"I chose the film because the critical reviews were great, Almodovar's films are always interesting, and Penelope Cruz won an Oscar nomination for her performance in it," coordinator Dr. Deborah Mitchell said.

An epic comedy, *Volver* includes three generations of women that experience and properly deal with death and motherhood. Set four years after the death of their mother, Raimunda (Cruz) and her sister, Sole, are forced to face their mother and the painful truth she brings with her from the grave. A disturbing family history haunts the women, but they are able to overcome their differences and unite as a single unit.

According to imdb.com, *Volver* was an Oscar nominee for Cruz's performance and won more than 40 awards.

"These types of films are not what you experience in America," Bower said.

Founded by Jake Erhardt, professor of German emeritus, and coordinated by Mitchell, the film series encourages students to experience different cultures through film. As a film practicum student, Bower is responsible for managing the film series and leading the discussions. He held a fundraiser for the film series and is currently working on a number of research papers about film.

"Exposure to foreign films broadens students' horizons, especially given that most of our students only see American films on a regular basis," associate professor of Spanish, Dr. Jeffrey Bersett, said. "It also offers an opportunity for the general community to come together and see films that they might not otherwise have a chance to see."

Photo from www.aworldtownin.com

Medical school hopefuls prepare for MCAT exam

By Jamie Swarm
Campus Writer

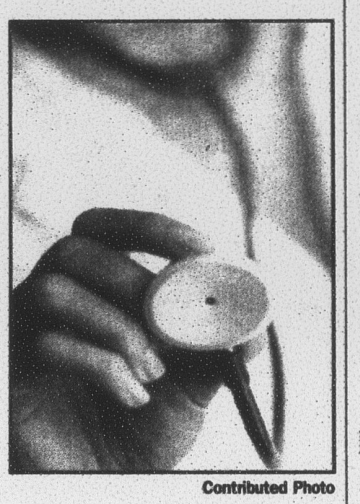
Offered 25 or more times a year, The Medical College Admission Test, commonly known as the MCAT, is a computer-based standardized exam for prospective medical students.

Taking up to five hours and 20 minutes to complete, the test consists of four sections: physical sciences, verbal reasoning, writing sample and biological sciences. Each section is multiple-choice format, except the writing section, which consists of two essays that the students type into the computer.

"It's a requirement for medical school, so students who want to attend must take it," Career Center Director Jackie Meade said. "I think it is a good idea to take preparation courses probably for anyone who is really serious about being accepted to medical school, although it is quite costly."

According to the MCAT official Web site, almost all U.S. medical schools require applicants to submit MCAT scores as a part of their admission process. This exam has been a prerequisite for success in medical school for over 60 years, and more than 70,000 students take the exam each year.

"I took the practice test last week," chemistry major Ryan Konik said. "It was about three hours long which wasn't too bad. The verbal reasoning was pretty easy, but physical science was tough. You will do well if you prepare."



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The MCAT exam is administered several times from the end of January until September, and offered at hundreds of test sites in the United States. A student should register for the exam the year in which they will apply for medical school, and students are eligible for the exam if they are preparing to apply to a health profession school. These schools include allopathic, osteopathic, podiatric and veterinary medicine. Early Registration is encouraged.

Scoring of the tests is different for each section. Ranging from one to 15 questions, the multiple choice sections are graded differently than the writing sections, which are graded on a letter scale.

For more information on the test visit their official Web site: www.mcat.org.

Financial strains limit travel course opportunities

Students and faculty reflect on past travel, hope for future chances

By Sarah Cook
Staff Writer

There are many ways in which students are given the opportunity to study abroad. Travel courses are one of those options.

Travel courses are designed to give students an opportunity to apply what they have learned here on campus to the real world. Generally, these courses are offered as a cluster, relating two subjects through similarities that they share in a particular part of the world.

"Travel abroad opens eyes, broadens perspectives, puts real experience to the names and places discussed in class, and, frankly, is a blast," history professor Dr. Russell Martin said.

In the past, there have been a number of travel courses offered. Most recently, Dr. Joel Postema and Dr. Ann Throckmorton took a group of students to Nicaragua. Prior to the trip, the students studied Nicaraguan culture and tropical ecology. During the trip, their newly acquired knowledge was applied and tested.

"The Nicaragua travel course was a blast," senior Amber Okert said. "I was so excited to learn about where I would be traveling and was even more excited once I was in Nicaragua and got to see it first hand."

This year, the travel course offered was intended to visit Russia. Included in the cluster course was a history class on modern Russia taught by Martin, as well as a political science class on Russian politics taught by Dr. Michael Aleprete.

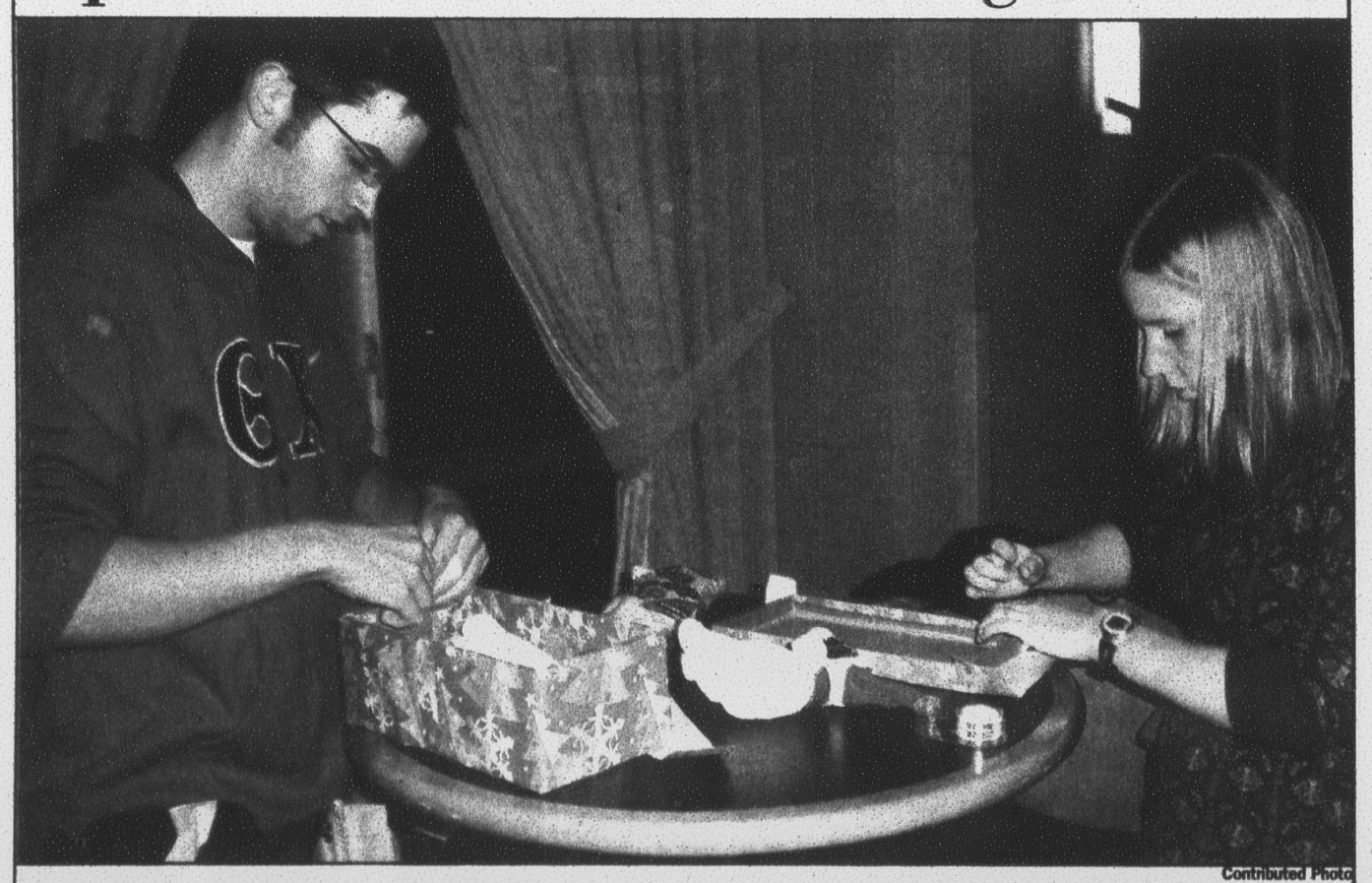
The choice of location for the travel portion was fully dependent on the nature of the courses being offered. The classes were designed to apply academic context to the travel portion in order to help students better understand and appreciate Russian culture, history, and politics.

The professors created a unique itinerary that would have allowed students to see many of Russia's famous historical and cultural sites. It was to include a 13 day river cruise from St. Petersburg to Moscow, featuring a range of small and mid-size towns along the way, visits to historical museums, and meetings with a Duma member.

Low enrollment and economic strains lead to the Russia and Greece travel course cancellations. However, the classes will still be offered as a cluster course during the spring 2009 semester.

"Dr Aleprete and I look forward to offering the cluster again, perhaps next year or the year after, and shoving off on this cruise with Westminster students," Martin said. "In fact, I can't wait for it!"

Operation Christmas Child gives back



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Caring Success

Junior Kyle Pierce and sophomore Heather Schroeder, with Seekers, compiled 20 gift boxes and raised $150 for Operation Christmas Child, an organization that sends Christmas presents to needy children all over the world.

Gift Market

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While there are suggested donations for each project, all donations are welcome. Donations include a gift card and an insert with a description of the project and organization.

Donations may supply shelter and food for a family in Africa or provide a wheelchair for the disabled in South America. Gifts can be specified for recipients that have personal experiences with particular cultures, conditions or interests.

"The gifts have more thought and meaning behind them than a nice sweater," member of YPS, John Magnuson, said. "Even if you just come to look around, you can become aware of issues and projects around the world."

This year, student organizations like Amnesty International, Sierra Student Coalition, the Newman Club, Habitat for Humanity, and the Pre-Dental Society are running booths at the Alternative Gift Market. Proprietor of The Silk Road Fair Trade Market in town, Wendy Farmerie, will also operate a booth with merchandise.

If students, faculty or staff are unable to attend the Alternative Gift Market, donations may also be made online at alternativegifts.org. After a gift has been purchased from the Web site, the customer can e-mail to request that their donation is credited to the Westminster Market.

Men's soccer battles to NCAA round 2

Titans fall to Montclair State 1-0 after earning record number of season wins

By April Scudere
Sports Writer

History repeated itself for the men's soccer team this past week when the Titans made it to the second round of the NCAA tournament, the last time being in 2004.

The Titans team prevailed 2-0 in their first-round NCAA Division III match against visiting Hunter College on Thursday, Nov. 13 before falling to number three Montclair State on Sunday, Nov. 16 in a close 0-1 loss.

The Titans came out firing in the first half of the first game with a 15-0 shot advantage. Their persistence awarded them the lead in the 29th minute when junior forward Brice Lott placed the ball in the back of the net after a pass from freshman forward Jarred Smeltzer. Lott ends the season with a total of eight goals, just short of senior teammate Garrett Horvath's team high of 12.

Ten minutes into the second half, freshman Coty Hainsey received a ball from sophomore Wade Grubbs to score his eighth goal of the season after tucking his shot into the left side of the net. The Titans continued to play aggressively, holding off Hunter College from scoring throughout the rest of the game.

Overall, the Titans held the shot advantage 23-4. Sophomore goalkeeper Mike Codita made one save.

After their exciting win, the Titan men left Saturday morning to make the long trip to Montclair, N.J. to play the only undefeated, untied team in the nation.

On Sunday afternoon, the Titans held off the Redhawks for seventy straight minutes. The only goal they gave up was in the 70th minute by senior John Esposito.

Sophomore goalkeeper Mike Codita helped out the team by making five saves. The Redhawks had seven shots on goal while the Titans accumulated five, two coming from Horvath.

"Going into the game, we knew a win could be possible as long as we played to our potential and with heart. The game, however, ended up not going our way and although it was the last of my amazing college career, we went down giving everything we had and on top of our game- most wins ever for a Westminster men's soccer team in one season, second round of NCAA. I'm completely satisfied with my senior season," midfielder Chris Ellwanger said.

With their season over, the Titans have broken the school record for the most wins in a men's soccer season with a record of 17-6, breaking the previous 16 win record of the 2002 and 2004 teams.

"I am extremely proud to be a part of this team. We have set new goals for the future and I know the team will live up to the new expectations," senior Justin Rivas said. "As a senior, I have accomplished many goals, but I am extremely proud at what we have accomplished this year."

Photo by Stephanie Chaffee

Junior Brice Lott shoots to score the first goal on Thursday, Nov. 13. The Titans went on to defeat Hunter College 2-0 in the first round of the NCAA Division III match.

Titan Football finishes with .500 record

By Andrew Kubincanek
Sports Writer

The football team finished the season 5-5 and 3-3 in the PAC with a 29-26 loss to Geneva on Saturday Nov. 15.

After a fumbled kickoff, Geneva took an early lead with a touchdown. They scored a field goal from the ensuing drive to increase the lead to 10-0 before the Titan offense could step on the field.

Westminster brought the game within three points twice in the second quarter with scores of 13-10 and 16-13. In the third quarter, the team drew within two points (22-20) before Geneva scored another touchdown. It took Westminster the rest of the game to score again. For the last play of the fourth quarter, junior quarterback Kevin Franz threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to junior receiver Jon Gubish.

"The biggest problem in the Geneva game, from a defensive point of view, was that we played inconsistent…," senior defensive tackle Matt Jaworski said. "It would seem like one series we would shut them down and force them to go three and out. Another series it seemed like they would take the ball and drive down the field on us or they would break a big play."

Geneva finished the season 5-5 after a four-game winning streak. Westminster tied with Grove City for third place in the PAC. However, Grove City finished with a higher overall record with 6-4. The Titans currently hold the longest home-win record in the PAC. The team won all home games this season and two wins last season for a 7-0 record.

"[This season was] a positive building block for the Titan program, I feel that the home record far outweighs the disappointment of a 500 season," freshman quarterback Shawn Lehocky said. "We were able to see what it takes to win games, and also take pride in the history of Burry Stadium and the greats that have played here before us."

The game was the 111th meeting between Westminster and Geneva. It was part of a rivalry system designed by the PAC. Each team faces a historic rival in the last game of the season such as Grove City facing Thiel in "The Mercer County Cup" or Waynesburg against W&J in the "PAC Bakcyard Brawl." The Geneva/Westminster rivalry is known as "The Game". The Titans are now 61-42-8 in that series.

After the game, three Titans were placed on this year's All-PAC football team. Senior inside linebacker Jordan Blinn, senior defensive end Andrew Robison and junior tight end Gary Hutsler made the team. Blinn was ninth overall in tackles per game with an average of 8.4. He led the Titans with 84 tackles in the season. Robison was ranked third in tackles for a loss and first for forced fumbles. He had 49 tackles this season. Hutsler had 39 receptions for 382 yards and three touchdowns this season.

Nine Titans were also given honorable mention including Mario Camerota, Garrett Frantz, Kevin Franz, Jon Gubish, Matt Jaworski, Mike Kudelko, Nick McKolosky, Chad Rosatelli, and Kiel Wolf.

Franz threw for over 200 yards in all but one game this season. Against Geneva, he set a season record for completions with 230. James Graham held the previous record of 218 from 1999. He also broke Graham's record for pass attempts in a season. Earlier in the season, Franz broke Graham's records for both career passing yardage and career completions. McKolosky finished the season as the second leading rusher in the PAC with an average of 85.1 yards per game.

PAC first-place winner Thomas More and runner-up W&J will compete in the NCAA D-III playoffs on Saturday Nov. 22. Eighth seed Thomas More (8-2) will face number one seed North Central (10-0). Fifth Seed W&J (9-1) will face sixth seed Christopher Newport (8-1).

Upcoming Athletic Events

Saturday:
Women's Basketball @ Adrian (at Penn State-Behrend) 8 p.m.

Women's Swimming @ Wooster 1 p.m.

Men's Swimming @ Wooster 1 p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL v. Wesley (Buzz Ridl Classic) 4 p.m.

Sunday:
Women's Basketball @ Penn State-Behrend Tip-Off Tournament TBA

Monday:
Men's Basketball @ Oberlin 7:30 p.m.

Saturday (Nov. 29):
Women's Basketball @ Mount Union 5 p.m.

Monday (Dec. 1):
MEN'S BASKETBALL v. Mount Union 7:30 p.m.

Women's soccer falls to reigning ECAC champs

By Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

The women's soccer team concluded its season Saturday, Nov. 15 after being eliminated from the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division III South Championships. The Titans lost 3-0 in the semifinal round against Swarthmore, who went on to win its second consecutive ECAC South Championship.

Despite the loss, the Titans had a successful season placing third in the President's Athletic Conference (PAC) with a record of 5-1-1 and finishing at 15-5-2 overall. In addition, five players earned All-PAC honors.

"This team has come a long way since preseason in Florida," senior Abby Montgomery said. "We had such a young team this year and a lot of us had not played together before. Comparing the first and last games of the season is like comparing black and white in terms of how much our communication and team chemistry has improved."

In the semifinal round of the ECAC South Championship, the Titans and Swarthmore had 11 shots apiece. Kelsey Cline, Megan Colombo and Hannah Purkey led the Garnet. Cline scored two minutes into the game on an assist by Purkey. Colombo scored in the 50th minute on an assist from Cline and Sarah Reece, while Purkey added a final goal in the 56th minute.

Junior Lindsey Mellott made five saves for the Titans, while freshman Kelli Michanowicz landed two shots on goal.

The 2008 All-PAC Women's Soccer Team, as voted by the league's coaches, was released shortly after the conclusion of the season with five Titans being honored. Senior Christina Adams and freshman Samantha Killmeyer were named to the first team. Senior Jessi Losteter, freshman Kelli Michanowicz and sophomore Sarah Nee received second-team recognition.

Adams, who earned first-team laurels for the third consecutive year, led the PAC in goals (20), points (48) and game-winning goals (7). Killmeyer led the league, as well as the nation, in assists with .95 per game and 20 total.

Nee followed Adams in leading the PAC with goals (17) and points (42). Defensively, Losteter and Michanowicz helped hold opponents to 21 goals, eight shots per game and nine shutouts.

With the conclusion of the Titans season comes the conclusion of three college soccer careers. Seniors Montgomery, Losteter and Adams have finished their final soccer season as Titans.

"I'm obviously going to miss the sport itself," Montgomery said. "I've played soccer since I was six years old and it's going to be extremely strange and sad not getting ready for soccer season in the summer. I'm also going to miss the girls. The friends that I've made playing soccer, especially this year, are irreplaceable and they will be greatly missed next year."

The feelings of sadness over the seniors' departure are mutual for most of the upperclassmen and underclassmen.

"What I will miss most about the graduating class is their personalities," Nee said. "I'll miss their jokes, their stories, and most of all their smiles. After seeing them everyday for so long, it will be hard. But I know that were all close enough that it will not be goodbye, just see you later."

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Senior Abby Montgomery

Baffled by the BCS? Me Too.

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

"Are you baffled by the BCS? Does the idea of computers over humans have you upset? If so, stay tuned and all of you BCS questions will be answered."

Now that sounds like a great introduction to an infomercial that I would actually watch. I wish I could use my column to unravel the enigma that is commonly known as the BCS or Bowl Championship Series. The truth is, I do not understand it.

With all of the talk about the BCS, I felt that it was just me who did not understand the system. Then, when I heard head coaches such as Pete Carroll, Mike Leach, Mack Brown, and Bob Stoops confessions' of confusion over the BCS, I knew I was not alone in my frustration.

This year begs for a post-bowl playoff as much as any previous season. A case in point is the upcoming showdown between No. 2 Texas Tech and No. 5 Oklahoma. Texas Tech is undefeated, while Oklahoma only has one loss. If Oklahoma were to win this game, they would likely move to No. 1 or No. 2 in the rankings, while Texas Tech would lose its shot to play for a national title.

What is wrong with this is that both teams would only have one loss to quality opponents. However, because Oklahoma's loss came before Texas Tech's loss, Oklahoma would be in the coveted position of getting a National Title shot.

While this is hypothetical, I actually do think Oklahoma will win this football game. Bob Stoops will have a defensive game plan that will not completely stop Texas Tech, but will slow down the Red Raiders. Texas Tech's defense will be overmatched by the Oklahoma offense. Plus, the pressure of remaining unbeaten will be too much for Mike Leach's squad to handle. This game should be fun to watch with Oklahoma winning a shootout 38-31.

If Oklahoma does indeed win, the problems associated with the BCS will again be brought to the forefront. With only two teams in the BCS Championship game, that means teams such as Texas, Florida, Oklahoma, USC, Utah, and Penn St. would have no shot should the top two teams make the BCS as the rankings would indicate.

It does not make any sense that an undefeated Utah team or any of the other five one-loss teams would have no shot of winning a National Championship. If a post-bowl playoff were employed, not only would Alabama and Texas Tech have a shot at the National Title, but the aforementioned six teams with either zero losses or one loss would also have a shot.

An eight team playoff is the solution that college football needs. When only two teams are selected to play for the National Championship, there will always be speculation that some other team may have won the Championship.

Take this season for instance. If Alabama and Texas Tech played for the National Championship, I would certainly speculate that Nos. 3, 4, and 5 Texas, Florida, and Oklahoma, respectively all could have beaten the National Champ.

However, by taking eight teams, the first team left out would be No. 9 Boise State. I do not think there will be too many naysayers, except for those on the campus of the blue turf, claiming that Boise St. is a better football team than the eventual National Championship team. Certainly, it seems clear to me that a post-bowl playoff system is the way to go.

By the way, that BCS infomercial that was supposed to air has been cancelled because those in high places have nixed the BCS computer rankings for an eight team post-bowl playoff. Or at least I hope.

Sports

Men's basketball has rocky start, looks to improve

Titans fall to Penn-State Behrend and Pitt-Bradford in non-conference play

By April Scudere
Sports Writer

This past week the men's basketball team fell to a 0-2 start in non-conference games against Penn-State Behrend and Pitt-Bradford.

As the winter sports begin competition, the men's basketball team traveled to Penn-State Behrend to play their 2008-2009 season opener on Saturday, Nov. 15, resulting in a 55-77 loss.

At the beginning of the game, the Titans fell behind their non-conference opponent 13-0 before tying it up 22-22. However, they would enter halftime trailing the Lions 31-25. With only four minutes into the second half, the Titans would slip down by 18 points which they would never fully recover from throughout the rest of the game.

Two forwards would score in double figures to help out the team. Junior Ryne Murray contributed 14 points to the team with 7 rebounds, while freshman Rob Briggs recorded a double-double with his 17 point, 10 rebound game.

While the Lions led the shot percentage with 45.2, the Titans were successful in their rebounds with a 45-34 advantage over the opposition. They also accumulated 18 turnovers and 6 steals as Behrend collected 9 and 8 respectively.

In front of a home crowd, the Titans took on Pitt-Bradford at the Buzz Ridl Gymnasium on Tuesday, Nov. 18, to narrowly miss a victory, 74-81.

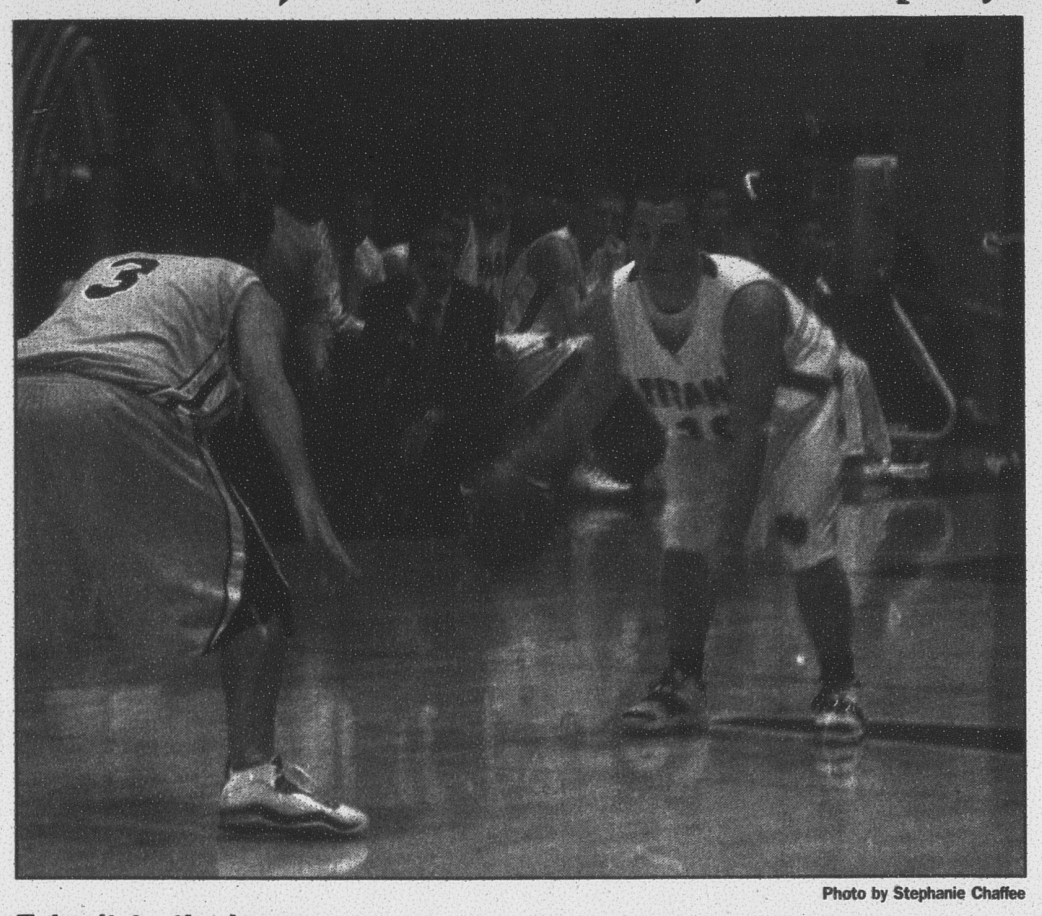
In the first half, the Titans' largest lead of the game occurred with 8:37 left on the clock with a 20-14 advantage. The Panthers would take the lead 37-29 at the halftime mark. With only 55 seconds remaining in the game, the Titan men would tighten the gap with only a four point deficit after Murray sank a shot from the three point line, making it his third of the night.

The two top Titans scoring in the twenties were Murray and senior guard David Richards. Murray was the leading scorer with 22 points on 7-17 shooting. He also made a game-high of four assists. The other top scorer of the night was Richards who earned 20 points on 7-11 shooting as well as 2-2 in three-pointers. Freshman guard Cameron McClearly also shot into the double-digits with a career-high of 13 points.

For his second straight game, Briggs received double figures with a career-high of 11 rebounds.

The Titans gave away 13 turnovers while their opponent amassed a total of 15.

The first game of the three-day Buzz Ridl Classic will be held Thursday, Nov. 20 at 7:30 pm against Carnegie Mellon at home.



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Take it to the hoop

Freshman point guard Cameron McCleary looks to pass to a teammate during the game against Pitt-Bradford on Tuesday, Nov. 18. The Titans went on to lose narrowly 81-74.

Men's and women's swimming split with PAC rivals

Photo by James Bonetti

Just keep swimming

Freshman Emily Kompare competes in a backstoke relay on Nov. 15 to help the women defeat Bethany 107-69.

By Andrew Kubincanek
Sports Writer

The men's and women's swim teams defeated Bethany in a dual meet at home on Nov. 15 but both teams lost to W&J on Wednesday Nov. 19.

Both the men and women lost to W&J by scores of 154-140. Despite the loss, the Titans kept the scores close with the women winning eight races and the men winning six.

Junior Emily Dressler took the 200, 500 and 1000-yard freestyles. Junior Natalie Rambish won the 100-yard backstroke and freshman Caitlin Lehberger took the 100 and 200-yard breaststrokes as well as the 200 IM.

Senior Chris Lehberger touched first in the 100 and 200-yard breaststrokes as well. Junior Brett Gerthoffer won the 100 and 200-yard freestyles while senior Conor Simpson took first in the 200 butterfly. Simpson predicted that the match would be hard-fought and close in the end.

"It's a conference match, it's always big," he said. "They are definitely much improved from last year."

The W&J men's team is now 3-0 and 1-0 in the PAC. The women are 6-0 overall and 2-0 in the PAC.

Last weekend, the men defeated Bethany 91-18 while the women won 107-69. Rambish won the 1000-yard freestyle and the 200-yard butterfly. She recorded with times of 11:43.05 and 2:36.21.

Dressler also took a pair of races. She finished with 26 seconds in the 50-yard freestyle and 55.77 in the 100-yard freestyle. Caitlin Lehberger took first in the 400-yard IM with 4:47.82 and swam on the 400-yard medley relay team. They won with a time of 4:15.34.

In the men's meet, senior A.J. Yarzebinski took first place in the 400-yard IM with a time of 4:30.10 and won the 200-yard breaststroke with 2:19.86. Simpson won the 100-yard freestyle and the 1000-yard freestyle with times of 50.47 and 10:35.45 respectively.

He was also part of the winning 200-yard freestyle relay team that finished with 1:31.71. For the triple win against Bethany, Simpson was named PAC swimmer of the week. It was the second time in his career he received the award.

With both dual meets the men now have a record of 2-1 and 1-1 in the PAC. The women are 2-2 overall but 2-1 in the PAC.

The Titans will travel to Wooster for a dual meet on Saturday Nov. 22. The men lost to Wooster 105-100 last season while the women lost 142-63.

"They [Wooster] beat us last year in the meet but we beat them in the invitational. It's a rivalry starting to grow. We want revenge for that dual meet."

Senior Conor Simpson

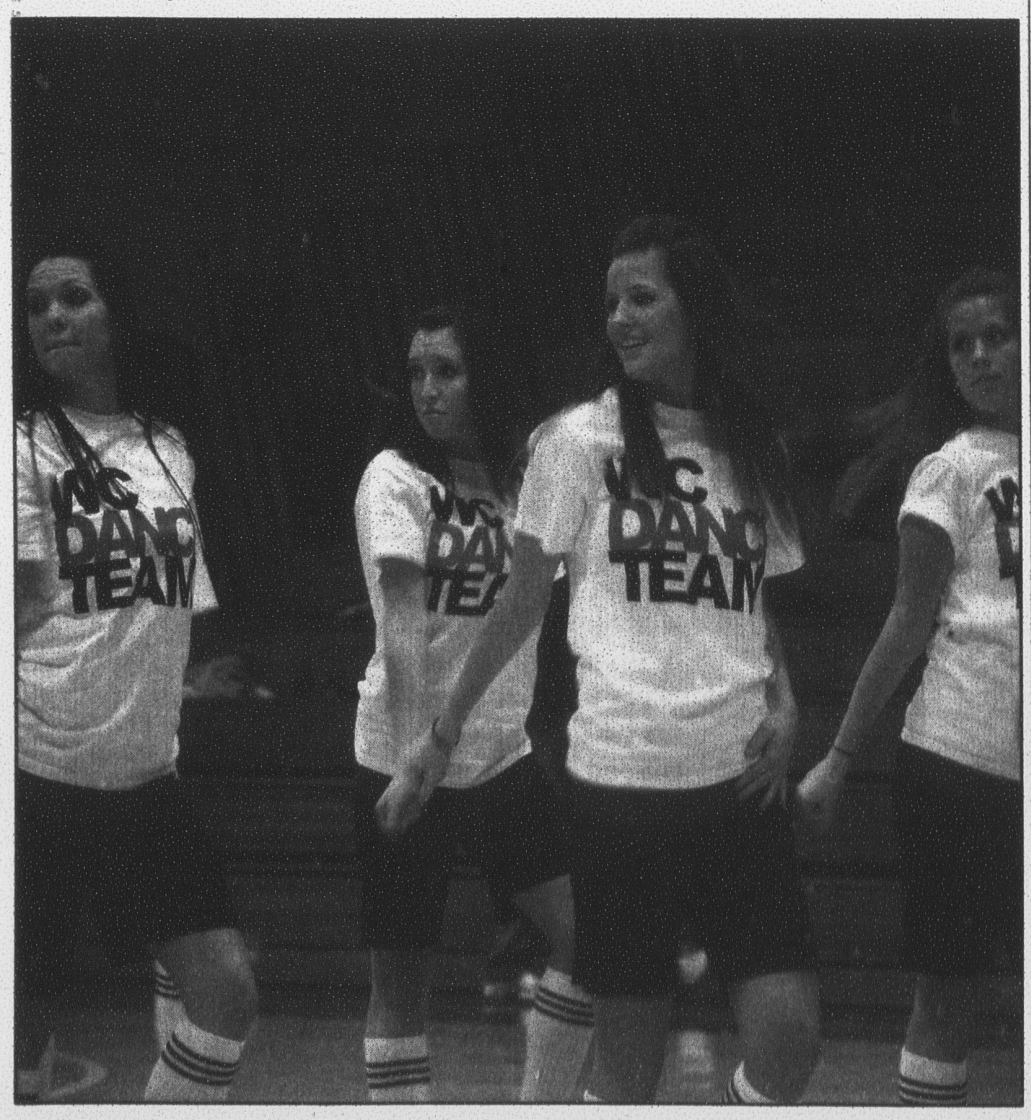
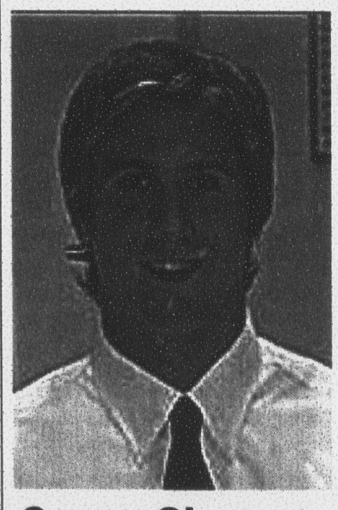


Photo By Stephanie Chaffee

Bust a move

The campus dance team performs at halftime of the Men's Basketball game versus Pitt-Bradford on Tuesday, Nov. 18. Despite keeping the crowd entertained and fired up between quarters, the Titans were defeated narrowly by a score of 81-74.

Titan athletic honors



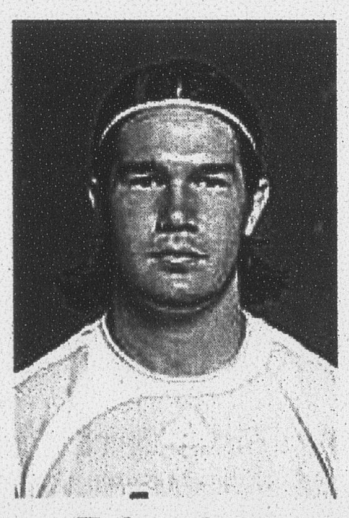
Conor Simpson

The Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) today named senior swimmer Conor Simpson (Monroeville, Pa./Gateway) as its PAC Men's Swimmer of the Week.

Simpson, who received this award for the second time in his career, was a triple-winner for the Titans in a 91-18 PAC win over Bethany at home on Saturday.

Simpson won the 100 (50.47) and the 1000 freestyle (10:30.45) races, while also swimming a leg of the victorious 200 freestyle relay (1:31.71).

Simpson is a three-year letterman, team captain, All-American and a part of three school record-holding relay teams.

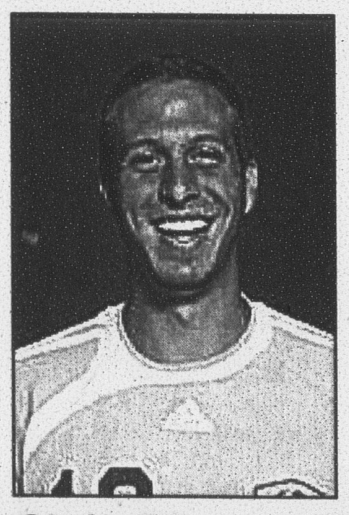


Brice Lott

Junior men's soccer player Brice Lott has been named the SAAC Titan Athlete of the Week, as voted on by members of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) for the week of Nov. 11-17.

Lott scored the game-winning goal in a 2-0 win at home over Hunter on Thursday in the first round of the NCAA Division III Tournament. Lott's goal at the 29:30 mark of the first half propelled the Titans to the second round where they lost at unbeaten and untied Montclair State, 1-0, on a late goal.

Lott is a one-year starter and two-year letterman who played in all 21 matches with 12 starts as a sophomore..



Chris Ellwanger

Senior defender Chris Ellwanger (South Park, Pa./South Park) was honored today on the 2008 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American Men's Soccer Team,

Ellwanger, who earned second team honors for the College Division, becomes the 23rd student-athlete in Westminster history to earn Academic All-America honors dating back to 1967 and the first-ever Westminster men's soccer player to receive this recognition.

A physics major with a 3.77 grade-point average, Ellwanger is the only player from the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Conference represented on the list.

CALENDAR

Friday, November 21, 2008
All Day Events
Campus Ministry Team Meeting
Mortar Board and Kappa Delta Pi Book Drive
Music Department's PRACTICE FOR PEACE
11:40 AM - 12:40 PM Biology Seminar (Phillips Lecture Hall)
11:40 AM Broadcast Communications Mini Movie Showcase (MCC Mueller Theater)
11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)
5:45 PM College Democrats Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Conference Room)
7:30 PM Celebrity Series: Neal Sedaka (Orr Auditorium)
7:30 PM Men's and Women's Choruses Concert (Wallace Memorial Chapel)
8:00 PM CPC Presents Alexandra McHale, Comedienne (MCC Club/Lounge)
8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants II (MCC Mueller Theater)
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: The House Bunny (MCC Mueller Theater)

Saturday, November 22, 2008
All Day Events
Campus Visitation Day
Night Owl Bowling
11:00 AM Omicron Delta Kappa Initiation (Wallace Memorial Chapel)
1:00 PM Men's Swimming @ Wooster
1:00 PM Women's Swimming @ Wooster
1:00 PM Senior Recital: Tara Grgurich, Flute; Sonia Firster, Voice (Orr Auditorium)
4:00 PM MEN'S BASKETBALL v. Wesley (Buzz Ridl Classic)
7:00 PM Mass (Wallace Memorial Chapel)
8:00 PM Women's Basketball @ Adrian (at Penn State-Behrend)
8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The House Bunny (MCC Mueller Theater)
10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants II (MCC Mueller Theater)

Sunday, November 23, 2008
TBA Women's Basketball @ Penn State-Behrend Tip-Off Tournament
3:00 PM Concert Choir and Chamber Singers Concert (Wallace Memorial Chapel)
3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants II (MCC Mueller Theater)
7:00 PM Thanksgiving Vespers (Wallace Memorial Chapel)
9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: The House Bunny (MCC Mueller Theater)

Monday, November 24, 2008
11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)
12:00 PM Holcad Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Conference Room)
6:30 PM Psychology Club Meeting (Hoyt 138)
7:00 PM Green Party Meeting (MCC 352 Wile Conference Room)
7:30 PM Men's Basketball @ Oberlin
7:30 PM Orchestra Concert (Orr Auditorium)
7:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal (Wallace Memorial Chapel)
9:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night at Westminster (MCC Club/Lounge)
9:30 PM Bowling Club Meeting (Patterson 311)

Tuesday, November 25, 2008
All Day Events
SLAC Meeting
12:40 PM Department Chairs' Meeting (Old Main 213)
5:00 PM S.W.A.T. Christmas Party (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)
6:00 PM Residence Halls Close
8:00 PM BSU Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Conference Room)
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Climbing Wall Open (Memorial Field House)
9:30 PM Newman Club (MCC Witherspoon Maple)

Wednesday, November 26, 2008
All Day Events
Thanksgiving Break
11:40 AM Student Pre-Law Association Meeting (Patterson 215)

Thursday, November 27, 2008
All Day Events
COLLEGE CLOSED
Thanksgiving Break

Friday, November 28, 2008
All Day Events
COLLEGE CLOSED
Thanksgiving Break

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21-April 19).
Be aware of nuances, and listen carefully to what people are trying to tell you. Important information could come across in such a tedious manner that you have to pay extra close attention to catch it. Devote your spare moments to making a loved one feel valued. This energy expense comes back to treat you later.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).
Life feels good to you when you take it slow. You don't interrupt people while their talking, you're gracious in traffic, and wherever possible you pull back and let others go ahead of you. Not everyone will offer you the same courtesy, but you can be sure that your example makes an impact this season.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).
Since the rest of the world seems to be moving at a much slower pace than you, it's prime time to practice waiting patiently. Make a game of it. See how long you can smile kindly at the ones who take forever to do the simplest things. Be gracious. It's more important than being interesting or funny or attractive.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).
There is so much you need to do for your nearest and dearest (including yourself) that you're hesitant to involve yourself in the needs of those further from your heart. However, it's the connections you make outside your usual realm that will be the most meaningful now. You'll make a profound difference.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).
Early in the week it's easy to get discouraged. Huge goals seem unattainable and large obstacles seem insurmountable. However, as the week goes on you find ways to turn your inner strength into outer power. Since you are only as big as you think you are, think of yourself as being super-strong and capable of miracles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).
There's something in your personality that people can't help but fall in love with. You make them want to assist you in whatever way you require. It's a useful talent this week because you need to have a team in place in order for your plan to work. Thursday, your timing is exquisite and you are lucky in love, too.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).
Experience has taught you well. You recognize the pattern this week will take, so you're prepared with all you need to do your work well and enjoy the company of others. From this position you can relax and enjoy the events you have planned, which will be gratifying for all.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).
Relationships are a dance, and you are an expert dancer. You know how far to exert yourself and when to refrain. You know what to reveal and how to build a mystery. You can risk being more open this week without worrying that others will take you for granted. Be confident in your powers of attraction.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).
Though you could make your point and motivate others to follow and agree with you, you may decide on a softer approach now. You are more interested in what others have to say than you are eager to push your own agenda. You can see the pleasure and profit that is to be had by playing it low-key.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).
Your social savvy is put to the test and succeeds. You bring people together in laughter and good will. You understand who you are dealing with and do not confuse your needs for theirs. Through self-sacrifice you gain access to all you want. However, the joy you derive from seeing others happy is enough for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).
You're always thinking about those who have less than you. You'll decide that whatever you were striving for is far less important than your contribution to those around you. A friend in crisis requires special handling on Saturday. What you do in the name of love will bring great, though not immediate, reward.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).
You make ambitious plans because the right people are around to help you pull it all off. Know when to pull back and do nothing. Others need downtime as much as you do and will appreciate your stellar sense of rhythm. A coincidence that happens Friday or Saturday represents a rare opportunity. Snag it!

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS:
You have a strong ability to put your mind over your mood, and this habit keeps you on a winning path. Often your mood will be good, but you realize it needs to be even better in order to take on all you've signed up for and do it well. So you become an expert at pepping yourself up to high levels of enthusiasm. There is plenty to be excited about over the next 10 weeks as relationships grow closer and big decisions are made. Your financial picture defies the economy in January.

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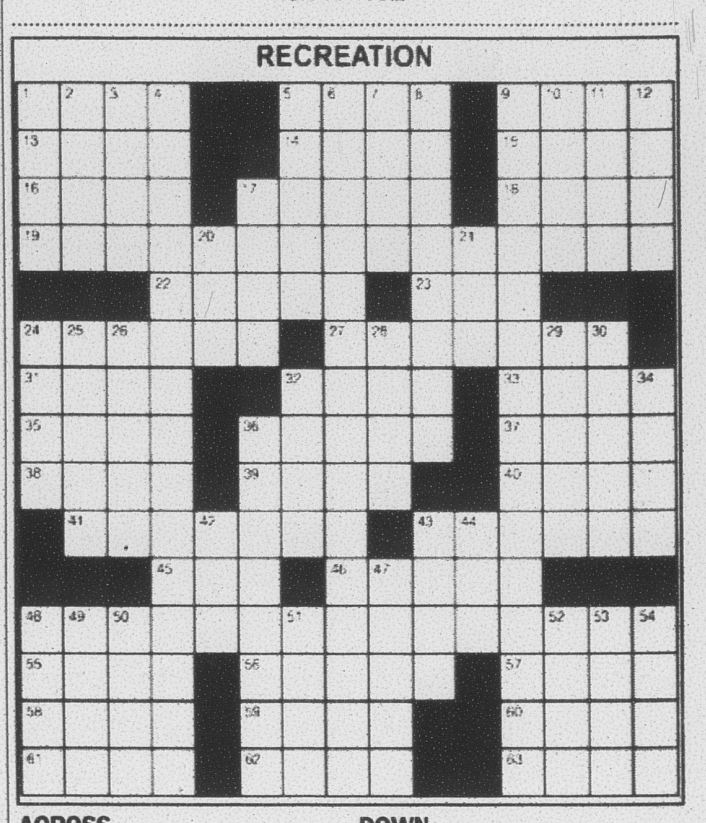

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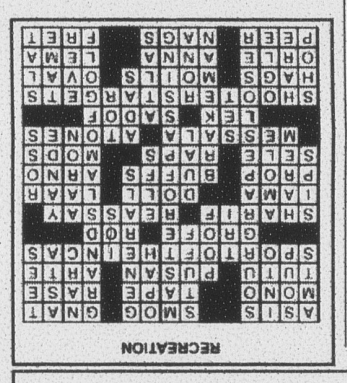
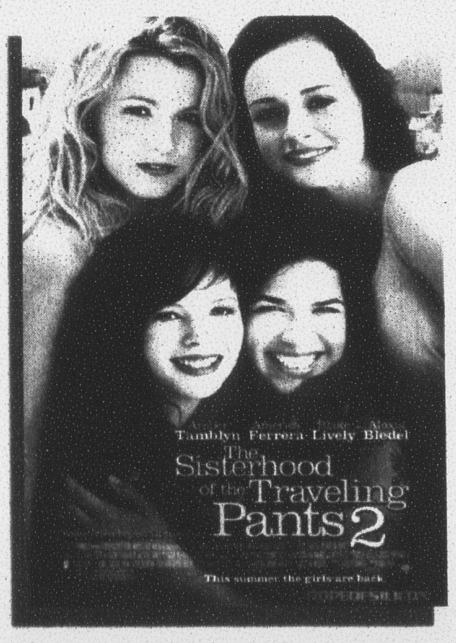
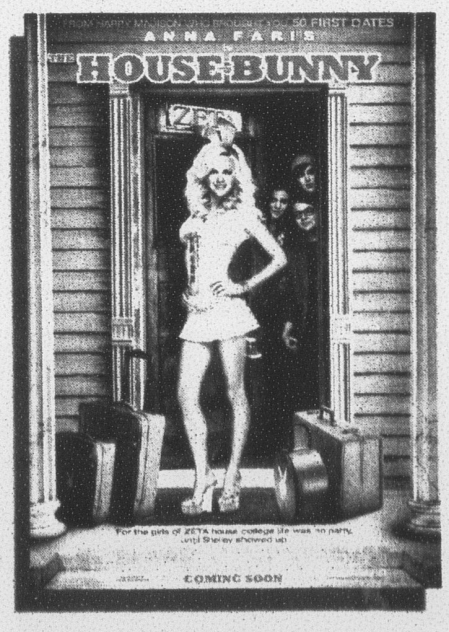


McKelvey Weekend Entertainment

Movies Playing at Mueller Theater





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Movies provided by Club Room
Entertainment provided by CPC
Westminster ID's will be checked at all movies.
ID will admit you and one guest.
There is no charge; it's just for a count.

Late Night in the Club Room
Monday - 8 PM to 1 AM
Tuesday and Thursday - 9 PM to 1 AM

Arts & Entertainment

The King of Pop is not dead

Photo from www.poster.net

Chris Lehberger
A&E Editor

I was only seven years old at the time when Michael Jackson broke the rules. I'm not talking about child molestation. I'm talking about one of the most pressing time restrictions in all of sports entertainment: the halftime show at the Superbowl.

Indeed, I remember as Jackson stood motionless on stage for several minutes as the crowd roared behind him, and 135 million Americans watched intently from their television sets. As he stood there, fist clenched and sunglasses on, ignoring the stage clock as it wound down, he was making a gesture to the world, as if he was stating, "The Superbowl can wait." And he was right.

More people tuned in to see him perform than those who tuned in to watch the game. Jackson was bigger than sports, bigger than television. He was the definition of a pop icon.

In 1982, Jackson released his sixth record, *Thriller*. Spearheaded by his mini-movie music video for the single "Thriller," the record went on to sell 108 million copies worldwide, snatching the spot as the best-selling record of all time, ahead of AC/DC's *Back In Black* by over 65 million. He's in the top five of the best-selling artists of all time, selling over 750 million units worldwide, and he has had 13 number one hits and 13 Grammy awards.

Fast forward about 25 years. Any mention of Jackson in the mainstream media is likely to be negative, bearing some sort of connection with one of his bizarre appearances or news related to his previous child molestation trial.

He's often the brunt of jokes and has become a sideshow clown for the media. He's 50 years old and left his Neverland ranch to move to Bahrain. Jackson's behavior has been odd and sometimes bizarre, non-reflective of a "normal" adult. However, the media has clouded his reputation. America has forgotten that Michael Jackson is the King of Pop.

I don't deny that the King of Pop hasn't made some bad decisions and hasn't put his head on the media's chopping block; as a celebrity as famous as Jackson, one must be especially careful of the way one acts while the nation's eye watches. If one hangs his child out a window, one can bet on some very negative, non-flattering coverage.

It's also obvious that Jackson hasn't been in the best mental condition in the last decade either, as he decided to sleep in the same bed with a child that wasn't his. Regardless of what actually happened (he was acquitted on all charges), as an adult, Jackson obviously didn't know the possible implications of the situation he put himself in, which seems to be a trend with his life in the spotlight.

Regardless of Jackson's mental, physical or emotional state, and regardless of how clouded his public image has become, he is still the King of Pop. His musical talent is astounding, influencing myriad artists who call the top of the charts their home.

Jackson created a new standard for pop music and showmanship, showcasing unparalleled live performances and unprecedented record sales. And although he hasn't performed live for some years now, there's no reason to discount an artist who made the world wait as he stood motionless during the halftime of Superbowl XXVII.

At 50, and with other dinosaur-aged acts still touring the world (The Rolling Stones, The Who, The Eagles, etc.), a Jackson comeback is not to be scoffed at. If, instead of ridicule and chastisement, the world offered its support, we may see a return to fame for Jackson, who still has plenty of good years left to perform.

With that, Michael Jackson's private life should not cloud his reputation as one of the most talented and best performers to ever live. He did to pop music what the Beatles did for rock and roll. He raised the bar, danced on top of it, moonwalked across it. He was the King of Pop. He still is.

Jackson was bigger than sports, bigger than television. He was the definition of a pop icon.

Chris is a senior public relations major. He likes reading, writing, and playing "Name That Tune" with his room mates.

Third Eye Blind's EP builds anticipation for new album

By Max Muska
A&E Writer

After five years of anticipation, Third Eye Blind has finally released some new material.

You may remember Third Eye Blind from their biggest hit "Semi-charmed Life" from the late '90s or the song "Never Let You Go" from their second album *Blue*. Most people are not even aware of their third album, *Out of the Vein*, because the band's record label, Elektra, was going out of business at the time of its release and did not advertise the album well. This was unfortunate because some of the songs had the potential to be big hits.

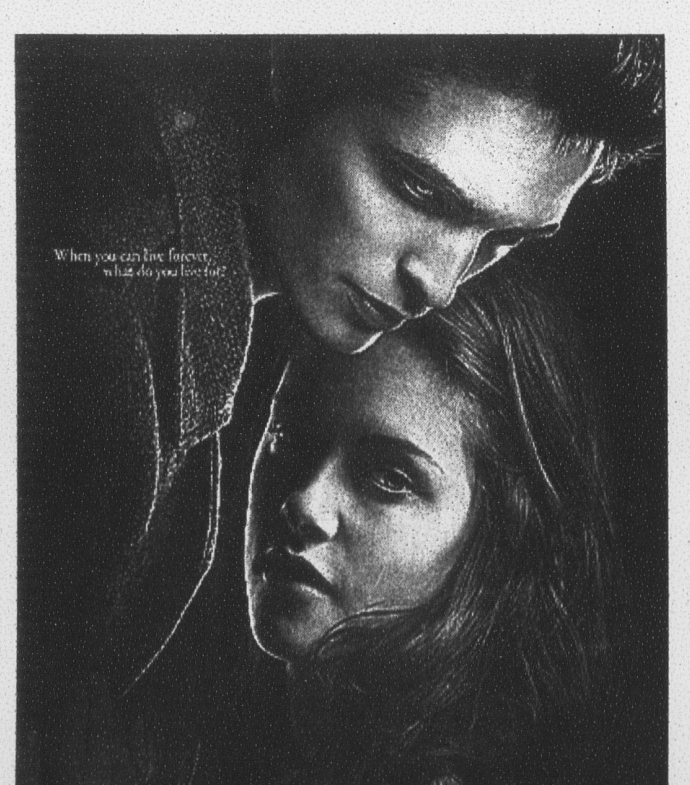


Photo from www.rhino.com

Fans have been waiting a while to hear some new material. A new album was announced shortly after *Out of the Vein*'s release, but vocalist Stephan Jenkins got severe writer's block. The band focused on touring and sold out many of their shows in the last few years. Jenkins and his band mates have recently been trying out their new material on crowds with a generally positive response.

The Red Star EP was released on Tuesday, Nov. 18, only a week after it was announced. With only three tracks, this release will only give fans more to anticipate in the coming months. Jenkins has always been a great songwriter, but these songs are far better than I had anticipated.

Musically, "Non-Dairy Creamer" is a lot like the songs from the band's self-titled debut: catchy, upbeat, fun, and definitely radio-friendly. But the lyrics are a little odd: "They call it KFC / because it's not really chicken." It seems to me that the message of this song is that it is hard to separate truth from lies, especially in light of current events.

I was a little disappointed with this song, as I'm sure many others will be; Jenkins had writer's block for five years and the first lyrics we get after that are "my punk band's called Operation Iraqi Freedom." Overall, though, this is a well-constructed, fun song as long as you don't take the lyrics too seriously.

The EP's title track instantly became one of my favorite songs of the year. This is what I've been waiting five years to hear. This song mixes all of the best aspects of the band's previous work: the alternative/grunge from their first record, the experimental/atmospheric rock of *Blue* and the more pop-rock sound of *Out of the Vein*. The lyrics are much more serious and poetic which is what fans expect. I can only hope that this is the direction the full-length album will take.

The third song is a live acoustic track about Jenkins' favorite topics: sex and love. This time around, though, he is talking about an ex-girlfriend who became unsatisfied with him in both of these areas. Musically it is kind of simple, but this compliments the depth of emotion in the lyrics.

This EP is definitely successful in building the anticipation of the new album, *Ursa Major*, which will be in stores sometime next year, as long as Jenkins doesn't get writer's block again.

Photo from www.amazon.com

Max's Rating: ★★★★☆

Twilight phenomena reaches theaters

Photo from www.sizzlingpopcom.com

By Olivia Sweeney
Campus Writer

On Friday, Nov. 21 at midnight, the Maverick Films production of the novel, *Twilight*, will open in theaters.

Twilight, a novel written by Stephenie Meyers and published in 2005, tells the story of 17-year-old Bella Swan, who has recently moved from the atmosphere of Phoenix, AZ to Forks, WA. Bella begins to make friends, when she becomes enchanted by a boy named Edward Cullen. Although at first Edward seems arrogant, he and Bella soon become friends because they are both outsiders.

When Bella learns that Edward and his family are vampires her love for him does not sway. *Twilight* tells the tale of impossible and unlikely love that finds a way. The torment and happiness found in the relationship between the two characters draws readers into the story.

"The story of Bella and Edward comes off as realistic, which is fun for readers even though it is fantasy," senior Amanda Miller said. "It is a classic story. They have a hard time being together, which adds to the excitement."

The film version of the novel, directed by Catherine Hardwicke, brings to life this classic tale of forbidden love and could even be classified as the *Romeo and Juliet* of the 21st century. Although there are many vampire stories out there, *Twilight*'s appeal to a large margin of generations has set it apart from the rest.

Kristen Stewart plays Bella Swan, and Robert Pattinson plays Edward Cullen. Pattinson most recently played Cedric Diggory in *Harry Potter and the Order of the Pheonix*. Stewart acted in films such as *Panic Room*, *In the Land of Women* and most recently *Jumper*.

"A lot of the actors are lesser known which could be good or bad," junior Shannon Richter said. "I am optimistic about the film adaptation of this novel. I consider the film and the book different entities."

According to the official website for the film, the novel has sold over 17 million copies and has been chosen as a # 1 New York Times best seller. The site also states that the novel has been chosen as a Publishers Weekly Best Book of the Year, Teen People's "Hot List" pick, and The American Library Association's "Top Ten Best Book for Young Adults."

"If I could be any of the characters, I would be Bella because she gets Edward in the end!" sophomore Cheslea Mastilak said.

Individuals can buy presale tickets online or at movie theaters. Theaters such as Westgate Cinema in New Castle, will be showing a midnight viewing of *Twilight*. Perhaps Friday the question of, "When you can live forever what do you live for?" will be answered.

Photo from www.movietrailertalk.com.

Arts & Entertainment

Sycamore Meadows: more hits than misses

By: Levi Sanchez
A&E Writer

The 38-year-old Butch Walker has been in the music business since he was our age. He's produced albums for everyone from Lindsay Lohan to Katy Perry and recorded a laundry list of albums, both solo and with a myriad of bands.

While this extensive résumé may seem impressive, it doesn't translate into solid performance on his new solo album *Sycamore Meadows*. Out of the album's 12 tracks, only about three have any lasting power. The rest are self-indulgent pop songs with awful rhymes and annoying choruses.

In the interest of making this article worth reading, I'll remain positive and stick to Walker's strong suits, the diamonds in the rough.

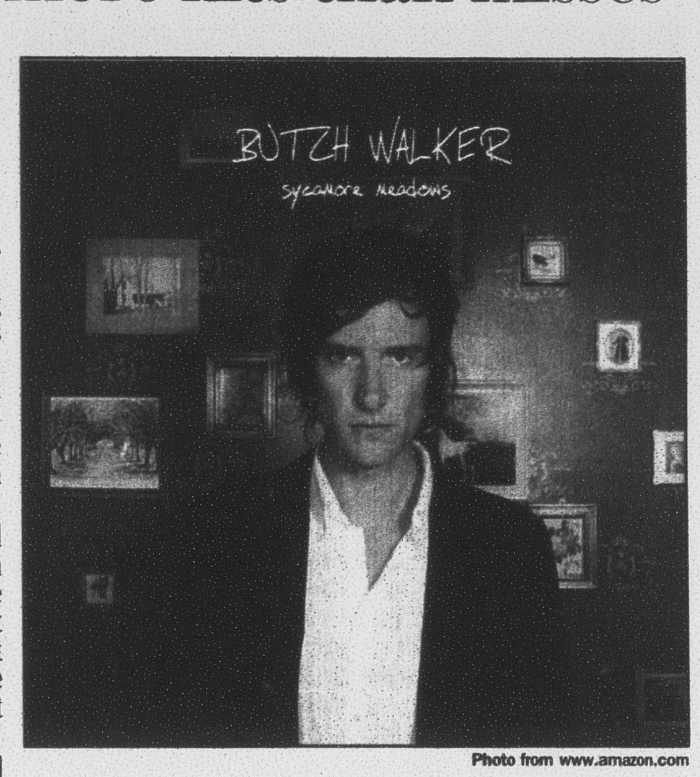
After a mediocre start, "Going Back/Going Home" is a refreshing acoustic song accompanied with the mandolin, a slide guitar, and hand claps. The lyrics are a bit contrived, apparently spurred by the loss of his house due to fire last year. Appropriately, Walker takes a retrospective glance at a lifetime of memories. I could do without the pseudo rap in the bridge, but otherwise this song kept me interested.

"Ponce de Leon Ave." is about as different as you could get from "Going Back/Going Home," but it's still got its charm. The music is much fuller with a horn section and a funk-inspired bass line, while the lyrics tell the story of a memorable morning after.

The chorus vocals remind me of Hot Hot Heat, whom Walker happens to have produced. It's a solid, upbeat pop song that I wouldn't mind listening to if I were stuck on an eight hour shift at a retail store.

On the slow side, "Passed Your Place, Saw Your Car, Thought of You" is a minimalistic track with nothing but a vibrato drawbar and a basic electronic drum beat. The lyrics certainly don't wow, but they're heartfelt enough to elicit some type of pang out of my cynical heart.

Walker writes about a now-dead lover that he remembers as he drives past her place. The most memorable lines in the entire song just about sum it up: "There's no need to end it this way / That's what you said when I shot off the head / Of our love that one Saturday." Regretting his mistake, Walker alters the chorus at the end of the song to "Passed your place, there was no car, I thought of you."



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"The 3 Kids in Brooklyn" receives an honorable mention with its acoustic and mandolin opening and its thumping full band sound, but otherwise the rest of the album disappoints.

If I were to recommend this album at all, it'd only be to download the four songs mentioned in this review. Save your $11.99 for a rainy day.

Levi's Rating: ★★☆☆☆

Concert Calendar

Rock out with your favorite artists at these upcoming local shows!

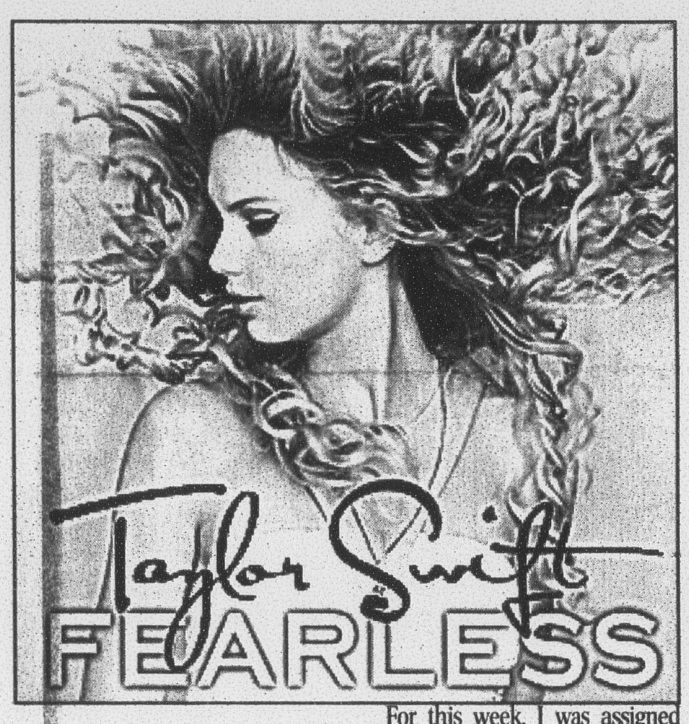
November:

21: Cobra Starship @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
22: Hawthorne Heights @ The Rex: 6:30 pm
22: Frank Caliendo @ The Benedum: 8:30 pm
23: Tom Gabel of Against Me! @ Garfield Artworks: 7:30 pm
24: Ingrid Michaelson @ Club Cafe: 7:00 pm
25: Plain White T's @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
26: Electric Six @ Mr. Smalls: 8:00 pm

December:

2: Aiden @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
4: Augustana @ Diesel: 7:00 pm
4: John Legend @ Bryce Jordan Center: 8:00 pm
7: T.I. @ Bryce Jordan Center: 8:00 pm
12: The Misfits @ Mr. Smalls: 8:00 pm
12: Jeremy Enigk @ Club Cafe: 10:30 pm
13: The Clarks @ Warehouse Nightclub: 10:00 pm
26: Wu Tang Clan @ Mr. Smalls: 8:00 pm
27: The Morning Light @ Diesel: 7:00 pm

Swift delivers strong second album



By Ben Portz
A&E Writer

I'll admit, I never really listen to country music. Sometimes I'm at a loss for words when talking about or criticizing that genre.

For this week, I was assigned Taylor Swift's new album entitled *Fearless*. Initially I was fairly closed-minded about this album listening to every track thinking "Wow, this is such cheesy country-pop music", when not taking into consideration that this is a girl who is not even 19 years old writing some pretty catchy songs.

She's doing exactly what she should be doing, writing songs inspired from her life, and aiming them at her demographic which happens to be one of the biggest fan bases in the United States. Her fan base is so great that they helped Swift's self-titled debut album reach multi-platinum and allowing Swift to have the number 1 downloaded album on iTunes including songs "White Horse" and "Love Story" among the top 10 tracks downloaded to date.

For someone as talented as Swift, it's interesting to see who influenced this Reading, PA native. In a recent interview with *Rolling Stone*, Swift told them of the three female artists that inspired her the most: Shania Twain for her crossover appeal, Faith Hill for her old-school glamour, and the Dixie Chicks for their "we don't care what you think" personas. As of now, it seems as if Swift is on her way to accomplishing all three of those traits.

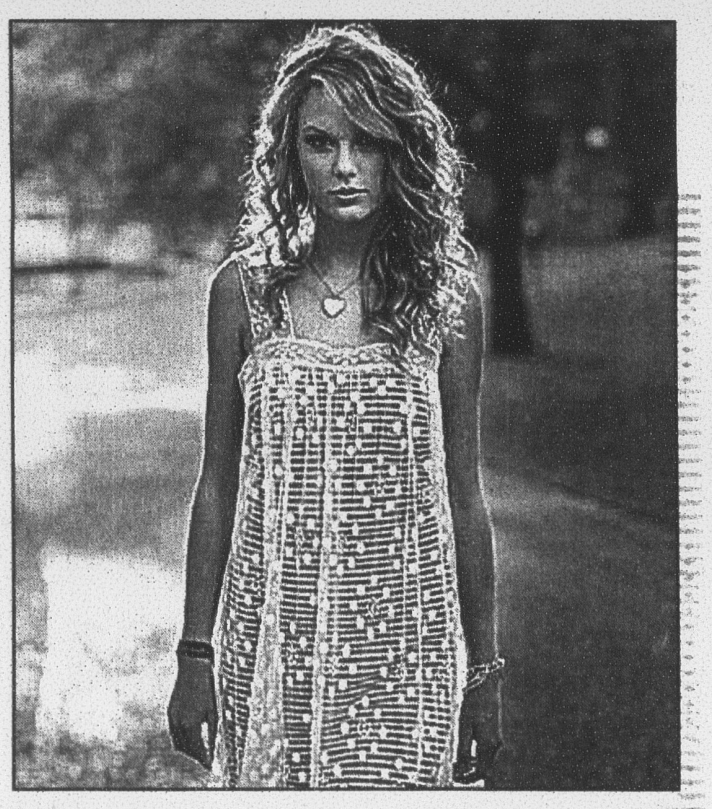
The album opens with the title track "Fearless". It's very Rascal Flatts sounding, with a poppy country twang, and homey lyrics about how she'd do anything for her love, making her "fearless".

The next track is appropriately titled "Fifteen". It's about first getting to high school and "hoping one of those senior boys will wink at you and say,you know I haven't seen you around, before". So as usual, this song is about Taylor and boys.

This is a common theme for her and writing songs. She says the reason for this is because she can relate to all of these situations the best. Also most importantly, she hopes that the boys she writes the songs for will actually hear them and get the heart-wrenching message.

Some of the most popular tracks from the album are "Love Story" and "White Horse". "Love Story" is about her dad not allowing her to be with the boy she likes. She tells the story by turning it into a *Romeo and Juliet* fairytale. "White Horse" is once again about a boy, but this time about a boy that she does not want. That's a first.

All in all, these are "cute" songs, not ones that are innovative or inspirational, but good for her demographic. Every high school girl can relate to every one of these songs. Swift is doing her job. I'm curious to see how Swift's writing will develop and how she will write more adult themed songs in the future.



Ben's Rating: ★★★☆☆

Quantum of Solace: the birth of the new Bond

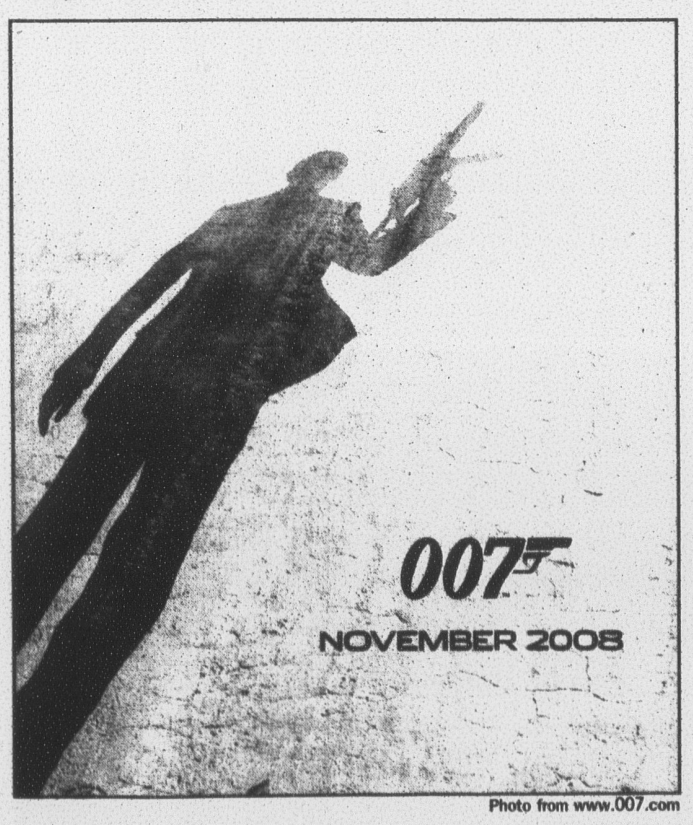


Photo from www.007.com

By Brett Gerthoffer
A&E Writer

The second installment to the reboot of the Bond franchise, *Quantum of Solace*, delivers delicious eye candy, but its choppy story only seems to set the stage for more sequels.

Picking up almost exactly where highly acclaimed *Casino Royale* left off, Bond is on a personal mission to uncover the secret organization that took the life of his beloved Vesper. Merely three seconds into the movie it is easily noticeable that the first actual sequel to a Bond movie will show much more action and brutality than its predecessor.

Royale's smart and creative story successfully rebooted the series by creating the Bond that was meant to be. Smart, mysterious, dark and dangerous is just a small group of adjectives best describing the likeable new Bond (played by arguably the best of the Bonds, Daniel Craig). *Solace* keeps the ball rolling with an even darker, more rebellious James Bond. Especially skillful in death, destruction and deceptive wits, Craig puts the action we missed in *Royale* back into the Bond series.

An abundance of car chases, explosions, escapes, jumps, epic gun battles and unbeatable odds–desired traits to all Bond movies–smoothly covers up the fact that a solid story is no where to be found. With a thirst for revenge and a blind eye turned on justice, Bond's main goal in this movie is to avenge the girl he loved in *Royale*, Vesper. Only through this personal and unprofessional mission is he cast into yet another mission of stopping a citizen-loved, "eco-friendly" villain.

Although this mission takes full swing in the movie, Bond's main desire is to set his mind and heart at peace with his lost love, a woman who he is not sure if she loved him or betrayed him. Much of the storyline is given to that aspect as well. With this said, it is evident that there is quite a jumble of plot points and characters from both of the new Bond movies, and that *Solace* is often fairly difficult to follow even with the most focused ears and eyes. At the end, *Solace* ultimately closed off any open plots to allow the newly molded Bond character to rise from the smoldering ashes.

The new and improved Bond character is finally showing us that his rebellious decisions that go against the normal code of ethics to the MI 6 organization are justified. His own code of ethics is presented in his strength in quick decision making and resolve.

Although most of his decisions cause M and fellow MI 6 agents to find distrust in the troublemaker, he always finds a way to prove that his actions are far more intelligent and successful than the usual womanizing "classic" Bond. He even gains loyal control over the American CIA organization that also disapproves of his tendencies.

Despite the heap of events going on all at once, *Quantum of Solace* does not fall short in entertainment and exciting the audience for another, more constructive Bond movie to follow. Stunning visuals and unparalleled action scenes really make *Solace* shine. Complemented by filming techniques much like those in the Bourne series, the action is very high-paced, bloody and well choreographed.

Now that Bond has resolved a 100-minute long complex issue involving Vesper, think of *Solace* and *Royale* working together as one four-hour long movie that sets the stage for a true Bond movie. Complete with a dark and redefined James Bond ready to take down the next true super villain with world domination in mind.

Photo from www.ign.com

Brett's Rating: ★★★★☆

Features

Let's Talk Turkey: Thanksgiving Traditions

Megan Hoffman
Features Editor

Wreaths and garlands fill the malls, Christmas music is blasted on the airwaves, and every other commercial on television involves decorating, baking, and gift giving. Obviously, this can only mean one thing – Thanksgiving is upon us.

As we all prepare to head home for the Thanksgiving holiday I am sure everyone is looking forward to celebrating Thanksgiving in their own traditional style, whether it includes spending time with loved ones, eating home-cooked feasts, or playing a pick-up football game against the cousins.

For me Thanksgiving festivities begin on Wednesday when I help my grandma in the kitchen and get the house ready for my out-of-town aunts, uncles, and cousins that come to visit. Some arrive that night while others show up while we are watching Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade the next morning.

Dinner is served around mid-afternoon, followed by dessert consisting of pumpkin pie and a fight to get a piece of Grandma's homemade apple pie. Then after the dishes are cleared and my little cousins head downstairs to play, my mom and my older cousins and I break out the Black Friday flyers and start mapping out our plan of attack for the next morning.

Black Friday is one of my favorite days – not because I am that hard core of a shopper, but because it is fun to get up early, grab a coffee, and see all the crazy people. I also usually get a couple cheap DVDs while I'm there and help my cousin with her Christmas shopping. Conveniently, I live right across the street from Wal-Mart and Target, which open their doors at 5 a.m. and 6 a.m. respectively. So we get up around 4:30 a.m. and head to Wal-Mart where we have an hour to shop and make our purchases and then go to Target to be there right when it opens at 6. Then we head back home where breakfast is waiting for us.

The rest of Black Friday is usually spent watching movies or going to the theaters to see a new holiday movie. Then that night we either watch a Christmas classic like *The Santa Clause* or *Elf* or we all pack into the car and head down to Hartwood Acres to see the Festival of Lights.

Spending time with my family and carrying out our Thanksgiving traditions are the things I am looking forward to the most with the upcoming break. While talking about break and Thanksgiving traditions here is what some friends told me they are planning to do for the holiday.

"I can't wait for Thanksgiving. I love getting a home cooked meal, especially after eating in the Tub everyday!" – **Sophomore Mallory Ference**

"For Thanksgiving my whole family, about 24 in all, travels to my grandparent's house, where we eat dinner and play our traditional pick-up football game. My favorite Thanksgiving food would have to be a tie between mashed potatoes and pumpkin pie." – **Senior Jordan Flaim**

"A Thanksgiving tradition that my family always does is watch the Macy's Day Parade. Then we have my grandma over to our house for lunch and after we play a game of Euchre. After she leaves, we spend time with the other side of the family. Then I go and spend time with my boyfriend's family. Thanksgiving for my family is all about eating good food and making good memories with family." – **Sophomore Lauren Borowicz**

"The day before Thanksgiving, my mother, sister and I go to my grandma's to help get everything ready. I'm always in charge of making the cranberry sauce, although I never eat it. We set the tables, pre-make some of the food, and decorate. On Thanksgiving my entire mom's side of the family goes to my grandma's for the big meal. Typically we watch football before and after, and of course all take naps after dinner. It's a great relaxing day with family." – **Senior Diana Peet**

"I fly home to Phoenix and my parents make an excellent dinner. Usually, my grandpa and two uncles and an aunt come in, too. I always watch the Macy's parade." – **Senior Jamie Spisak**

"For Thanksgiving there is always a pick-up football game at the high school fields. After football the family goes to my grandma's house on the farm for turkey and homemade pumpkin pie. I find myself sleeping for the part of the day that I'm not eating." – **Sophomore Steve LaRue**

"I love Thanksgiving because it's a time where we just stay home as a family and enjoy a nice meal relax. Stuffing is probably my favorite food." – **Senior Nate Capello**

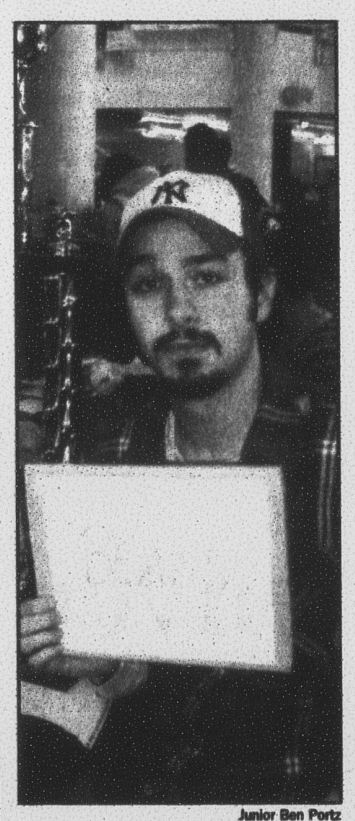
"For me, our Thanksgivings are always about family, friends, and loved ones. It's about being together and enjoying the day. My family always tries to visit both my mom's and my dad's side so we can catch up with everyone and enjoy some of the best food on the planet. Fortunately for me, there are always many choices for both dinner and dessert. I like to eat some of everything." – **Sophomore Donny McFarland**

"Every year I wake up early on Thanksgiving morning to watch the Macy's Day Parade (my favorite part is the NYC Rockettes)! Then my grandpa, aunt, uncle and cousins come over to my house for Thanksgiving dinner. After that, we usually watch a Christmas movie and sit by the fire!" – **Junior Kristi Webler**

Question of the week

What is your favorite Thanksgiving food?

Juniors Jess Farrelly, Chris Granger,Jenn Cutts, sophomore Kevin Schneider, and freshman Patick Dolan



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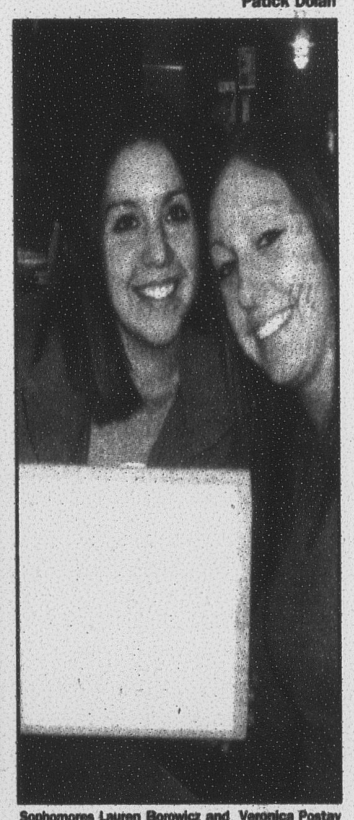
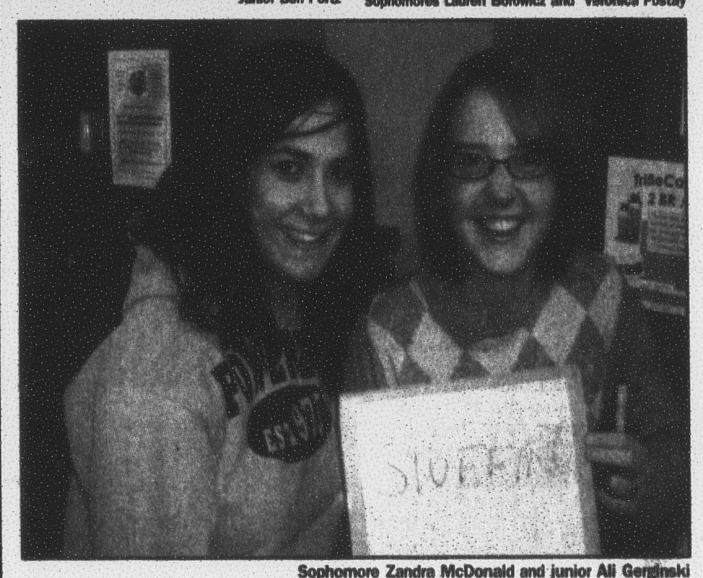


Sophomores Lauren Borowicz and Veronica Postay



Sophomore Zandra McDonald and junior Ali Gerginski

Green Party goes "crazy" for peace

By Addison Domske
Contributing Writer

On Saturday, Nov. 8, Green Party headed to Pittsburgh to attend a "Project to End Human Trafficking" seminar.

After our group had gathered, however, we discovered a schedule mix- up; we had missed the seminar. (We will be attending another human trafficking seminar though, so stay tuned for sign-ups.)

In true Green Party spirit, the small group decided to think alternatively, and continued the trek for Pittsburgh, this time for a Peace Vigil.

At first we stopped at the Red Oak Café, a quaint little spot with a completely organic menu, right down the street from the University of Pittsburgh in Oakland. After we had all sampled the oatmeal smoothies, we set out to find the Peace Vigil.

At first we thought we were lost. We knew the vigil was located at a park, but we couldn't seem to find it. Then the Green Party secretary, Corinna Neely, pointed out a park, over at the corner where "that crazy guy" was standing, holding a sign.

We had found our Peace Vigil.

Within minutes we found ourselves becoming "those" crazy people, standing in the middle of a Pittsburgh street corner, holding a sign.

It might not have been what we expected, but after an hour, we had made some new friends that we will remember forever.

The group had been there for 300 Saturdays. That's six years. Every Saturday, from 12-1, there had been a representative campaigning for peace.

All of a sudden, the idea of standing on a Pittsburgh street corner became a little more sane. We stood there and met people like Kay and Milt, who had been holding signs for years, and giving the peace sign to passersby that offered the supportive horn honk.

The Peace Vigil that Saturday helped us all realize that sometimes, you have to be a little crazy to stand up for what is right.

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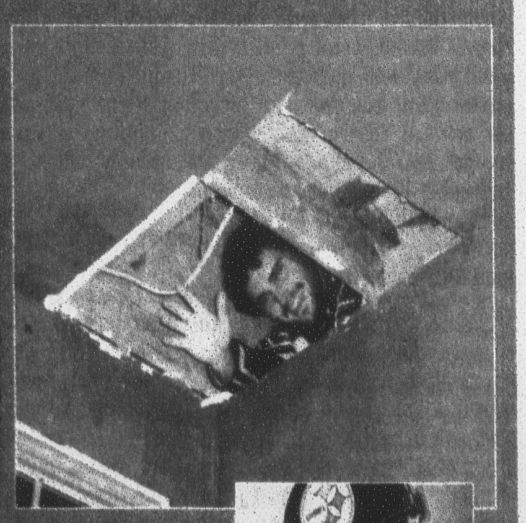
Extreme Frat Make-Over with John Nagy and Garrett Pence

Over Christmas break Nagy and Pence plan to fix up the room. They are going to get new furniture, paint the walls, most likely red, and redo the carpet.

Pence peaks out of the hole that can be seen from the stairwell. The hole is actually in his loft. This is quite an inconvenience as he has fallen through it before. This is another repair on the to-do list.



Reasons to stay on campus this weekend

Friday:

Documentary: *Born into Brothers* in Mueller Theater at 5 p.m.

Celebrity Series: Neal Sedaka in Orr Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Men's and Women's Choir in Wallace Memorial Chapel at 7:30 p.m.

CPC presents Alexandra McHale in Berlin Lounge at 8 p.m.

Movies in Mueller: *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants II* at 8 p.m. and *The House Bunny* at 10:30 p.m.

Saturday:

Men's Basketball v. Wesley in the Field House at 4 p.m.

Mass in Wallace Memorial Chapel at 7 p.m.

Movies in Mueller: *The House Bunny* at 8 p.m. and *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants II* at 10:30 p.m.

Sunday:

Concert and Chamber Choirs Concert in Wallace Memorial Chapel at 3 p.m.

Movies in Mueller: *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants II* at 3 p.m. and *The House Bunny* at 9 p.m.

Thanksgiving Vespers in Wallace Memorial Chapel at 7 p.m.

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Sunday
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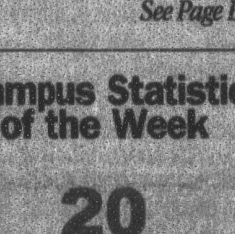

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The face behind the Christmas carols

Photo by Stephanie Chaffee

Ringing delight

Amber Kunder, senior music education major, receives a scholarship to play the carillon before each Vespers service and Christmas carols during the holiday season.

By Kelly Gould
Staff Writer

Every student recognizes the ringing bells of Old Main, but few know about the face behind the music.

Senior Amber Kunder plays the Old Main bells several times throughout the week. She receives a scholarship for playing the bells and finds great enjoyment in performing this activity whenever she can.

"It is unique to have a carillon on our campus because not many exist. It is a beautiful instrument and I really hope that everyone enjoys listening to them," Kunder said.

The bells that she plays are not the chimes that go off every fifteen minutes, instead, Kunder plays the different pieces on Sunday night before Vespers and at other times throughout the week. She can play almost anything she wants, but she chooses to play mostly hymns that her tutor gives her.

It was by coincidence that she came to play the bells. She had been interested in the bells, but didn't know how to go about playing them. During Colloquium two years ago, there was a presentation on the carillon, which gave Kunder the opportunity to ask questions about the bells that she wanted to play.

Carillon bells are stationary bells in towers, such as the ones in Old Main. The carillon is played by using a foot petal and handles. The handles are similar to keys on a key board. They are pressed down with force which pulls on a pulley system, which them lets the clapper hit the bell to make a sound. Like the handle, the petal has the same effect when pressed down. This is all located in a little cabin in Old Main.

The bells vary in size according to pitch; the small bells resonate higher tones, while the larger bells produce the lower notes.

Carillons are quite unique. There are only 164 in the United States. Kunder feels very lucky to have carillon bells on campus. She thinks the bells give New Wilmington a unique small town feel.

The scholarship that Kunder recieves for playing the bells is through the Friends of Carillon Fund. The money from the scholarship goes towards her lessons and also her tuition bill.

Kunder is grateful to play this instrument and have the opportunity to learn more about the carillon bells.

Because Christmas is just around the corner, Kunder has recently been playing Christmas hymns. Hopefully all students will feel the Christmas spirit when they hear the bells ringing.

CPC invites celebrated poet/ hip-hop artist to campus

By Sarah Cook
Staff Writer

Campus Programming Council will bring the artist, Shihan the Poet, to perform on campus. The event will take place on Dec. 6 at 8 p.m. in the Berlin Lounge.

Shihan the Poet is an up-and-coming poet/hip-hop artist. He was most recently featured on several episodes of HBO's "Russell Simmons Presents Def Poetry" where he also serves as the talent coordinator. He recently made appearances at the HBO Comedy Arts Festival, The Essence Music Festival and the Soul Beach Music Festival. During these festivals, Shihan performed as the opening act for popular musicians such as Alicia Keys and Musiq Soulchild.

"This event is something different from what CPC usually brings," CPC President Alissa Cochenour said. "Shihan is quite comedic so he's sure to keep the audience's attention."

On top of this, Shihan has been co-hosting Da' Poetry Lounge in Hollywood for seven years. This is one of the nation's largest open-mic venues. Currently, he also is touring with the Def Poetry Jam 3.0 International Tour.

Shihan's official commercial debut album titled *The Poet* consists of three years of recorded material. The album features 15 tracks covering everything from traditional hip-hop to a cappella poetry.

Shihan's style is what is known as slam poetry. It consists of a mix of emotions and humor and is the latest twist on poetry reading.

"It's hip-hop the way only a few can deliver - intelligent, free flowing, funky as can be and with plenty of substance and style," critics from Groove Gravy Records said.

CPC will sponsor this event in conjunction with SCRAWL. Also included in the event will be a number of opening acts, including alumna Joselyn Parker, a slam poet. They are currently in the process of looking for students who are interested in sharing their talent to open for Shihan. Anyone interested should contact Alissa Cochenour or a CPC member.

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Campus aglow with holiday spirit

By Kelly Gould
Staff Writer

On Monday Dec.1, the annual Christmas tree lighting was held at the tree by McGill Library. Students and townsfolk alike came to celebrate the holiday season with stories, prayers, and Christmas carols.

President Dorman was responsible for lighting the tree this year. He told a brief Christmas storie that warmed the hearts of many. He told the crowd a story of when he was a college student.

He paid his tuition by working for the local church. He would have to work a late mass, and then drive to New Jersey and deliver milk with his father at 4 a.m. the following morning. He said that there was nothing like seeing the smiling faces of people on Christmas morning.

"It was a very, very memorable time fore me," Dorman said.

Throughout the night, Christmas carols were sung, such as "O Come, O Come Emmanuel," "What Child Is This," "Silent Night," "Holy Night," and several others. There was also a prayer said by Rev. James Mohr, who briefly talked about praying for the people in India and recognizing people of other cultures who celebrate this holiday season differently.

Once everyone was done singing, there was hot chocolate and cookies provided by Sodexho for everyone to enjoy.

Brittany Kundar, a freshman, was moved by the celebration.

"The chilly air was filled with songs and Christmas spirit," Kundar said. "Although I did not know all of the words, I felt the meaning."

Laura Roush, also a freshman, thoroughly enjoyed herself despite the cold weather.

"It was extremely chilly!" Roush said. "Luckily, I was surrounded by good friends to distract me. The music and singing grew into a melodious vibe that filled the air with warmth and joy. It was a wonderful experience. I am glad that I could be a part of it."

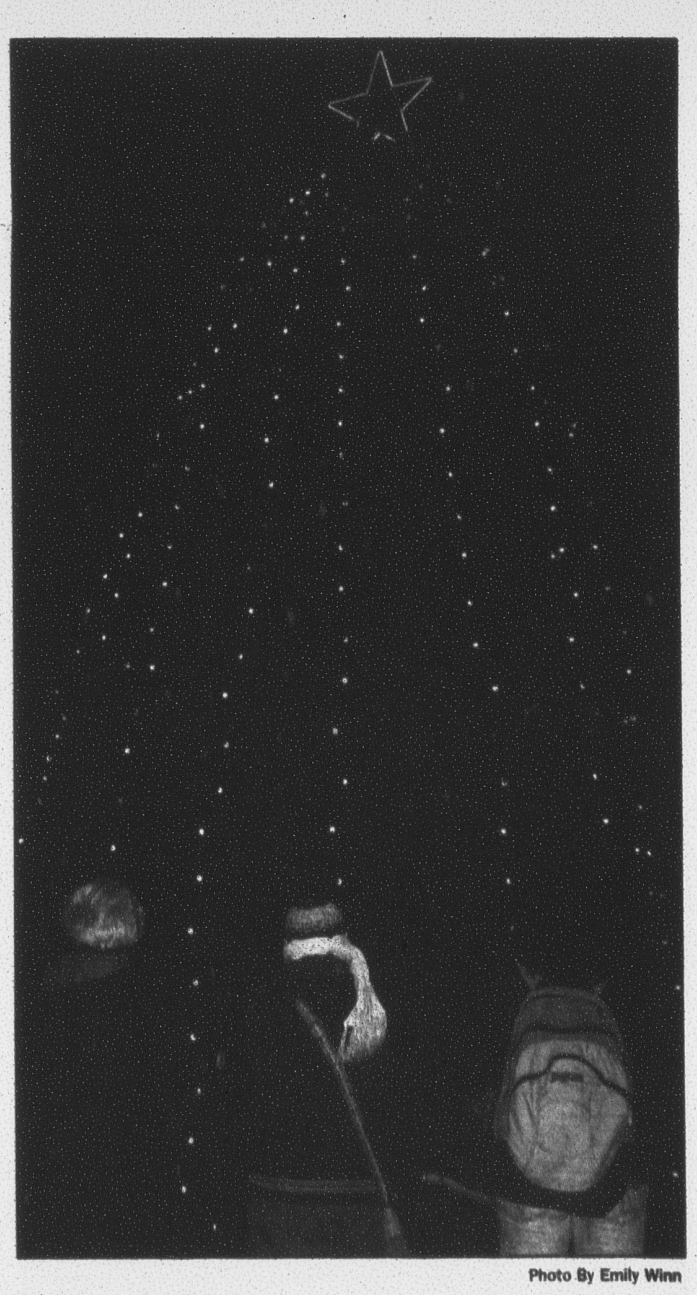

Photo By Emily Winn

Holiday Spirit

The Campus Ministry team led students, faculty, and staff in singing Christmas carols and praise songs on Monday Dec. 1 to help bring in the holiday spirit during the annual Christmas tree lighting.

Students impress fifth graders with "Mini-Movie Showcase"

By Joel Montgomery
Campus Writer

Treasure maps, buried candy, and crazy hair colors. That's what video production students learned that fifth-graders find most entertaining.

Students in professor Brad Weaver's BC 251 video production class presented individual and group movie projects on Friday, Nov. 21 to an audience of 23 students and faculty at the latest annual "Mini-Movie Showcase." This year, Weaver added a new twist to the traditional class project by adding a specific theme: "Are You Smart Enough to Make a Movie for a 5th-grader?"

"They didn't like the idea of making these movies at first," Weaver said. "They told me they had no idea how to target a movie to a fifth grader, but I said, 'Just watch Nickelodeon, or even better, talk to a fifth-grader!'"

Each student was assigned to make an individual 90-second short film targeted for fifth-grade children, and then work with a group to create a longer, three-minute short film. Weaver posted the individual films online for a panel of volunteer fifth-grade judges picked from various faculty and staff families.

Each judge critiqued the film; gave it a rating between one and five stars; and commented on what they liked and did not like about the movie. When the votes were tallied, sophomore Adam Plyler's short film "Treasure Hunt" won the Blue Ribbon Panel of Fifth-Grade Judges Award with an overall rating of four and a half stars.

Weaver said that his daughter, who was one of the judges, watched "Treasure Hunt" over and over again as her favorite.

"I asked her why she liked it so much, and she said that one of the characters reminded her of Patrick from Spongebob Squarepants," Weaver said. "Adam may not have even known it, but that character made his film make a stronger connection with his target audience."

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Charlie, we're being sucked into the vortex!

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Snowball fight!

The toilet paper, the TUB . . . why is Westminster College obsessed with the bathroom?

Westminster Motto: "We'll get to it when we get to it."

I got 3 stars!

They play frisbee in the snow...

GET SOME!

Dr. Jellyfish

Why not? Take a crazy chance!

Wait, you seriously drove to the TUB? Seriously!!!

I sunk your battleship, Captain Crunch.

The TUB is way too expensive at the end of the semester.

Jake runs after deer.

Why am I the only one with clothes on?

I'm just going to say it. President Dorman, get rid of Sodexho!

You are the banana king!!!

Go Yoshi! Go!

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 got messed up. I was angry!

It's Christmas with Camille!

Wow . . . the Zeta's sign is big, bright and colorful . . . wish I was a girl . . .

Have a white Christmas!

I want to be a dentist!

Bumbles bounce!

I've gained 10 pounds dreaming of Christmas cookies.

Would you like an apple pie with that?

*Hope you find your dad! *in a narwhal voice**

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Our View

Greek Life: Why we opted in or out

The Holcad offers viewpoints from four people–2 Greeks and 2 independents–about why they went Greek or why they stayed independent. The writers' identities have been removed to ensure their privacy, and the Greek writers were asked to not reveal their affiliations.

Independent female:

There are several reasons I chose to stay independent, rather than go Greek as many of my friends did. I was very involved in high school and knew I would do the same thing at college, so I did not want to get tied down with the time commitment Greek life requires. I went to the initial parties during freshman year to get a feel for Greek life. What started out as one big group of freshmen began to divide and I heard people judging others simply because of the sorority they were leaning towards. I had had enough cliques in high school and had no desire to continue this unfortunate tradition. Also, I had already met a great group of friends prior to these parties, so Greek life seemed unnecessary at that point. I'm also among the ranks of poor college students and I couldn't justify this added expense.

It's been several years since my initial decision to remain independent and I certainly don't regret this decision. I've watched prejudices and cliques in the sororities deepen and divide friends and acquaintances who chose this particular route. Being independent is exactly that; I can freely choose my friends and activities without consideration to a sisterhood. Some people in sororities do truly believe in the benefits of the sisterhood, but I really enjoy the freedom of doing my own thing.

Greek female:

My only regret in joining my sorority is that I joined too late. I have loved every minute of being with my sisters, and only wish I had more minutes to spend with them!

My sisters hold me up when I have a bad day. They are my pillars of strength and the best friends I could have asked for.

Be sure to keep an open mind during recruitment. Although you may have picked what you think is your sorority, it doesn't always work that way. You finish the puzzle in another sorority.

I agree with the opinion that one of my sisters wrote in *The Holcad* in the past: "If I have paid for my friends then I have not paid enough" she stated. Sororities are more about being with your friends and supporting a cause.

Greek life here is a bit different than anywhere else. Greeks work collaboratively on philanthropies and fundraisers like Greek Sweep, hosted by Theta Chi, Phi Mu's Stand Up Stand Off, Sigma Kappa's Miss Titan, or a recent event, Kappa Delta's Next Top Male Model.

Joining the Greek community on this campus has been a wonderful contribution to my life. I don't know where I would be now had it not been for my amazing sisters. I know I really have made friends for life.

Independent male:

I chose to be independent for many reasons. Most of the reasons I am an independent male are because I do not want to be Greek. Although, sometimes a feel like there's no good reason to be an independent male on campus.

For example you can't participate in one of the biggest events on campus, Greek Week (for obvious reasons, I guess) and independent males cannot go to frat houses the second semester (so in the epic town of New Wilmington, if you want to go 'out,' too bad). I don't like the idea that being Greek is sacred on this campus; they can do no wrong and "shame on you" for wanting to be independent. Join the hypocrisy.

Also, I came from two parents that were each part of Greek life, and that whole 'affecting your whole life' drops out at about, well, soon after you graduate (well except for those 30+ year olds that go to parties and hit on freshman girls. I definitely don't want to consider them my brothers.) Plus, It costs a good bit to be in fraternities (another reason I didn't join.)

I suppose one of my biggest deterrents is the 'it's not about the parties' defense. Sure, you have the brothers in each fraternity that try hard for their philanthropies and try to make a difference on the campus. These individuals (who should be applauded) are in the minority among the 'frat-boys.' I feel all the rest just want to be a part of the 'find a way for girls to dress half-naked' parties.

Is all that insincerity and womanizing really what I want to be a part of?

I have met a lot of great people on this campus, and have been in many activities. I thoroughly love Westminster. I assure you that my friendships will outlast any 'brotherhood,' because we are friends for a lot more reasons than simply wearing the same Greek letters. Perhaps that is why they all refer to themselves as 'brothers' and not 'friends.'

Greek male:

I accepted my fraternity bid not knowing what to expect. I had been exposed to the stereotypical image of Greek life, but I sensed through my early visits to the houses that there was something much more meaningful to it.

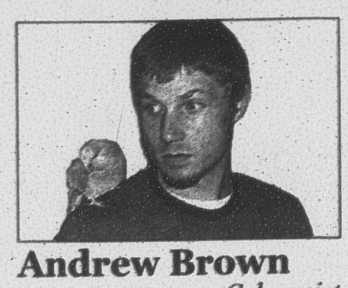
Throughout the pledging process, I discovered that being in a fraternity is much more than partying, and much more than a group of guys who get together to have a good time. It is a lifetime commitment to brotherhood and to holding oneself and the brotherhood as a whole to a higher standard of conduct.

I have become a much better person through my Greek experience. I have taken on leadership roles that I would not have had an oppurtunity to experience if I would have remained independent and my social and communication skills have greatly improved. Most of all, I have become a more open-minded individual.

As a member of a fraternity, I am not just another face in the crowd. I am an important member of a group of different people with different interests coming together with the common goal of self-improvement. If you think Greek life is all about partying, I would encourage you to take another look.

Please remember that these are viewpoints; this is how the writers view Greek life and their decision to join or not. The Holcad wishes good luck to all students enrolling in formal recruitment and to the sororities and fraternities in their recruitment efforts.

All I want for Christmas is YOU!



Andrew Brown
Columnist

This December 14th marks not only the first day of liberation from the death grips of hours upon hours of toilsome homework, but it is also the day that Cherbear comes home!

What's a Cherbear you may ask? Cherbear, more commonly known as Cheryl, happens to be my significant other that has spent the entire semester "studying" abroad in England. Based on the post cards and Facebook photos I would say it's more like "vacationing" abroad (hopefully she forgets to read this week's column online), but nonetheless she was still thousands of miles away for long enough.

After a couple failed attempts at swimming across the Atlantic, I figured that it would be best to wait until her return to the United States before meeting again. And what better time to reunite with someone than on the Christmas holiday?

Unfortunately, being in the presence of family, friends, and significant others does not seem to satisfy anyone. Christmas is all about buying presents, and nothing can clarify this better than the Black Friday shopping frenzy.

The Thanksgiving feast was all about harnessing enough energy to make it through those 90-minute lines at the cash register for the bargain of a lifetime. I took a trip to the outlet malls on Thanksgiving around midnight with the intent of getting some new pants. However, the sidewalks were covered with shoppers and vehicles flooded the parking lot. After making two laps around the mall lot and soiling the current pair of pants I was wearing, I made a prompt about-face and made my way home.

A far more tragic event occurred on the day before Black Friday at a Wal-Mart store in Valley Stream, NY. Approximately 2,000 people, eager to celebrate the birth of Jesus, waited out the Wal-Mart until its 5 a.m. opening. As the opening time approached, the crowd began to get rowdy.

Chants of "push the doors in" frightened Wal-Mart employees, as they formed a human wall to stop the forming of a shopper mob. Their attempts were useless. The crowd tore the doors off their hinges and began to stampede. The violent storm of shoppers was so great that it killed a Wal-Mart employee.

As helped arrived and tried to resuscitate the victim, more shoppers stepped on the emergency crew! The store was quickly closed, but not before the damage was done. Four shoppers, including a pregnant woman, were injured and 34-year-old Jdimytai Damour was killed, Merry Christmas one and all.

While receiving and giving gifts is part of the Christmas season, it should not be the focus. The true meaning of Christmas is objective, but some views are better than others. Christmas is about spending quality time with family. Our parents brought us into this world, raised us, and molded our values. They deserve some quality time with their college bound children.

Soon students will graduate, get a job, and spend far less time with family. Time is the best gift of all. This Christmas don't stomp on Wal-Mart employees. If you want to give, try giving to charity and helping those who cannot afford gifts. Giving to people that you do not know is more rewarding than giving to friends and family. Presenting gifts to familiar people is almost a greedy act, as an expectation of appreciation is inherent.

With this said, don't forget to throw a snowball at your grandmother in return for those luscious cookies this Christmas.

Andrew is a senior chemistry major, marketing minor who loves riding his bicycle. He is also in Chemistry Club and enjoys eating corn on the cob in his free time.

Corrections:

In the Nov. 14 edition article, "Once Upon a Mattress not a sleeper," Rachael Adams was identified as "the princess," when, in fact, Adams played the ballet princess. The leading role in the play, Princess Winnifred, was played by Sonia Firster.

It is also important to note that Todd Slobodnyak played the role of Prince Dauntless.

In the Nov. 21 edition article "Once Upon a Time," Dr. Elizabeth Ford was refered to as "Betty," when, in fact, she goes by "Betsy."

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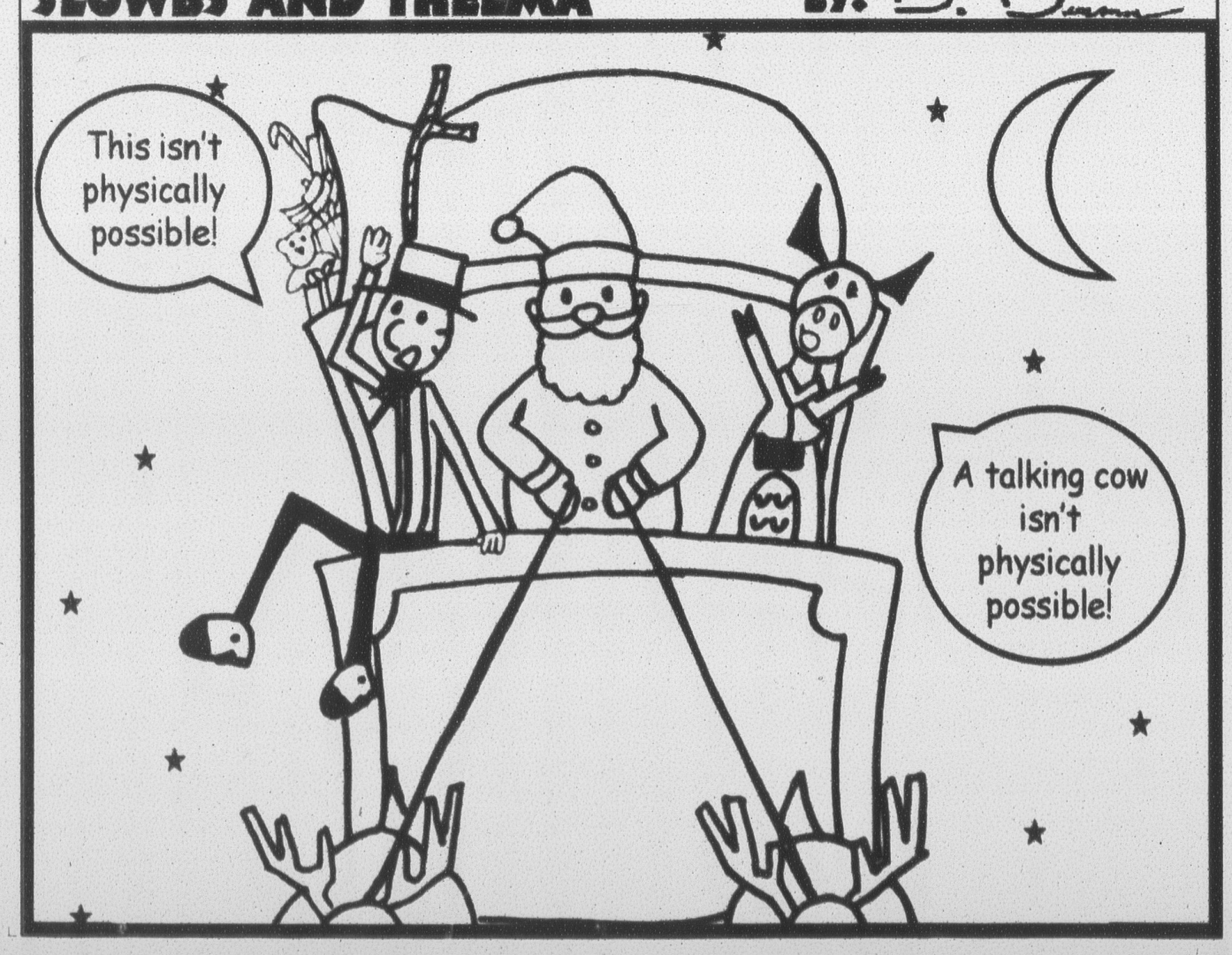

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REGIONAL

Dementia patient found dead on Pa. hospital roof

PITTSBURGH (AP) _ An 89-year-old dementia patient, wearing just a gown and slippers, wandered out onto the roof of a hospital and died in the freezing overnight temperatures, police said.

A UPMC Montefiore hospital worker found Rose Lee Diggs, who had last been seen Tuesday evening, unresponsive on the roof at about 9:15 a.m. Wednesday. Overnight temperatures in Pittsburgh dipped into the 20s.

"Medical staff, when they found her, brought her back into the hospital and performed aggressive resuscitative procedures and were unable to revive her," police Lt. Kevin Kraus said.

Kraus said there were no signs of foul play, but that police plan to consult with the district attorney about whether criminal charges are warranted relating to Diggs' leaving the hospital unnoticed. Diggs was suffering from exposure when she was found, the hospital said in a statement.

The hospital said it was reviewing its policies and procedures to prevent a similar incident and was cooperating with police. Officials also said they had reported the incident to appropriate regulatory and government agencies and would seek their input in the hospital's review.

It was unclear whether Diggs, of Pittsburgh, was already dead when she was discovered, Kraus said. The Allegheny County Medical Examiner was expected to conduct an autopsy Wednesday.

Diggs was last seen in her room by a nurse at about 5 p.m. Tuesday, and hospital officials called police less than an hour later to say they could not find her, Kraus said.

"We actually assembled some fliers that were distributed at and around the hospital last night," Kraus said. "And then we were called this morning and they (hospital officials) said she had been located."

Kraus said hospital officials did not immediately tell police the woman had died Wednesday morning. Police learned that when only when they followed up on the report that she had been found, Kraus said.

In addition to dementia, Diggs was being treated for heart problems, police said, without specifying.

Kraus said investigators believe they have discovered the path the woman wandered: through a fire exit, up some stairs, through a boiler room and then outside onto the roof. Her hospital room was on the 12th floor, immediately below the roof, Kraus said.

Police did not say if the door to the roof locked behind the woman or explain why she didn't get back inside. But Kraus said an alarm on the fire door did not go off, which would have alerted staff that Diggs had exited.

The hospital's statement confirmed the death and identified the woman's last name as Biggs. But Kraus said he read the woman's hospital wrist band identifying her as Diggs, and her family has confirmed that last name.

Police have interviewed the family and they were meeting with social workers at the hospital, Kraus said.

Pa. siblings charged with spying on murdered dad

MIDDLETOWN, Pa. (AP) _ Two Pennsylvania siblings have been accused of illegally spying on their father before his murder last winter – a case that remains unsolved – because they thought he was cheating on their mother.

Arunkumar Ingle, 55, an engineer and 7-Eleven franchisee, was found fatally stabbed in his suburban Philadelphia home on Jan. 21.

While investigating the homicide, state police learned that Ingle's two adult children had been intercepting their father's e-mails in an attempt to prove his infidelity, according to arrest affidavits.

Parth Ingle, 22, and his sister Avnee Ingle, 25, both of Pottstown, were charged this week with 117 counts of unlawful use of a computer and 117 counts of illegal wiretapping. They were freed on bail.

Phones messages left with their attorneys Wednesday were not immediately returned.

Parth Ingle told state police that he placed a GPS device on his father's car and keystroke software on his computer, according to court records.

Avnee Ingle told investigators that both she and her brother knew their father was cheating on their mother and that Parth "followed his father and caught him cheating," the documents state.

The spying began as early as 2004, authorities said. A preliminary hearing on the charges was scheduled for Tuesday.

Ingle's wife, Bhavnaben Ingle, was on her way to the family's convenience store in Delaware when she stopped briefly at their house and found his body, their daughter has told authorities. The couple were either separated or getting a divorce at the time of the murder, according to Avnee Ingle.

NATIONAL

Kennedy auction offers star-studded experiences

NEW YORK (AP) – For those hard-to-please people on your holiday gift list this year, consider some unusual presents: the chance to hang out with Bill O'Reilly, sing with Aretha Franklin or tour the Capitol with Nancy Pelosi.

Those are just some of the items on auction this month to benefit the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Human Rights. Proceeds will fund the center's efforts both domestically and globally.

Among the items is musical advice from Clive Davis, a private pottery lesson with Marcia Gay Harden and a nonspeaking role in the next Farrelly brothers' movie. There's also a personal tour of a floor of the NBC network at Rockefeller Plaza, led by Luke Russert, son of the late "Meet the Press" host Tim Russert.

The center was founded by Kerry Kennedy, daughter of the late New York senator and U.S. attorney general. She was 8 when her father was assassinated in 1968 while running for president.

On the 40th anniversary of his death, Robert F. Kennedy is still a presence in the state he represented as senator from 1965 to 1968. The online auction follows the renaming of New York City's Triborough Bridge as the Robert F. Kennedy Bridge.

Kerry Kennedy said the center's recent human rights victories include helping migrant workers win wage increases with fast-food employers, working with victims of Hurricane Katrina so they can return home and introducing human rights education to 40,000 students in Italy's public schools.

Kerry Kennedy will be there for two of the auctioned experiences: dinner and a movie with Alec Baldwin and dinner with Martin Sheen.

And she hopes to go along for the afternoon of sailing with her brother Max off Hyannis Port, Mass., which includes a tour of the home Robert and Ethel Kennedy shared. Minimum bid: $9,250.

The Web-based company organizing the auction, Charitybuzz.com, is not charging any premiums on the auction prices. The auction runs until January, with individual lots closing at different dates in December.

Some of the other lots include a signed guitar from Carlos Santana, a chance to meet The Who's Pete Townshend and Roger Daltrey (and take away a signed guitar), seeing Andrea Bocelli perform in Tuscany and a dinner with James Earl Jones, Ruby Dee and Harry Belafonte.

One of the more unusual offers is from Kerry Kennedy's brother Robert, an environmental lawyer. He's donating an afternoon of falconing near his home in Bedford, N.Y.

Perhaps topping that is the egg of another bird, an ostrich, signed by South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu. The minimum bid is $650.

The one that didn't get away yields long-lost ring

BUNA, Texas (AP) _ The one that didn't get away held an unlikely surprise for a Texas man.

The blue-stoned class ring of Joe Richardson, engraved with his name, turned up inside an 8-pound bass 21 years after he lost it while fishing on Lake Sam Rayburn.

"My first reaction was – you gotta be kidding," he said Wednesday.

The fisherman who discovered the tarnished ring inside his catch contacted Richardson on Nov. 28 in Buna, about 100 miles northeast of Houston, after tracking him down with help from the Internet.

His fisherman hero asked to remain anonymous.

Richardson, 41, said he lost the ring about two weeks after his 1987 graduation from Universal Technical Institute in Houston. His mom had bought it for about $200 and wasn't pleased when it went missing.

"I have not cleaned it," he said. "I told my wife I don't want to clean it."

DIGITAL 88.9 NEWS

Billionaire and '57 Westminster alumnus Andrew McKelvey passes away

NEW YORK– Westminster alumnus and Monster.com founder and former CEO Andrew McKelvey died Thanksgiving morning in New York after battling pancreatic cancer. The 74-year old McKelvey was also a philanthropist. The McKelvey Foundation has supported over 600 students to attend colleges across the country. The 1957 graduate also helped fund Westminster's campus center which was named in his honor and opened in 2003. Westminster awarded an honorary doctorate during commencement ceremonies in 2004. McKelvey is survived by four children as well as six grandchildren.

New Castle arsons prompt action with PA crime stoppers

NEW CASTLE, Lawrence County-- The Pennsylvania State Police say they need the public's help in tracking down the person or persons behind a series of 18 arson fires in New Castle since last summer. Eight of those fires hit vacant homes in the past three weeks on New Castle's East Side prompting state police fire marshals to put out the word that a reward is now available through the Pennsylvania Crime Stoppers Program.

Local hunters reminded to hunt safe this season

LAWRENCE COUNTY--The Pennsylvania Game Commission reminds local hunters to stay safe as the Deer Hunting Season begins December 1st. Lawrence County Wildlife Conservation Officer Jeff Kendall says with the area becoming more developed every year, hunters need to be aware of changes in their hunting area.

"You can't just go out there the first day of deer season and expect the woods to be the same as it was before," Kendall told TR News Reporter Allyson King.

INTERNATIONAL

Solar car completes 1st ever round-the-world trip

POZNAN, Poland (AP) – If a solar-powered car can drive 32,000 miles (52,000 kilometers) around the globe without using a drop of oil, perhaps it can be forgiven for not having a coffee cup holder.

Or maybe that makes Swiss adventurer Louis Palmer's journey even more remarkable.

Palmer rolled into the U.N. climate conference in his solar car Thursday, a man with a mission: To prove that the world can continue its love affair with the car without burning any polluting fossil fuels and still enjoy a smooth ride.

While some 11,000 delegates sought an ambitious new climate change deal to slash emissions of heat-trapping gases, Palmer was convinced that whatever they agreed upon won't be enough to avert environmental disaster.

"Here at the conference, we are talking about reducing emissions by 10 or 20 percent," Palmer said. "I want to show that we can reduce emissions by 100 percent – and that's what we need for the future."

Palmer, a teacher on leave from his job, spent 17 months driving his own creation – a fully solar-powered car built with the help of Swiss scientists – through 38 countries. The two-seater travels up to 55 mph (90 kph) and covers 185 miles (300 kilometers) on a fully charged battery.

"This is the first time in history that a solar-powered car has traveled all the way around the world without using a single drop of petrol," he said, adding that he lost only two days to breakdowns.

To make his point, he took an Associated Press reporter for a ride Thursday.

Palmer lifted a light plastic flap that acts as a door before climbing in. He then flipped a switch to activate the electric engine and set off as the motor hummed softly, much more quietly than a traditional car.

For now, the aluminum and fiberglass car is still a prototype, and it feels like one. The car, designed to be light and efficient, is powered by solar cells that it hauls on a trailer. It has plastic windows, three wheels instead of four and ironically, no climate control.

Designed like a race car, it can hold two people comfortably and has a radio. It meets all safety standards in Switzerland and has headlights, brakes, blinkers and other standard safety features. Before his world trip, Palmer, 36, used it for a year to commute to the school in Lucerne, Switzerland, where he taught.

Although he tried to avoid what he called "dinosaur technology," his steering wheel was from a Renault, his windshield wipers from a Fiat and his wheels were from a Smart car, the Daimler AG two-seater that is ubiquitous in many European cities.

He has given a ride to approximately 1,000 people so far, including New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, and on Thursday, U.N. climate chief Yvo de Boer.

Delegates in Poznan are seeking a new climate treaty that would replace the Kyoto Protocol, which expires in 2012 and has required that 37 countries slash emissions of heat-trapping gases by an average 5 percent from 1990 levels. The goal is for the new treaty to be finalized at the next U.N. climate meeting in December 2009 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

After a summer that saw fuel prices rise uncontrollably, many automakers – from the U.S. to Japan – are investing in research with the aim of producing alternatively powered cars using electricity, biofuel and even hydrogen. Environmental advocates hope these efforts will continue even as oil prices have dropped substantially.

Hawaii this week unveiled plans to build a network of charging stations for electric cars and to provide recharged batteries. There are also plans to offer similar services in Australia, Denmark and Israel.

Palmer says there's no reason why car companies couldn't make a much better version of his solar-powered car if they set their mind to it.

Campus News

Members of Concert Choir and Chamber Singers showcase voices in chapel

Students prepare for winter break concert tour, will visit seven Presbyterian churches

By Erika Clayton
Staff Writer

The Concert Choir and the Chamber Singers performed at the Wallace Memorial Chapel on Sunday, November 23, at 3 p.m.

The Concert Choir and Chamber Singers Fall Choral Concert was titled, "Stars I Shall Find," led by director Dr. Robin A. Lind. Amanda Gentzel accompanied the Chamber Singers and Christopher Granger accompanied the Concert Choir. The president of the choir is the Montgomery Service.

Six songs were performed by the Chamber Singers: "I am the Rose of the Sharon," by William Billings; "O my Luve's like a red, red rose," by David C. Dickau; and "Three Madrigals," by Emma Lou Diemer. The other songs they performed were: "Stand by Me," arranged by Moses Hogan; "Nelly Bly," arranged by Jack Halloran; and "The Turtle Dove," by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

Ashley Cesaratto, a senior Music Education major, had a solo performance in "The Turtle Dove." Claudia Brown conducted "Three Madrigals"; Sonia Firster conducted "O my Luve's like a red, red rose"; and "I am the Rose of Sharon" was conducted by Ashley Cesaratto. Stephanie Witzorreck conducted "Nelly Bly," and "Stand by me" was conducted by Montgomery Service.

The sopranos in "Magnificat K. 193" were Karen Biddle and Sonia Firster, the tenors were James Cochran and Joel Montgomery, and Ian Turner and Andrew McMurray were the basses. "By and By" includes the song, "Spiritual," while "Tentends le Moulin" includes the song, "I hear the millwheel." The song, "Marianne," includes the song, "North Country Folk Song," as well.

The Concert Choir consists of 48 singers and there are 16 Chamber Singers. The members of the Chamber Singers also sing in the Concert Choir. The Chamber Singers perform for Vesper services and a concert on campus once a semester.

They also perform off campus once or twice per semester. This year they performed for a community meeting, which was held in Volant, and in the past they have performed in various churches in the area.

Both the concert choir and chamber singers will be going on a choir tour over winter break, from Jan. 7 to 17, and will travel to seven different Presbyterian Churches. They will be performing in these cities: Lynchburg, Va.; Jacksonville, Vero Beach, St. Petersburg, Lakeland, Tampa, and Sarasota, Florida. They will also have the chance to visit Disney World for two days.

Auditions are required to become a member of both Concert Choir and Chamber Singers. In order to join the concert choir, it is often recommended to participate at least one semester in the men's and women's concert choirs.

"A person must be a member of the Concert Choir for at least one semester before auditioning for Chamber Singers," Sonia Firster, chamber singer soprano, said. "Concert choir is a family and we all care deeply for every one of our members, even if one person is missing, the group is affected. We take music really seriously and strive to sound the best we can."

Photo by Stephanie Chaffee

Harmony

Students preparing for field experience had the opportunity to direct their own piece. The concert, held on Sunday Nov. 23, helped the audience get into the holiday spirit.

Diversity Week embraces different cultures

By Laura Henry
Staff Writer

From Tuesday, Nov. 18, through Thursday, Nov. 20, the International Cultures Club sponsored Diversity Week in celebration of the different cultures on campus.

Students gathered in Patterson Hall room 311 to experience the cultural lifestyles and differences ICC wanted to share. During Diversity Week, ICC featured several cultures including Jamaica on Tuesday, Nov. 18, Korea and the Philippines on Wednesday, Nov. 19, and Latin America also called Hispanic Night on Thursday, Nov. 20.

Members of ICC, SGA, BSU, the Office of Diversity Services, the Diversity Symposium and the Spanish Honors Society all aided in spreading cultural awareness by presenting and contributing to Diversity Week.

ICC President Karli Champ played a large role in Diversity Week, reserving the room, receiving funds to pay for the event from SGA and acting as a contact person for the many questions and decisions that were thrown her way.

"Diversity Week was very important to me," Champ said. "I wanted students to be able to learn about different cultures and become more involved on campus. I wanted to be able to set up the environment for students to do with what they wanted. The involvement and the presentations were great."

On Tuesday, Nov. 18, BSU gave a presentation entitled "Welcome to Jamaica," which featured traditions found in Jamaica. The presentation was conducted in a power point format, providing the campus with general facts and information about the island of Jamaica.

One interesting fact students were able to take away from the presentation was the value of the American dollar in Jamaica; one US dollar is equivalent to 71 Jamaican dollars.

The musical style of native Bob Marley was also played during the presentation, as his music remains a popular form of entertainment in Jamaican culture. Other forms of Jamaican entertainment include mythic folktales, which are still told and passed down from generation to generation.

ICC Treasurer Noelle Nuckels was enthusiastic about Jamaican culture, enjoying the presentation.

"To end the presentation on a sweet note, we all made the dessert, sand," Nuckels said. "Sand is comprised of vanilla pudding and crushed vanilla wafers, and a few Swedish fish were added. Recipes were provided to the audience members, giving them an idea of the cuisine of Jamaica."

During Asian night on Wednesday, Nov. 19, Dr. Kang-Yup Na, Dr. SoYoung Kang and foreign exchange student Hyeeun Yeo discussed Korea. In addition, sophomore Lori Katrencik provided information on the Philippine culture.

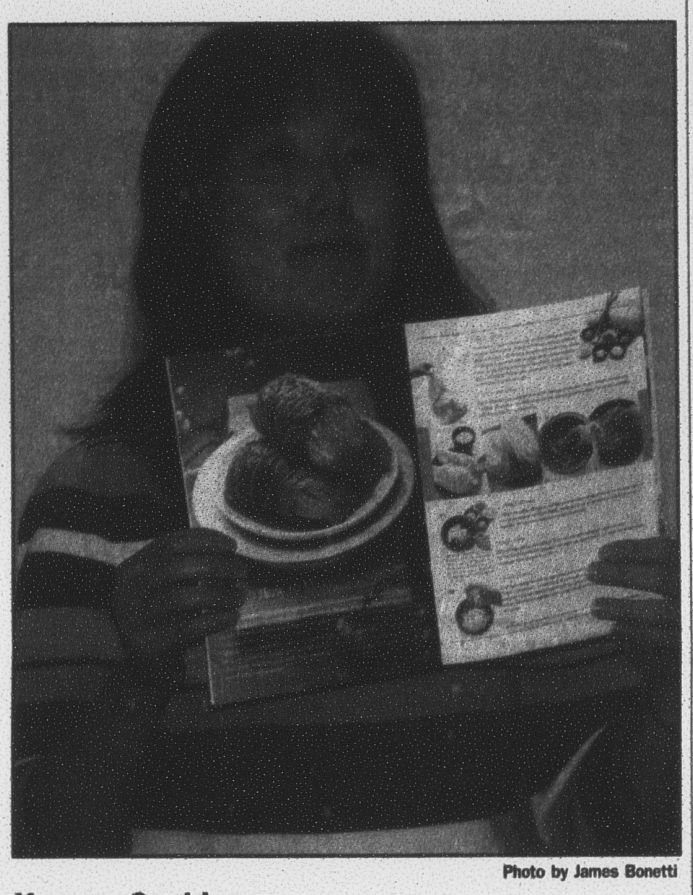
Sharing facts about Korea, Na gave a power point presentation, providing background history and current standing of Korean culture, while his son, Christian Na, conducted a taekwondo demonstration.

After working up an appetite, Kang continued the presentation by teaching the audience how to make kimpap, a seaweed and rice dish. Kang also brought in popcorn and shrimp crackers for everyone to enjoy. Wrapping up the Korean discussion, Yeo entertained the audience by showing a pop music video by a popular Korean artist, BoA.

To finish off Asian night, Katrencik described life in the Philippines, displaying dresses, fans, a dollhouse and other traditional items. Katrencik also taught students how to make star decorations and shared the traditional Philippine dish, leche flan.

During Hispanic night on Thursday, Nov. 20, rice, guava mango juice, cookies and fried bananas were served, while the audience enjoyed an informative presentation about Hispanic culture and listened to up beat Latin American music. However, due to harsh weather conditions, the attendance turnout was not as great as anticipated.

"There might not have been as many people there as the nights before, which was really unfortunate, but it was still a good time," Champ said.



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Korean Cooking

Dr. SoYoung Kang instructs students on how to prepare kimpap, a Korean seaweed and rice dish, during Asian night on Wednesday, Nov. 19. Other speakers included Dr. Kang-Yup Na and foreign exchange student Hyeeun Yeo.

Titan Traverse offers spring break opportunities

By Amanda Ratliff
Campus Writer

Titan Traverse is providing students with the opportunity to explore the Page area of Arizona or the Smoky Mountains in Tennessee during spring break.

From Mar. 13-22, 10 to 15 students will travel to the locations and experience rock climbing, canyoneering, and backpacking. The trip to Tennessee is $250, while the Arizona trip will cost $700 to include airfare. Titan Traverse is also providing students with the necessary food, gear, and equipment.

"I am interested in going backpacking in Tennessee because I know it will be a trip that will push my boundaries and I will be with a quality group of people," senior John Marlowe said. "It is also my last opportunity to do something like this in college and for such a reasonable rate."

Chrissy Valentine, the assistant director of On-Site Programs, will travel with students to Tennessee, and Laura Nystrom, the director of Titan Traverse, will lead the trip to Arizona.

During the trip to Tennessee, students will go backpacking but will also have the chance to participate in a service project with the park service. The Arizona trip will incorporate rock climbing and canyoneering. Canyoneering is a technique of traveling through canyons by walking, climbing, rappelling and swimming.

"We chose these locations because Chrissy has a background and interest in the Smoky Mountains, and Laura has connections to Arizona and a guide that will assist us," Brian Vare, assistant director of Off-Site Programs, said.

Students already participating in Titan Traverse are invited to go on the trips as student leaders. They will be responsible for creating the theme and organizing the readings and specific activities for the groups each day.

"Both trips are giving all the students the opportunity to bond with a group and suspend reality for a few days," Nystrom said. "It also gives them the chance to be student leaders."

Students interested in either trip should contact Titan Traverse by Christmas break.

Titan Traverse is the college's Adventure Education and Leadership Development program, which provides an atmosphere of fun and play combined with a depth of learning about one's self and others in the context of a group that fosters a unique environment.

Pre-Law Association makes plans to visit Washington D.C.

By Derek Deremer
Staff Writer

The Pre-Law Association makes plans to go on their annual trip to Washington D.C this spring.

The cost is only $80, and requires $40 deposit to be turned in before Christmas break. The bus leaves Saturday March 28 and returns Monday March 30. The cost includes two nights in a hotel and the bus fare. During the three days, the association plans on a group trip to the Supreme Court and the rest of the time is free for the students to go where they want.

Westminster's Pre-Law Association has been organizing the trip to the nation's capital for the past several years and every year has been a success. They try to do at least one tour as a group. Last year, alumni connections allowed the crew to go on a special tour of the West Wing of the White House. Sam Leipheimer, a 2008 alumni described the experience

"It felt very surreal standing at the door of the oval office since some of the most important people in our history have walked the same halls." Leipheimer said. "It's a memory from my days at Westminster that I'll always take with me."

This year the trip plans on sitting in on a Supreme Court argument day. On an argument days, the court hears cases that have been chosen to be decided upon by the court. Each side gets one half hour to present their case (a time which can be changed if necessarily) and the justices come to a conclusion. Also in the past, if students were interested, students interested in law school went on a tour of George Washington University Law School.

Aside from the planned visits, students have a chance in their ample free time to visit the countless landmarks in the city. Ranging from monuments such as the Jefferson Memorial and the Vietnam Memorial, as well as significant locations such as Ford's Theater and Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park; there is not a lack of activities to do. Washington D.C. is filled with history all American's can appreciate

Student response has been positive the past few years, with students creating lifelong memories. Senior Megan Hoffman participated in last year's trip.

"It was a lot of fun and a great experience to take a trip to the nation's capital," Hoffman said. "We got to go to several of the Smithsonian museums, the Supreme Court, the Capital building. I even plan on going again this year!"

Pre-Law Association advisor, Dr. Edward Cohen has enjoyed the previous trips and has been satisfied by the response of students.

"People have gotten a lot out of the trip" Cohen stated, "I have never heard a negative thing about it."

The Pre-Law association only receives one bus, so spots are limited and anyone interested should immediately contact Pre-Law Association President Jake Shaffer at shaffejr@westminster.edu.

International Festival educates and entertains

By Jessica Davis
Staff Writer

The fourth annual Celebration: An International Festival was held on Wednesday, Dec. 3 in the Berlin Student Lounge and Club Room to celebrate diversity and different cultures.

Sponsored by the Office of Diversity Services and the Peace Studies Program, the International Festival showcased ethnic food, entertainment and knowledge. Members of the Black Student Union, the International Cultures Club, the Diversity Symposium, Help Educate Against Racism and SGA's Diversity Committee were also involved.

"We live in a very rural community, so it's very nice to do anything that connects us to other cultures and ethnic groups," Assistant Professor of Psychology, Dr. Sherri Pataki, said. "Especially, an event like this where it's a celebration of other cultures and other countries."

Founded by alumni in honor of 2005 graduate Sandra Edmiston who died in a rock climbing accident, the International Festival allows students and faculty to learn more about other cultures. Members of ICC and students that have studied abroad will provide informational displays on different countries.

According to the 1998 American Association os Colleges and Universities report, diversity on campuses is an essential part of academic excellence.

"Cultural events are enriching and educational; they help to highlight diversity in its many forms," Jeannette Hubbard said.

Members of the campus community provided foreign dishes for attendees to enjoy during the entertainment portion that included singing and dancing. There was also an opportunity to socialize with the performers and students with displays.

According to www.westminster.edu, the International Cultures Club, the Black Student Union and the Allies provide active ways for students to get involved with diversity on campus.

"I think that they [cultural events] always have a positive affect for those students that are willing to let it be a positive effect," Chair of the SGA Diversity Committee, Kylee Bennett, said. "Events like this and like the Diversity Days that ICC did a couple of weeks ago, really depend on who you are and what you're willing to take away from it."

Movie Showcase

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In addition to showing slightly longer director's cuts of each of the individual films, the four group projects had their debut showing as well. After viewing the group projects, Weaver asked the audience to vote for their favorite. After the votes were tallied, Weaver announced that the group project "Fooseman - Protector of the Universe," by Jon McAfoos, Kylee Bennett, and Corey Emanuele won the audience vote. Doug Kunst, a senior broadcast communications major, said he voted for "Fooseman."

"I chose 'Fooseman' not just for the comedy," Kunst said. "But for the shot sequences and how it was edited and put together."

Jon McAfoos, who starred in the project as the title superhero and produced his own short, "Shoeless," which received two and a half stars, said that the most difficult part of the project was trying to make a movie for such a young target audience.

"It's a lot tougher making a movie for a fifth-grader than it would be making a movie for an audience of kids our age," McAfoos said. "It's tough to try and find out what exactly they would look for in a movie."

All of the student films are still available online at www.bc251.blogspot.com, and Weaver has an online poll so that poeple can vote for their favorite film too, just in case they missed the showcase.

Sports

Men's basketball still pining for first win

By Andrew Kubincanek
Sports Writer

The men's basketball team lost four games in a row since Nov. 22, including a loss to Saint Vincent on Wednesday Dec. 3.

The Titans' record dropped to 0-7 (0-0 in the PAC) against Saint Vincent with a final score of 67-58. The Titans also lost the Buzz Ridl Classic against Wesley on Nov. 22 by 101-85. They lost at Oberlin on Nov. 24 67-52 and fell to Mount Union by a score of 75-72 on Dec. 1 despite a 15-1 run near the end of the game. Head coach Larry Ondako believes that a lack of good practices, due to injuries early in the season, contributed to the 0-7 start.

"The big thing was getting our players healthy. We needed some practice time. We got it in and I feel like we're playing better because of it," Ondako said.

Against Saint Vincent, the Titans led by as many as five points and finished the first half with a 28-26 lead. They then led by as many as seven points in the second half until Saint Vincent went on an 8-0 run near the end of the game. Westminster was unable to respond fully to the 12-point lead.

"They have a lot of seniors, it's a very veteran team, and they're very good," Ondako said.

Saint Vincent remains unbeaten this season. The Titans will face them again, at home, on Jan. 24. The team split with Saint Vincent last season, winning 81-72 at home and losing 87-60 away.

Junior Ryne Murray had a game high 26 points in the meeting against Wesley. Westminster led 56-55 briefly in the second half. Wesley retook a double-digit lead and held it for the remainder. The Titans shot 46.0% from the floor. Murray also led the Titans in the Mount Union game with 24 points.

Junior Steve Bielich led the Titans with 20 points against Oberlin and the team cut a double-digit lead to only 6 points with less than 12 minutes remaining. However, Oberlin regained the lead and held it the rest of the game. Westminster shot only 25.8%.

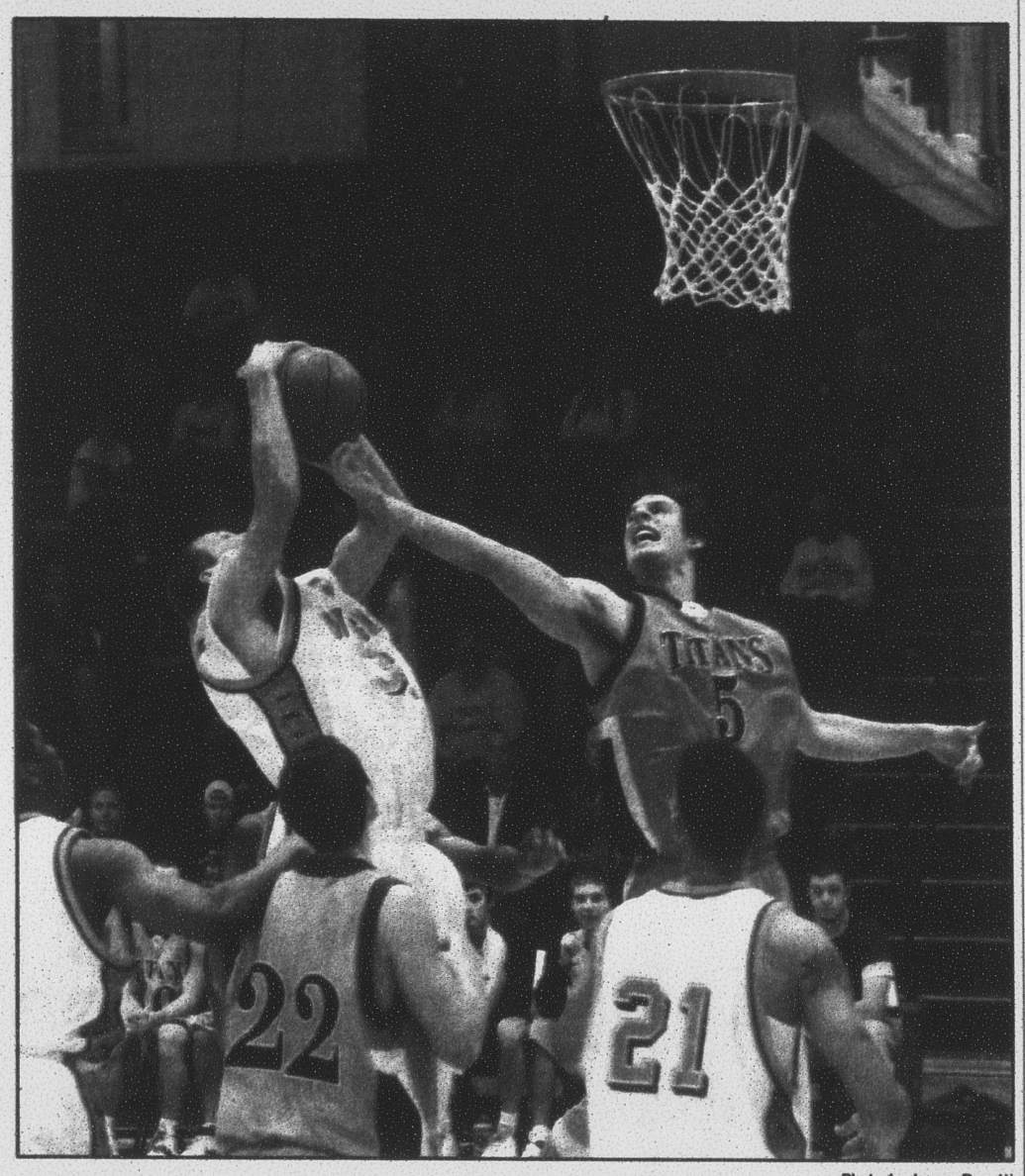
The Titans will face Grove City at home on Saturday Dec. 6. It will be their first conference match of the season. Grove City is currently 3-1 overall and 1-0 in the PAC.

"That's always a good game-it's our first conference game [this season] and it's a good little rivalry," Ondako said. "They just beat W&J who was picked to win our conference so it should be an interesting game."

Westminster split with Grove City last season, losing the away game 102-98 but winning the home game 82-60.

"The big thing was getting our players healthy."

-Larry Ondako, head coach



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Aggressive

Sophomore forward Kevin Mayberry prevents a shot from an opponent while senior guard David Richards looks to snatch the rebound during the game against Wesley on Nov. 22. The Titans went on to lose 85-101.

Top 10 in 2008

Brandon Phillian
Sports Editor

Upon sitting down to write, I realized that this would be the last column of 2008. As I started thinking about this past year, I had forgotten what an incredible year it had been in sports.

I thought it might be fun to rank the most incredible sports stories of 2008 from number ten to number one. Drum roll, please.

Honorable Mention: Detroit Red Wings win the Stanley Cup

Honorable mention simply because they beat the Penguins.

10. U.S. Ryder Cup team beats the Europeans

After three straight Ryder Cup wins by Europe, few gave the Americans a chance when Tiger Woods was ruled out because of a knee injury.

9. BCS Mess

In my last column, I begged for college football to adopt an eight team playoff. With several teams currently at zero losses or one loss, 2008 would have greatly benefited from a playoff.

8. Three-Peat for Jimmie Johnson

Accomplishing a feat that previously was done three decades ago is incredible, and that's what JJ did when he won his third consecutive NASCAR title.

7. Philadelphia Phillies win the World Series

Throughout the snow, sleet, and postponements, Philly went on to beat the Tampa Bay Rays in an exciting World Series.

6. LSU wins the National Championship

Just last January, the Tigers not only routed Ohio St. en route to becoming National Champions, they made a statement that the SEC is now the dominant conference in college football.

5. Boston wins the NBA Title

The NBA's superpowers battled like we were back in the 80's, sans Bird, Magic, and Kareem. After several years of Western dominance, the Celtics helped to restore power in the East.

4. Kansas wins March Madness

Not only was the National Title game thrilling, there were several great stories along the way. For the first time in tournament history, all four of the number one seeds actually advanced to the Final Four.

3. Tiger Woods wins the U.S. Open

Battling a bad knee throughout the entire tourney, Tiger held off a worthy opponent in Rocco Mediate. After the completion of 72 holes, Woods was tied with Mediate. There was an 18 hole playoff to determine the winner. After the completion of the playoff, the players were still tied. Finally, on the 91st hole, Woods beat Mediate. This was unquestionably one of the greatest performances I have ever witnessed.

2. Giants win the Super Bowl

It's not so much that the Giants won, it's that they knocked off the undefeated Patriots to win. In a game that was supposed to be New England's, the Giants pulled off one of the greatest upsets in the history of sports.

1. Michael Phelps

Phelps dominated the Beijing games by winning an unprecedented eight gold medals and breaking the great Mark Spitz's record for most gold medals won in a single Olympic Games. Along with his medals, Phelps also holds seven world records. Phelps' performance may not be the most dominating of 2008; it may go down in history as the most dominating performance of all time.

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Lady Titans battle for OT win against Mount Union

By Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

After competing with two unbeaten teams, the women's basketball team walked off the court with a win and loss bringing the team's overall record to 2-3. In an intense battle against Mount Union, the Titans won in overtime. The team then fell to Saint Vincent.

The Titans competed with non-conference Mount Union Saturday, Nov. 29. After the Titans held the advantage for most of the first half, the Purple Raiders clutched the lead at 6:55 and finished the half ahead of the Titans at 33-25 after a 22-4 run.

The Purple Raiders held the advantage for most of the second half, until junior Amy Dolsak sank two free throws to tie the game. Mount Union shot a jumper to take the lead before senior Gina Brunetti tied the game again with nine seconds on the clock. The Titans defended Mount Union's last-second attempt sending the teams into overtime (55-55).

With 4:30 on the clock, the Purple Raiders led 56-55. A 3-point shot by junior Lynn Riley helped the Titans seize the advantage seconds later and the team held it for the remainder of the game securing a 68-60 win.

"I was really happy with the way we came together as a team during the Mount Union game," Riley said. "Everyone contributed something, whether it was a positive attitude on the bench or work on the court. The win was definitely a boost for the season, but we still have a lot of work ahead of us."

Dolsak led the Titans posting her second career double-double with a career-high tying 19 points and a career-high 11 rebounds. Brunetti and Kaitlin McCarthy followed with 11 and 12 points, respectively.

"I thought that we played a great game against Mount Union," Dolsak said. "We followed the game plan very well and we were finally able to bring everything we have been working on this season and put it all together. We worked as a team and it definitely showed in the outcome."

Although the Purple Raiders controlled rebounds at 59-36, the Titan defense held the opposition to shooting 26 percent (19-73) from the field. The Titans had the advantage shooting at 38 percent (22-58).

The Titans were on the road again Wednesday, Dec. 3 when the team competed with non-conference Saint Vincent.

Despite maintaining the lead for the majority of the first half, the Titans' role changed as the Bearcats controlled most of the second half and secured the win, 61-55. Over the course of the game, the Titans committed 30 turnovers; nearly double that of the Bearcats' 16.

Dolsak's role in the game against the Bearcats was similar to that of her role against the Purple Raiders as she captured her third career double-double. Dolsak tied a career-high 19 points for the second consecutive game and pulled down 10 rebounds.

Brunetti added 16 points, while Riley contributed to the Titans 40-39 rebound advantage with a career-high 13 rebounds.

The Titans kick off President's Athletic Conference (PAC) Saturday, Dec. 6 when they compete with Grove City in a men's and women's doubleheader at home. Grove City holds a 0-1 record in the PAC and a 1-5 record overall.

Swimming wins 2 of last 3 meets

By Corey Kendall
Sports Writer

Over the past few weeks the Men's Titan Swimming team has been diving into the season with a splash. The Titans were able to win two of their past three meets giving them an overall record of 3-1 and a PAC record of 1-1.

On Saturday, Nov. 15, the Titans took on Bethany at home for their first PAC match of the season. The Titans were able to come up with the victory by defeating the Bison with score of 91-18.

Some notable swims for the men were from senior Conor Simpson who won the 100- (50.47) and 1,000-yard (10:30.45) freestyle races while also aiding in Westminster's win in the 200 freestyle relay (1:31.71). Adding to that was Senior A.J. Yarzebinski who won the 400 IM (4:30.10) and captured first in the 200 breaststroke with a time of 2:19.86.

After a win on Saturday the Titans travelled to Washington and Jefferson on Wednesday, Nov. 19, for another PAC dual match-up. Although the Titans put up a hard fought fight they fell to W&J with a score of 154-140.

Junior Brett Gerthoffer claimed the win in three events, which included the 100 (48.73) and 200 (1:46.68) freestyles while also aiding in the win of the 400 freestyle relay (3:16.50). Senior Chris Lehberger won the 100 (1:00.58) and 200 (2:13.61) breaststrokes while Simpson took the first in the 200 butterfly (2:00.69).

After a disappointing loss the Titans came back hard as they travelled to Wooster on Saturday, Nov. 22, for a nonconference dual meet. Westminster was able to take the win with a score of 152-132.

Lehberger was able to take three events by claiming victory in the 100- (1:00.98), the 200-yard (2:13.33) breaststrokes, and the 200 IM (2:02.03). Adding to that was senior Zac Gebhardt who won the 500 (4:56.58) and the 1,000 (10:13.05) freestyles. Senior Stephen Burns won the 50 freestyle (22.29) while Gerthoffer took the 200 freestyles (1:48.04).

The Titans are currently at the Wooster invitational which is taking place over three days, starting Dec. 4 and ending Dec. 6.

Cross Country concludes season at Regionals

By Melissa Kramer
Sports Writer

The men's and women's cross country season concluded Saturday, Nov. 15 at the NCAA Division III Mideast Regional. The men placed 27th out of 43 teams with 772 points and the women placed 31st out of 44 teams with 840 points.

Carnegie Mellon won first place in the men's standings with 37 points, while Johns Hopkins won first place in the women's standings with 80 points. Carnegie Mellon's Brian Harvey led the men individually at 25:10, while Ursinus's Christa Johnson had a first-place time of 22:01 for the women.

"The team did really well at regionals," junior Rachel Hudson said. "Although it was a tough course with some muddy weather, I think everyone showed how hard we've worked this season and fought it out until the end. The men's and women's teams placed higher this year as well."

Freshman Morgan Hanes led the Titan men, placing 124th at 28:10. Senior Aaron Titus crossed the finish at a 141st-place time of 28:23 and junior Jeremiah Patterson followed a second later at 28:24 in 142nd place.

"I was happy with my freshman year because I was able to improve on my times throughout the year, and I got more used to college running," Hanes said. "I was able to get my feet wet this year, and I can't wait until next year."

Hudson led on the women's side with an 86th place time of 24:58. Junior Elizabeth Beardsley finished in 156th place at 26:10.

"My times improved throughout the season," Hudson said. "I learned a lot about the racing experience and what it takes. I've had a real passion for running in the last year and I feel like I've reached a new place in the sport."

The Titans' season may be over, but they now look back with satisfaction at the ways in which they have improved individually and as a team.

"Sometimes we focus too much on times, when it's truly about place," Patterson said. "Given that, the team has improved from the beginning of the season. And compared to last year, we maintained our PAC standing and improved upon our Regional placement. But most importantly, we became a family over the course of the season, and that means much more than times or places."

Women's swimming falls to Wooster in close dual meet

By April Scudere
Sports Writer

The women's swimming team took on Wooster College right before the Thanksgiving holiday that resulted in a 139-123 loss. The Wooster women's team is now 5-1 in their season.

The Titan women came close on Saturday, Nov. 22 with wins in eight events. Six of these wins came from freshman Caitlin Lehberger and junior Emily Dressler, who each earned three wins a piece this past week against the Fighting Scots.

Lehberger swam to victory in the 50 freestyle (25.08), the 200 IM (2:12.61) and the 200 breaststroke (2:29.68). Dressler captured first in three freestyles, the 1,000 (10:57.74), 500 (5:18.00) and 200 (1:58.71).

Other Titan winners were senior Megan Mier with a time of 2:15.84 in the 200 backstroke and sophomore Courtney Herdt in the 100 breaststroke with 1:10.72.

The Titans are now 2-3 in their season with only a handful of meets left, two being at home. They will return to Wooster on Thursday, Dec. 4 for the three-day Wooster Invitational.

Arts & Entertainment

Coldplay: keep marching on

Chris Lehberger
A&E Editor

We've all seen it before. We may have even been suckered by it before: the re-release/b-sides album.

Some money-hungry label sees the success of an artist's record, and therefore, in order to milk every red cent out of an artist's audience, releases another record by that same artist, with songs that are either b-sides of the album or "reworked" versions of the songs on the album (e.g. The Bravery).

So when I heard Coldplay was releasing *Prospekt's March*, a sister EP of the band's magnificent *Viva La Vida or Death* and *All His Friends*, I was a bit wary. The EP could be a flop, full of crappy remixes and mediocre b-sides, or it could be a refreshing and delightful reminder of why Coldplay is such a spectacular band. Lucky for me, I was presented with the latter.

"Life In Technicolor II," unlike my original hypothesis, isn't a sister track to the original instrumental track that opens *Viva La Vida*. Instead, the instrumentals remain almost identical to the original (except for the bass, which is more prominent) and instead of being completely instrumental, Chris Martin sings. Needless to say, the vocals are melodic and pleasant, building a different atmosphere and melodic emphasis than the original.

"Postcards From Far Away" unfortunately, is only a fleeting 48 seconds of piano before breaking into the glitzy and enamoring "Glass of Water," a track owning verses feeling like they're tied down by ropes before exploding with the chorus in commanding guitars and time changing drums. Indeed, the song marks the heaviest Coldplay has ventured in some time, but isn't commanded by dark tones, instead feeling much like a celebration amid a backbone of guitars and spacy synthesizers.

"Rainy Day" boasts a playful rhythm of percussive elements and piano, feeling less like the moody Coldplay of yesteryear. The chorus, again, evokes strong feelings of a giant sounding string section with beautiful back-up vocals from Emily Bart-Smith, coagulating as one and stirring brightly as a Coldplay song has never stirred before.

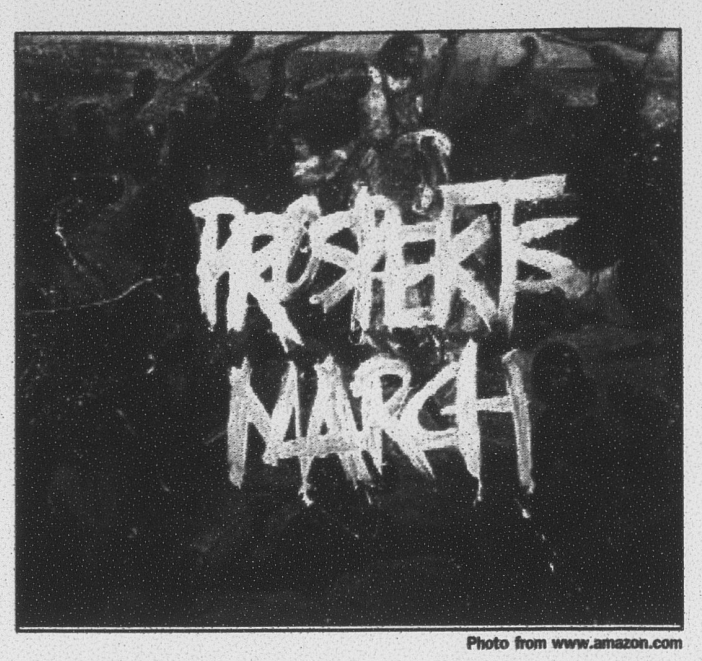
The title track "Prospekt's March/Poppyfields" raises the mood and winds the tempo down to slow, properly infusing Martin's soft and soulful voice atop fingerpicked guitar, eventually building a foundation of synthesizer and starry electric guitar; audio imagery of a field of poppies in the breeze.

The last track, "Now My Feet Won't Touch The Ground" seems to be the younger sister to X&Y's "Kingdom Come" as both are siblings of the same musical idea of acoustic guitar and swooning vocals. However, the former, with a backfill of horns, is gentler, fuzzier, and more peaceful, but equally as delightful as the original.

The two remakes, "Lost+" and "Lovers In Japan (Osaka Sun Mix) aren't nearly as moving as the rest of the album, with Jay-Z spilling rhymes for a verse on "Lost+" and adding some different percussive elements and spacy keyboards on the remake of "Lovers In Japan," both acting as throw-in tracks, nothing more, nothing less.

Prospekt's March, which offers three remakes of previously recorded songs, possesses five other songs that are pleasant, refreshing, and at times, moving, perfectly supplementing *Viva La Vida* without tip-toeing across the wide road of re-release marketing schemes.

Although *Viva La Vida* is an overall stronger album, the songs featured on *Prospekt's March* have character and individuality and are darn good at that, and will be sure to find themselves in regular rotation on my iPod right behind *Viva La Vida*.



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Chris' Rating: ★★★★☆

Killers prove themselves once again

Photo from www.myspace.com

By Ben Portz
A&E Writer

The Killers sure do know how to captivate us through innovation. Each of their past albums including "Hot Fuss" and the experimental "Sam's Town", have given their fans new wonderful musical meat to bite into.

In both albums, The Killers established themselves as an alternative punk-rock band utilizing the synthesizers to almost an extreme, with most songs climaxing into a rock opera style. The flair they have used from the past was taken to a new level with their latest album "Day & Age".

Brandon Flower's voice is as haunting and musical as ever, allowing him to sound very much like Freddie Mercury in his prime. In this album, The Killers took all the energy from their hometown of Las Vegas, and was somehow able to put it all into a set of ten songs.

Last year I reviewed The Killers B-side album "Sawdust". On it, they included a dance version of Mr. Brightside that lasts nearly ten minutes long. In all honesty, it wasn't as cheesy as one might think.

For "Day & Age", its seems as though they went this route of incorporating dance like songs with thundering beats and pulsing syths carrying the melody underneath the melodic voice of Flowers. The albums single entitled "Human", is the epitome of how the band produces a song. It has everything that makes a great Killers song.

It begins with a soft symbol crash opposite of Flowers voice building up into a chorus backed by keyboards. Then as expected, the next verse is accompanied by an orchestra of synths and an even bigger chorus. Overall, this is a beautiful song. The Killers were able to incorporate a 1980s sound with their own innovation helping it along.

The next track entitled "Spaceman" is also one of my favorites. It has pep and energy unlike any other song by the band. From the first fifteen seconds of the song, you'd notice the grandiose symphony sound that makes the band stick out from the rest. What makes this song great is the dichotomy of sound between minor and major.

During most of the verses, Flowers sounds depressed, but once the chorus rolls around, you just want to join in with him echoing the huge sound. The lyrics are somewhat psychedelic referring to spacemen over and over again. I unfortunately do not have the smart interpretative skills to tell you what the song is actually about. I suppose it could be about nothing at all.

Another interesting track on the album is entitled "This Is Your Life". It begins with an African chant that continues throughout, and eventually goes straight into a Manheim Steamroller-esque sound filled with harpsichords and once again many-a-synth.

I feel like I'm being redundant with this whole talk of "synths", but honestly, The Killers know how to fully utilize them to the fullest. Any band looking to use this instrument should definitely listen to them and learn how to use them the right way.

"Day & Age" is once again a knockout album put out by The Killers. I highly recommend this album to be on your holiday wish list.

Ben's Rating: ★★★★★

New Guns N' Roses not worth the wait

By Max Muska
A&E Staff Writer

After 15 years of hype, the new Guns N' Roses album, *Chinese Democracy*, was released on Nov. 23. It was definitely not worth the wait.

I was never much of a Gusn N' Roses fan, but I still was intrigued by the story of this album. Axl Rose began work on it shortly after the last GNR album, *The Spaghetti Incident?*, was released in 1993. Every member of the band except Rose quit and a new lineup began recording in 1998.

Member changes and setbacks would continue throughout the recording process which took nine years and cost millions of dollars. The list of studios used for recording the album is longer than the list of musicians appearing on it.

For all the anticipation surrounding its release, one would think this album would be one of the greatest of all time. It can't be bad if it took 15 years to perfect, right? Unfortunately, despite the return of one of the most dynamic voices in the history of rock music, *Chinese Democracy* is a huge disappointment.

Rose's voice is still the same, but everything else is different. His amazing vocal range is probably the most impressive aspect of the album. Still, I wish that he would not change his style so often.

Nearly every song on the album includes sections of Rose singing in his low, normal-sounding voice, his mid-range voice, and his high-pitched, cat-like screech. Often, his vocal style conflicted with the melodies the band plays behind it.

The songs vary in style from heavy rock to piano ballad and just about anything in between. Many songs start out with one musical style and end with an entirely different one. It seems as though Rose could not make up his mind.

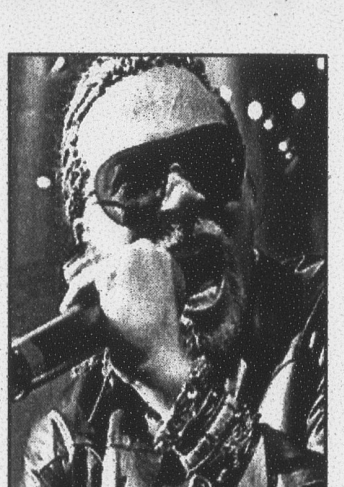
The guitar work from Buckethead, Robin Finck, and various other guitarists is impressive to say the least. Lead guitar like this has not been heard for years. Even so, I just cannot get into it. There are at least three guitar tracks layered on every song which just seems like overkill to me. Even the simpler songs on the album have numerous layers of instruments.

Take "Better," for example, which is my favorite song on the album; the verses are great. A beautiful chord progression is complimented perfectly by Rose's mid-range vocals, but an unwelcome lead guitar part is still played over top. Then the chorus sounds totally different. Much heavier guitars and abrasively raspy vocals ruin the emotion that the verses build up. The bridge, which includes a wonderfully technical guitar solo, brings the feeling back to end the song well.

The aforementioned track is the only one that I thoroughly enjoyed. There are good parts in all of the other songs, but those parts are short-lived.

Rose's voice is great, but it does not make up for the fact that he and his band mates tried way too hard to make the perfect album. There is just too much going on for this to be an enjoyable record.

If you were a fan of the old Guns N' Roses, you will want to check this out. Just don't expect to hear anything that is even half as good as "Welcome to the Jungle" or "Sweet Child o' Mine."



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Max's Rating: ★★☆☆☆

Four Christmases- You're better off skipping them all

By Brett Gerthoffer
A&E Writer

Any movie with tip of the toe, ad-libbing Vince Vaughn is usually sure to impress. *Four Christmases* however falls farther from the funny tree than hoped.

Funny trailers prior to the release suggest constant laughs complemented by a heart warming Christmas story. What we find is a few chuckles and a dry drawn out and boring story with an A-list cast performing at their worst.

Brad (Vaughn) and Kate (Reese Witherspoon) have spent the last several Christmases avoiding their dysfunctional families. This time their expensive vacation to Fiji is thwarted by a dense fog cancelling all flights in and out of the airport. Caught on the live news channel update of the fog, the unmarried, childless couple is forced to visit both sets of divorced parents and live through the day they have always feared.

First it's to Brad's father's house filled with two brothers who are cage fighters, bratty kids, and a lot of unnecessary yelling and loud noises. Brad is so ridiculously demoralized by his brothers who beat him up half the time he is in their presence and by his ungrateful father, it's pathetic.

Even more pathetic is how unfunny and annoying the time spent at the broken home is. There is honestly a span of what seems like five minutes of babies and grown men alike yelling and screaming so painfully loud it hurts to even watch. Brad and Kate's safe word to get the heck out of there, "mistletoe", does not come soon enough. But alas we have to do this three more times.

Next comes the "cougar's den" as Kate calls her mom's house. Instantly Brad is greeted by a horny grandmother who can't help but stare at him and make sexual gestures with her mouth. And then enter the mother and sister (Mary Steenburgen and Kristin Chenoweth) who just add to the oddities by relentlessly making fun of Kate and making things awkward for Brad.

Chenoweth's role as the sister seems to have one sole purpose in this movie, which is to flaunt cleavage that Brad can't help but stare at the entire time they are there. It's weird and her poor acting and annoying voice only add to the pointless role she plays. Nothing funny happens at this house either, or rather the things that are supposed to be funny are not. Only two more houses…

Now we go to Brad's mother's house of whom is now dating his best friend from his childhood. Some of the dialogue between Vaughn and his ex-best friend is pretty entertaining, but once again this family visit is overcome by unwanted awkwardness and an obvious attempt at being funny. Luckily this visit is very short compared to the other distraught family visits while the boring story drags painfully on.

Finally we arrive to Kate's dad who is played by the caring father figure Jon Voight. So nothing funny here happens because by this point Brad and Kate get in a fight because of all the unwanted things they find out about each other during their visits (mostly stupid things from their childhood that were better left unsaid). The weak climax of the movie comes and goes so fast when Brad and Kate make up with each other at the end you'll be left asking yourself what the movie has accomplished in an hour and a half. Answer: not much more than a wasted 8 dollars.

Four Christmases tries way too hard to make you laugh it is more often than not just awkward and annoying. The story of Brad and Kate's relationship falling and ultimately growing is boring and childish. And without the laughs the failed story is all the film has left to be successful. Another holiday movie downed in the front lines.

The best part of the film is perhaps when executive producer Peter Billinsgley makes a cameo appearance in the beginning. Who is this you may be asking yourself? It is none other than Ralphie from *A Christmas Story*, just all grown up and playing a small role in his producing jobs like he did in *The Break Up* and *Iron Man*.

Brett's Rating: ★☆☆☆☆

CALENDAR

Friday, December 5, 2008

Mortar Board and Kappa Delta Pi Book Drive

TBA Men's Swimming @ Wooster Invitational

TBA Women's Swimming @ Wooster Invitational

11:40 AM Carol Sing in the Chapel (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

11:45 AM Alpha Phi Omega Exec. Meeting (MCC 255 Weisel Conference Room)

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Biology Seminar (Hoyt 152)

7:00 PM Allies World Aids Day Vigil (Old Main Tower Room)

7:00 PM Planetarium Presentation: "Seasons of Light" (Hoyt 116)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: My Best Friend's Girl (MCC Mueller Theater)

8:00 PM Phi Kappa Tau's "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" (MCC CLub/Lounge)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: Burn After Reading (MCC Mueller Theater)

Saturday, December 6, 2008

TBA Men's Swimming @ Wooster Invitational

TBA Women's Swimming @ Wooster Invitational

10:00 AM Intern Program Recital (Orr Auditorium)

10:30 AM - 1:30 PM Athletics/Football Visitation Day (MCC Mueller Theater)

2:00 PM WOMEN'S BASKETBALL v. Grove City*

2:00 PM Senior Recital: Emily Burke, Flute; Jonathan Nickel, Trumpet (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

4:00 PM MEN'S BASKETBALL v. Grove City*

4:00 PM Senior Voice Recital: Jessica Williams (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

7:00 PM Mass (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

7:00 PM Planetarium Presentation: "Seasons of Light" (Hoyt 116)

8:00 PM CPC Presents Shihan the Poet (MCC Club/Lounge)

8:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Burn After Reading (MCC Mueller Theater)

10:30 PM Movie in Mueller: My Best Friend's Girl (MCC Mueller Theater)

Sunday, December 7, 2008

3:00 PM Movie in Mueller: My Best Friend's Girl (MCC Mueller Theater)

4:30 PM Christmas Vespers Family Dinner (MCC Witherspoon Rooms)

7:00 PM Christmas Vespers (Orr Auditorium)

9:00 PM Movie in Mueller: Burn After Reading (MCC Mueller Theater)

Monday, December 8, 2008

Berlin Village Applications Available Online

Squatters Applications Available Online

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Career Center's Junior Education Seminar (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

11:40 AM Habitat and Chapel Office Spring Break Trip Meeting (MCC Mueller Theater)

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Biology Seminar (Hoyt 152)

4:30 PM Holy Day of Obligation Mass (Wallace Memorial Chapel)

6:30 PM Psychology Club Meeting (Hoyt 138)

7:00 PM Women's Basketball @ Point Park

7:30 PM MEN'S BASKETBALL v. Juniata

7:30 PM Wind Ensemble Christmas Concert (Orr Auditorium)

8:30 PM - 9:30 PM Residence Life Event: Dance Around the World (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM Late Night at Westminster (MCC Club/Lounge)

Tuesday, December 9, 2008

Reading Day

11:00 AM Support Staff Christmas Luncheon (MCC Witherspoon Rooms)

5:30 PM Athletic Department Staff Dinner (MCC Witherspoon Lakeview)

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

3:00 PM Concert Choir Mandatory Meeting Preceding January Tour (Band Rehearsal Room in Patterson

Thursday, December 11, 2008

5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Psychology Senior Studies Presentations (Hoyt 228 and Phillips Lecture Hall)

Friday, December 12, 2008

Final Period

4:30 PM Biology Seminar (Hoyt 166)

7:00 PM Planetarium Presentation: "Seasons of Light" (Hoyt 116)

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

You've been so disciplined in one area of your life that another area might slip. You're likely to dip into an old style of behavior that you don't want to keep. Maybe it's calling an ex or eating a food that's bad for you. Whatever the infraction, you'll get right back on track and be better off for what you learned.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

You're attracted to those who have achieved great skill in an area you would like to master. Your attitude of reverence toward these people is not only flattering to your subject, but it also helps you to learn. You listen better and pay attention to the minor details, which is where the real magic lies.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

Sharing will reinforce your belief in an abundant universe and multiply your fortunes. However, this is only true when you feel fantastic about your donation. Grudging gifts do nothing for the giver or the receiver. Seek people and causes with which you want to be generous. You are rich in so many ways.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

Work brings both elation and frustration, and most importantly it brings money. Whether it is enough to even out the equation will be your big question of the week. Bounce a few professional ideas around on Thursday and Friday. You'll figure out how to get a more consistently positive experience out of your job.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

An act of benevolence comes easily because you really are the bigger person in a situation. You'll probably come to the conclusion that your efforts have very little to do with the other person and are more about proving to yourself who you are. Your confidence grows as you touch the limitless breadth of your spirit.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

You're usually solid in the self-discipline department, but you're not currently doing what you said you wanted to do. Address the crucial issue of motivation. Perhaps your aim is not exciting enough. Think bigger. Thursday is your lucky day to decide upon a meatier, juicier goal that will push you to work harder.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

You have a few burning issues to get off of your chest and must be extremely careful about how you do it. People who can really keep a secret are rare, and you don't need everyone knowing the intricacies of your life and feelings. Better to scribble in a diary and lock it away than to risk your privacy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

A storm gathers inside your psyche. Your mind gets so busy that your thoughts create electrical static. Take hold of your inner dialogue and calm it down or on Wednesday you're likely to blow up at someone when you don't mean to. To get focused on the highest and best, pare your task load down to a short list.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

he muses are definitely with you as you sort through problems and create opportunities. Try to sustain Monday's imaginative mood long enough to record your inspiration in some way. The weekend affords you the open resources of time and energy so you may lavish your attention on a fledgling relationship.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

The networking you do this week will increase your power and financial status. With your easy charm you cultivate lighthearted friendships. The more connections you make, the more leverage you'll have at your disposal. On Saturday someone grows fonder of you and wants you all to him or herself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

You provide such an obvious uplift to those around you that you will be asked to champion and cheer on groups and causes. You'll have stellar ideas on Thursday and will be able to execute them quickly if you follow your initial impulse. When inspiration strikes, start at once, whether or not you are ready.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

You're thrust into situations that help you hone your social skills. Your confidence and presence get so much attention on Friday it's almost embarrassing, but don't try to deflect a single bit of it. Truthfully, you're giving more than you get, but it's so effortless for you that it just feels like you're being spoiled rotten.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS:

This year you learn to stop worrying about things that are beyond your control as you get into the habit of bringing yourself fully and completely into the moment. This month you meet many new people, and someone who will immediately contribute to your career picture is among them. In January, practice moderation in all things, especially work. Moves and lifestyle upgrades are featured in April. Your loved ones make you proud in March. You'll be celebrated in June.

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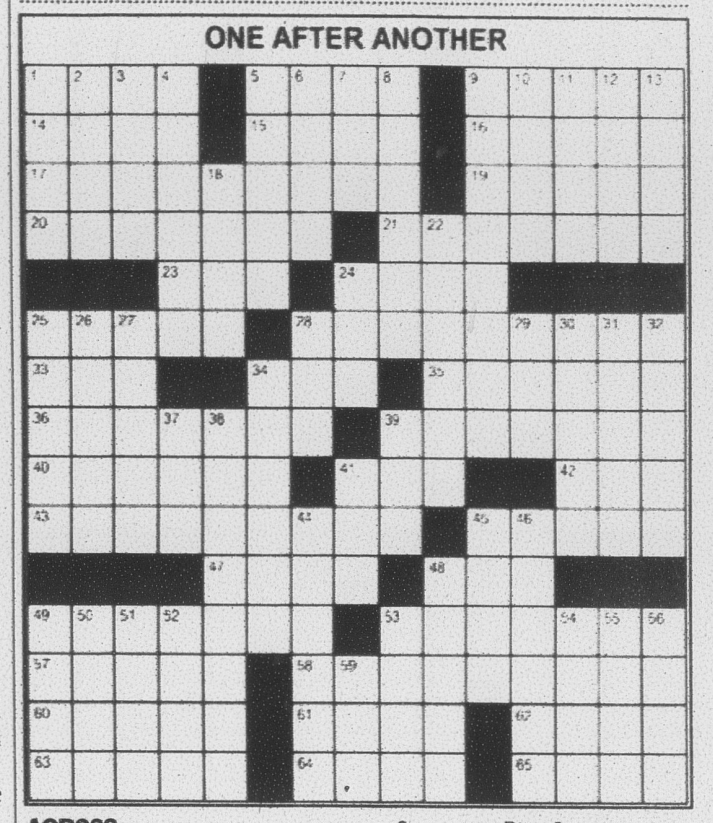

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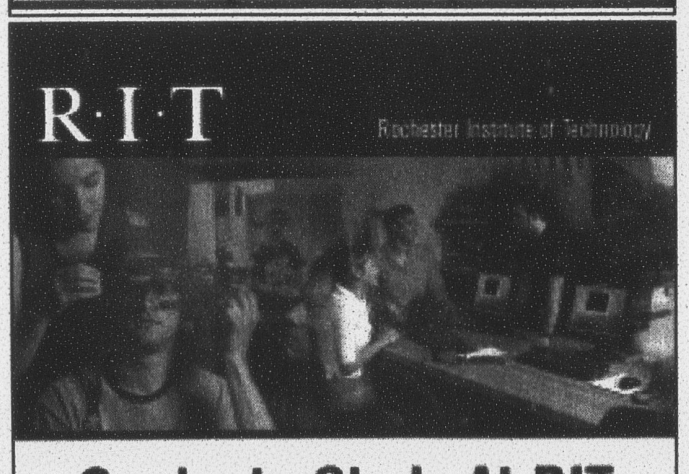

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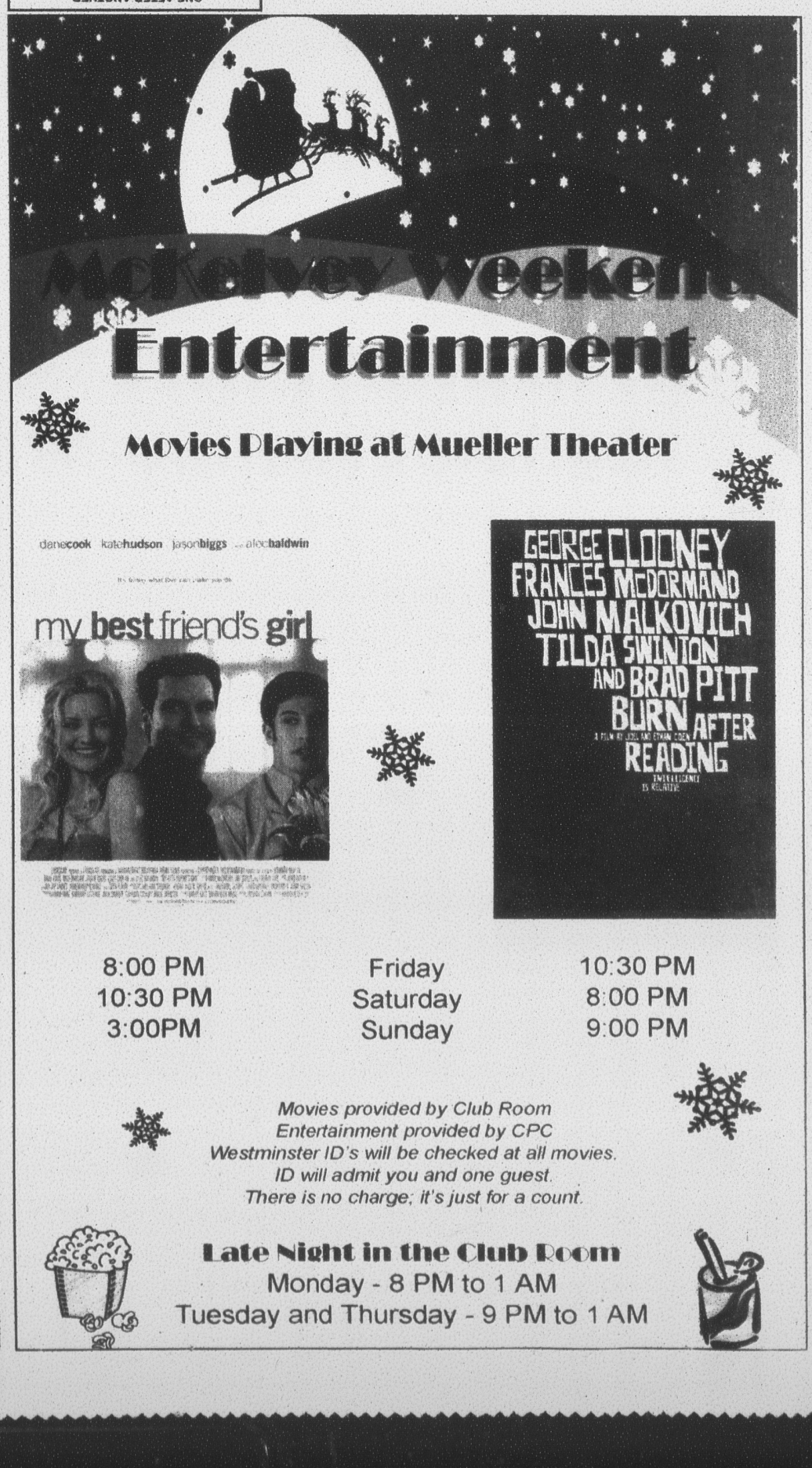


Features

Christmas goodies

Megan Hoffman
Features Editor

No matter what holiday you will be celebrating this December, they all have one thing in common – food.

My favorite holiday treats are the dozens of Christmas cookies that come in all flavors, shapes, and sizes. Here are some of my favorite cookies recipes and also a favorite Chex Mix recipe of mine.

Brownie Crackers

(recipe by Ellen Govertsen of Wheaton, Ill.)

First, in a mixing bowl combine one regular size package of fudge brownie mix, one cup of all-purpose flour, one egg, a half of cup of water, a fourth a cup of vegetable oil. Mix the ingredients well.

Second, place confectioner's sugar in a shallow dish. Scoop a tablespoon of dough out, roll it into a ball and coat the ball in the sugar. Repeat this step until the batter is gone.

Third, place the sugar-coated balls two inches apart on a greased baking sheet. Bake the cookies at 350 degrees for 8-10 minutes or until the cookies are fully cooked.

Set them on a wire rack to cool. This recipe makes between four to four and a half dozen cookies.

Try this – When you take the cookies out of the oven take cherry flavored Hershey Kisses and place them in the middle of the cookie like you would do with Peanut Butter Blossoms. This makes them taste like fudgy chocolate covered cherry cookies.

Snickerdoodles

(unknown)

First, sift together or stir two and three-fourths cups of flour, two tablespoons of cream of tartar, one teaspoon of baking soda, and a fourth of a teaspoon of salt.

Then in another bowl thoroughly mix one cup of shortening, one and a half cups of sugar, and two eggs. Once this step is complete, then mix the dry ingredients into the batter.

Next roll the dough into balls the size of walnuts and roll them in a mixture of two tablespoons of sugar and a tablespoon of cinnamon.

Place the cookies two inches apart on a greased cookie sheet. Bake them at 400 degrees for 8-10 minutes or until lightly brown.

Caramel Chex Mix

(www.chex.com/recipes)

First, in a large, microwave safe, mixing bowl combine four and a half cups of Chex cereal. You can use Corn Chex, Rice Chex, or a combination of both. You could also add in a half a cup of mixed nuts.

Second, combine in a saucepan over medium heat a fourth of a cup of margarine or butter, two tablespoons of light corn syrup, six tablespoons of packed brown sugar, and a fourth of a tablespoon of vanilla. Let the mixture come to a boil and boil for two minutes.

Third, pour the mixture over the Chex cereal and stir. Then, microwave the mix for one minute and then take it out and stir it again. Repeat this step for five minutes. After the fifth time, spread the mix out onto a large cookie sheet that is layered with a sheet of wax paper.

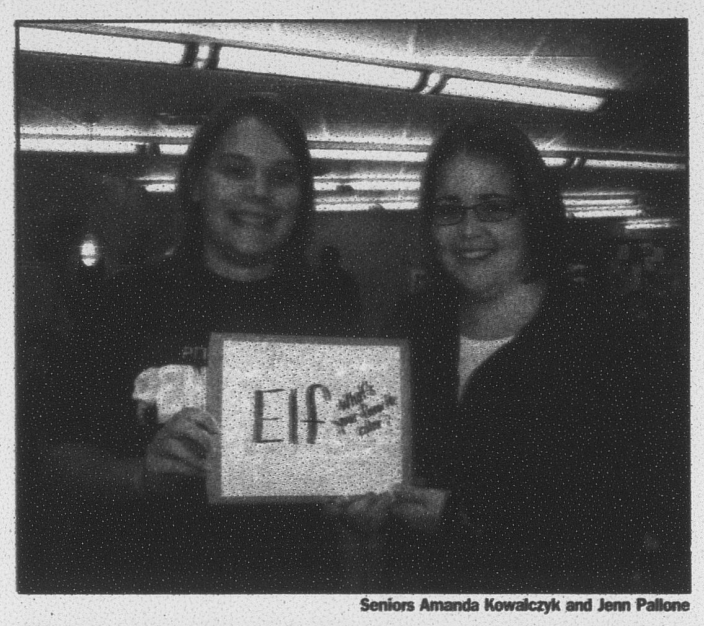
Let the mix cool. Once the mix is cool add M&Ms or chocolate chips, if desired, and serve.

Hopefully, these recipes will come in handy and I wish everyone a happy holiday and a good winter break!

Megan is a senior public relations major who is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority and Dance Theater. When she's not breaking her foot, she can most likely be found in the TUB or creeping on Facebook.

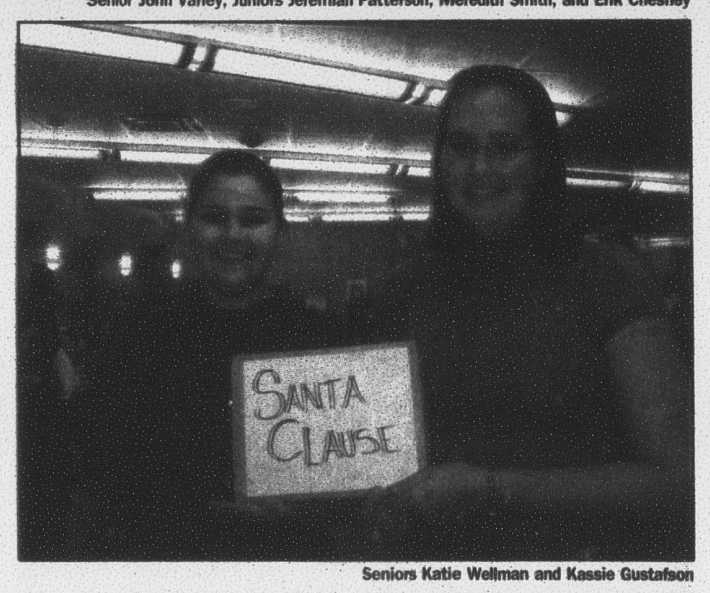
Question of the week

What is your favorite holiday movie?



Seniors Amanda Kowalczyk and Jenn Pallone

Senior John Varley, Juniors Jeremiah Patterson, Meredith Smith, and Erik Chesney



Seniors Katie Wellman and Kassie Gustafson

Handling the holidays

By Christina Alducka
News Editor

Reading day. Finals period. Christmas break. Students of Westminster follow the traditions of December, as do many college students; however, like the McGinness menu, traditions change.

At some point, believing in Santa Clause crumbles, or Grandma and Pap migrate to Florida. Going away to college also alters holiday traditions. Who is home to help Mom bake the Christmas cookies, or assist Dad with the outdoor twinkling lights? Whether a change has or has not occurred, countless modifications in holiday celebrations will surface through the years.

"Keep your expectations realistic," Counselor Babs Quincy says. Quincy explains that our culture emphasizes having a perfect Christmas, yet that idea is often farfetched.

Rachel Hudson celebrated last year's Christmas in India, where her parents were residing.

"It was interesting to see how their lives moved on in a different place without me," Hudson said.

That holiday differed from previous Christmases when she would travel to Charlotte, North Carolina to visit with her extended family. Instead of eating a huge spread of homemade dishes, she enjoyed camel rides and sight seeing. Despite the drastic change, Hudson said that it was one of her favorite Christmases.

Hudson plans to celebrate Christmas with her immediate family in Kentucky this year. This will be her first time viewing her parent's new home and visiting the state.

"I'm looking forward to seeing my younger sister," Hudson said. She also plans to bring her grandfather from Pittsburgh to the gathering.

Quincy gives another reminder when traveling home for the holiday.

"You aren't going to be able to please everybody all the time," Quincy said regarding splitting time between friends and family. College students see their friends and family less often when they live on campus.

"I think the best thing for students to do is to have conversations with family about what their expectations are," Quincy said. By doing this, students can regulate their time to suit their family's needs.

Jared Palonis splits time between both sides of his family. Every Christmas Eve, he spends the night at his dad's house. On the following morning, they eat breakfast and exchange gifts. The afternoon's activity depends on the rotation of whose turn it is to host his mom's family–either his mom or one of his aunts.

"We [Palonis and his family] all decorate the tree together," Palonis said. "It's important because now that we're [Palonis and his siblings] at college, we don't get to do many things together anymore."

Alyson Lingle also shares traditions with her family, such as attending the night service at her church on Christmas Eve. "We always watch *The Christmas Story*," another custom, Lingle said.

Lingle and her fiancé engaged in a new tradition over time. For the past three years, Lingle and her fiancé have attended their church's Christmas dinner and then had helped to deliver the food to nearby church members.

They plan to continue this activity again this Christmas. By Christmas 2010, Lingle will be married and plans to keep the tradition of going to the night service on Christmas Eve and spending time with family alive.

"We're probably going to visit our families even though we'll have an apartment on our own," Lingle said.

The fading or changing of traditions can be difficult to accept.

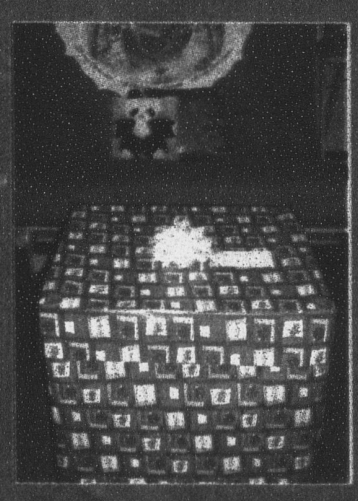
"Pay attention to how you're feeling and realize that those feelings are normal," Quincy said.

The stress and changes during the holiday break are common for college students. Quincy recommends talking or writing about any feelings experienced over break.

Quincy suggests some helpful websites to visit if students need or want counseling, including camplusblues.com, Ulifeline.org, and healthyplace.com.

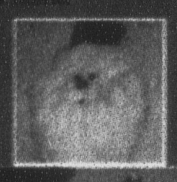
WC CRIBS

Getting into the Christmas spirit on the Sigma Kappa suite with Elizabeth Beardsley and Nicole Roberts



The room is filled with Christmas lights, wreaths and even the end table is wrapped like a present. Mrs. Claus greets any visitors the ladies might have and they have hung their stockings with care to be sure St. Nick will soon be here!

Brooklyn and Roberts love Christmas and have certainly portrayed the strength the decorating of their room. The decorations were spilled into the hallway with the nativity scene composed of love wherever after the previous Christmas Recovery of Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus at Robert's home.



Reasons to stay on campus this weekend

Friday:

Carol Sing in Wallace Memorial Chapel at 11:40 a.m.

Allies World AIDS Day Vigil in Old Main Tower Room at 7 p.m.

"Seasons of Light" Planetarium Presentation in Hoyt 166 at 7 p.m.

Phi Kappa Tau's "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" in the Berlin Lounge and Club room at 8 p.m.

Movies in Mueller Theatre: *My Best Friend's Girl* at 8 p.m. and *Burn After Reading* at 10:30 p.m.

Saturday:

Emily Burke (flute) and Jonathan Nickel (trumpet) Senior Recital in Wallace Memorial Chapel at 2 p.m.

Jessica Williams' Senior Voice Recital in Wallace Memorial Chapel at 4 p.m.

Mass in Wallace Memorial Chapel at 7 p.m.

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Christmas Vespers Family Dinner in the Witherspoon Rooms at 4 p.m.

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